

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**CR 2021-018**

**CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS  
OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND COMPANY, LLC  
D/B/A CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS-NNE**

**LICENSE NO. CR 2021-018**

**November 17, 2021**

**License to Construct and Maintain Telecommunications Lines  
Over and Across Public Waters in Ossipee**

This license is granted to Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications–NNE (Consolidated) pursuant to RSA 371:17 *et seq.* to construct and maintain aerial cables over and across public waters in Ossipee.

**I. BACKGROUND**

On March 4, 2021, Consolidated filed a petition with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a license to relocate telecommunications cables over and across public waters in Ossipee upon completion of a bridge relocation project by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT). On September 7, 2021, the Commission transferred the petition to the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department). On November 3, 2021, Consolidated confirmed that it jointly owns the utility poles to which it plans to attach its cables pursuant to its request. The petition and subsequent docket filings are posted to the Department’s website ([energy.nh.gov](http://energy.nh.gov)) at [Utility Crossings Over State Lands and Public Waters | NH Department of Energy](#).

**II. SUMMARY OF LICENSE**

**A. Crossing Locations and Construction**

This license pertains to telecommunications cables that Consolidated will relocate as a

result of a bridge reconstruction project conducted by NHDOT over the Bearcamp River in Ossipee.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to this license, Consolidated will relocate and attach its cables to existing poles jointly owned by Consolidated and Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource). Consolidated has affirmed that all line modifications are designed and will be constructed and maintained in accordance with the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC).

**B. Regulatory Requirements**

Pursuant to RSA 371:18, Consolidated's request for the proposed line relocation does not require a hearing. Consolidated is responsible for obtaining any and all other federal, state, or local permits required by authorities having jurisdiction for the construction and installation of the crossing.

**C. Service to the Public and the Effect on Public Rights**

According to the petition, the crossing was designed to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public, and the relocation will not substantially affect the public's use and enjoyment of the public waters of the Bearcamp River in Ossipee.

**III. DEPARTMENT DECISION**

Consolidated is authorized, pursuant to RSA 371:17, *et seq.*, to construct, install, operate, and maintain telecommunications cables over and across the public waters of the Bearcamp River in Ossipee, as described in its petition and depicted in its filings. Based on the factual representations set forth in the request, the Department finds that the requested crossing is necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of reliable service to the public, as required by

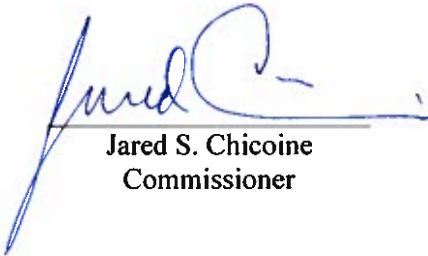
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<sup>1</sup> On August 8, 2019, the Commission issued Order No. 26,282 in Docket DT 19-024 granting Consolidated a license for the temporary relocation of its cables as a result of the NHDOT bridge construction project; the current license authorizes the relocation to poles owned jointly by Eversource and Consolidated, now that the NHDOT bridge project has been completed.

RSA 371:17, and that the requested license may be exercised without substantially affecting public rights in the public waters at the crossing location in Ossipee, as required for approval under RSA 371:20. Therefore, the request is approved.

We require a copy of this license to be provided to the Town Clerk of Ossipee by first class mail no later than November 22, 2021, with a signed affidavit of compliance filed with the Department no later than 10 days following the issuance of this license.

By order of the Department of Energy of New Hampshire this 17th day of November, 2021.



Jared S. Chicoine  
Commissioner