

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DT 24-020

BARR TELL USA, LLC

**Interconnection Agreement between Barr Tell USA, LLC and Consolidated
Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC**

Order *Nisi* Approving Interconnection Agreement

ORDER NO. 26,988

April 1, 2024

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C § 252(e), the Commission approves on a *nisi* basis a request by Barr Tell USA, LLC (Barr Tell) for approval of an interconnection agreement with Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC (Consolidated). All docket filings, other than those subject to confidential treatment, are available on the Commission's website at

<https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2024/24-020.html>.

I. BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 19, 2024, Barr Tell filed a joint request for the Commission to approve, pursuant to 47 U.S.C § 252(e), an interconnection agreement (Agreement Proposal) between itself and Consolidated. The Agreement Proposal was executed on November 13, 2023.

On February 8, 2024, the Commission issued a procedural order requesting analysis on the filing to be filed by the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) by March 7, 2024. The DOE filed its recommendation on March 8, 2024, stating that it recommends approval of the Agreement Proposal insofar as the staff had not found

any evidence to dispute the arguments made in support of the Agreement Proposal. No other comments regarding the Agreement Proposal have been filed in this docket.

II. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

Under 47 U.S.C. §252(e)(2)(A), the Commission must approve a negotiated interconnection agreement unless it is determined that the agreement, or some portion of it, discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or that the implementation of the agreement would not be consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission has reviewed the filing and concurs with the DOE conclusion that, based on the representations in the filing, there is no evidence of discriminatory impacts from the Agreement Proposal on other telecommunications market participants. The Commission also does not find evidence of adverse impacts to the public interest, convenience, and necessity arising from the implementation of the Agreement Proposal. Accordingly, we approve the Agreement Proposal on a *nisi* basis, with an effective date of May 1, 2024.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED *NISI*, that subject to the effective date below, the interconnection agreement between Barr Tell USA, LLC and Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC as delineated in the interconnection agreement proposal is APPROVED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Barr Tell USA, LLC shall post a copy of this order *nisi* on its website, with such notice no later than April 5, 2024 and to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before April 15, 2024; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that all persons interested in responding to this order be notified that they may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing,

stating the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than April 22, 2024 for the Commission's consideration; and it is

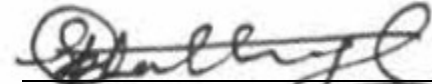
FURTHER ORDERED, that any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than April 29, 2024; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this order shall be effective May 1, 2024 unless Barr Tell USA, LLC fails to satisfy the publication obligation set forth above or the Commission provides otherwise in a supplemental order issued prior to the effective date; and it is

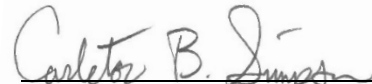
By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this first day of April, 2024.



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