

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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KEARSARGE TELEPHONE COMPANY

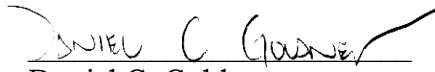
**Petition to Modify Service Territory Boundaries
in the Town of Salisbury, New Hampshire**

Procedural Order Re: Recommendation Request

On February 14, 2022, Kearsarge Telephone Company (KTC) filed a petition requesting the Commission's approval, pursuant to RSA 374:30, II, to modify a telephone exchange boundary it shares with Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications-NNE (Consolidated) and to transfer basic exchange franchise obligations in this area from Consolidated to KTC. As a result of the proposed boundary adjustment, 27 locations now in the Franklin Telephone Exchange served by Consolidated would become part of the Salisbury Telephone Exchange and would have KTC as their incumbent local exchange carrier. Consolidated consented to the proposed franchise territory modification with the understanding that KTC will become the incumbent local exchange carrier in the proposed franchise territory transfer area but Consolidated will maintain its facilities there and provide service to any customer wishing to receive service from it.

The New Hampshire Department of Energy (Energy) is requested to review the petition and accompanying exhibits and file a recommendation in the above-captioned docket within 30 days of the petition's filing. Energy is requested to address whether the petition should be approved and, if so, subject to what conditions, if any. Energy is requested to file its recommendation with the Commission on or before Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

So ordered, this seventeenth day of February, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DANIEL C. GOLDNER". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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