

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DT 19-117

GRANITE STATE TELEPHONE, INC.

Petition to Modify Service Territory Boundaries with Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications – NNE

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,288 Approving Boundary Modifications

August 20, 2019

On August 20, 2019, the Commission approved a request by Granite State Telephone, Inc. (GST), pursuant to RSA 374:30, II, to modify service territory boundaries it shares with Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications-NNE in the Towns of Stoddard and Chester, New Hampshire. The Commission determined that GST has the requisite technical, managerial, and financial capability to acquire the proposed transfer areas.

In Stoddard, the southern part of Highland Lake, which GST has been serving since 1975 or earlier, would formally be transferred to GST. In Chester, the change would affect one property adjacent to Lane Road.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval to ensure that customers in the proposed transfer areas and the public receive notice of the Commission's determination and have an opportunity to request a hearing. The Commission's Order, GST's petition, and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are available on the Commission's website at:

<http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-117.html>.

Persons interested in responding to the Commission's action may submit their comments, or file a written request for a hearing that states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than September 6, 2019. Person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than September 12, 2019. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, the Order shall become final and effective on September 20, 2019.