THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PETITION OF CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND COMPANY, LLC FOR WATER CROSSING PERMIT IN OSSIEPEE, NH

Docket No. DT 21-____

NOW COMES Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications-NNE (“Consolidated”) and hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) for a license to place and maintain aerial telephone cables crossing over state-owned public waters in Ossipee, New Hampshire, across the Bearcamp River. In support thereof, Consolidated states as follows:

1. Pursuant to RSA 371:17, Consolidated seeks a license to cross and maintain telephone plant over state-owned waters in Ossipee, New Hampshire. These facilities consist of 144 Fiber and 3 BKMA cables crossing aerially over the Bearcamp River as described and shown on engineering plans attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof. The State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT Bridge No. 137/297) plans to construct a new bridge on State Highway Route 16 over Bearcamp River, Ossipee, New Hampshire. Now that the construction of a new bridge is complete Consolidated relocated the temporary facilities onto new poles set by Eversource. Exhibit B is an aerial view of the proposed crossing.

2. Consolidated was granted a temporary license in Docket DT 19-024.

3. Consolidated’s cable facilities are designed to provide telecommunications service to customers in New Hampshire.
4. The water crossing will be constructed and maintained with due regard for established safety standards as set forth in the National Electric Safety Code in order to meet the reasonable requirements for service to the public.

5. The granting of such license will not adversely affect the public rights on said water and, therefore, is in the public interest. The use and enjoyment by the public of the waterway will not be diminished in any material respect as a result of the overhead line crossing.

Wherefore, Consolidated requests the Commission grant such license as may be necessary to insure that the crossing described and shown on plans attached hereto may be properly authorized in accordance with the statutes.

Respectfully submitted,

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