

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Case No. 21-4060-PET

Petition of Consolidated Communications of Vermont Company, LLC and Consolidated Communications of Northland Company for approval of a successor (2022-2024) Incentive Regulation Plan, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 226b	
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Order entered: 11/04/2021

ORDER OPENING INVESTIGATION AND NOTICE OF SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

This case involves a petition filed with the Vermont Public Utility Commission (“Commission”) by Consolidated Communications of Vermont Company, LLC, and Consolidated Communications of Northland Company (collectively “Consolidated Communications”) for approval of a new incentive regulation plan pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 226b.

Consolidated Communications filed its petition and prefiled testimony on October 1, 2021. Consolidated Communications submitted additional testimony on market conditions on October 22, 2021.

On November 1, 2021, Consolidated Communications filed a proposed schedule for the proceeding. The Vermont Department of Public Service (“Department”) filed comments stating that it supports the proposed schedule and would file prefiled testimony containing its recommendations on or before January 21, 2022, consistent with the proposed schedule.

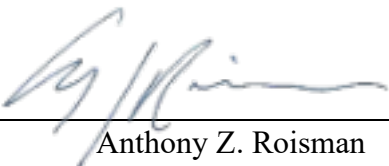
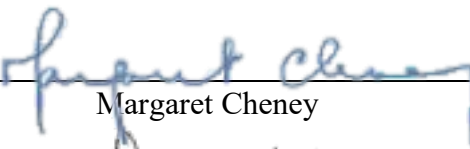
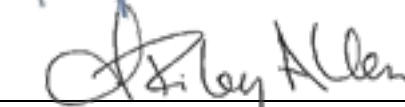
We are concerned that the proposed schedule does not allow sufficient time for public participation and it is not apparent from the filings whether Consolidated Communications has provided its customers with notice of this proceeding. Section 226b(e) states that the Commission “shall follow procedures substantially similar to those contained in sections 225, 226, and 227” of Title 30 when reviewing Consolidated Communications’ petition, and those procedures typically involve customer notices at the commencement of the proceeding. To discuss these issues and potential revisions to the schedule, Commission staff will conduct a scheduling conference on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 11:00 A.M. via GoToMeeting videoconference.

Participants and members of the public may access the scheduling conference online at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/330261805>, or call in by telephone using the following information: phone number: 1 (571) 317-3116; access code: 330-261-805. Participants may wish to download the GoToMeeting software application in advance of the hearing at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/330261805>. Guidance on how to join the meeting and system requirements may be found at <https://www.gotomeeting.com/meeting/online-meeting-support>.

Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 20 and 21, the Petitioner will be responsible for court reporter costs incurred by the Commission during the course of this proceeding and billed back to the Petitioner.

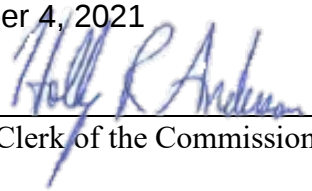
SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 4th day of November, 2021.

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Anthony Z. Roisman	)	PUBLIC UTILITY
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Margaret Cheney	)	COMMISSION
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J. Riley Allen	)	OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: November 4, 2021

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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