

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: 11/24/2021

SCHEDULING CONFERENCE ORDER

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.

On November 9, 2021, Commission staff held a scheduling conference in this matter. Appearances were entered by Sarah L. J. Aceves and Eric B. Guzman, Vermont Department of Public Service; and Debra L. Bouffard, Esq., Sheehey Furlong & Behm, on behalf of Consolidated Communications. In addition, the scheduling conference was attended by Mike Schultz from Consolidated Communications.

At the scheduling conference, Commission staff and the parties discussed customer notices and changes to the proposed schedule filed on November 1, 2021, to allow more time for requests for a public hearing and intervention. On November 15, 2021, the parties submitted a revised proposed schedule, which we adopt below. Please note that the proposed date for the evidentiary hearing has been changed from April 13, 2022, to April 14, 2022.

DATE	EVENT
November 22, 2021	Department submits discovery requests to Consolidated
December 9, 2021	Date by which Consolidated customer notices of proceeding will be sent out
December 15, 2021	Consolidated submits responses to discovery from Department
December 17, 2021	Deadline for requests for public hearing
January 5, 2022	Public hearing if requested
January 12, 2022	Deadline for motions to intervene

January 19, 2022	Deadline for responses to motions to intervene
January 21, 2022	Department files prefiled testimony
January 28, 2022	Consolidated submits discovery requests to Department
February 9, 2022	Intervenors submit discovery requests to other parties
February 11, 2022	Department submits responses to discovery from Consolidated
February 23, 2022	Parties submit responses to intervenor discovery
March 4, 2022	Consolidated submits rebuttal testimony
March 9, 2022	Intervenors file prefiled testimony
March 16, 2022	Department submits discovery requests to Consolidated
March 23, 2022	Parties submit discovery on intervenors
March 30, 2022	Consolidated submits responses to discovery from Department
April 6, 2022	Intervenors submit responses to discovery from parties
April 14, 2022	Evidentiary hearing
May 6, 2022	Parties file initial briefs and proposed findings
May 27, 2022	Parties file reply briefs

If motions for summary judgment or motions for dismissal are filed in this case, then, consistent with Vermont Rule of Civil Procedure 7(b)(4) and unless different deadlines are established by the Commission, (1) responses shall be due 30 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses shall be due 14 days after the responses are filed. For any other motions, consistent with that same rule and unless different deadlines are established by the Commission, (1) responses shall be due 14 days after the motion is filed; and (2) replies to any responses shall be due 14 days after the responses are filed. Surreplies may only be filed with permission from the Commission.

Parties are reminded that documents submitted in .pdf format should be in an “unlocked” format, i.e., searchable and extractable, rather than in an image format.

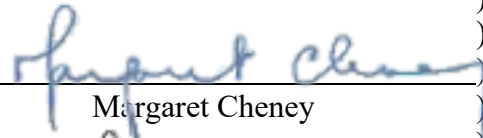
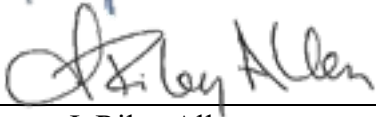
Members of the public interested in this proceeding may participate by submitting public comments or by intervening as a formal party to the case. Members of the public may also simply monitor the Commission’s actions in a specific case. Guidance on how to monitor, comment on, or actively participate in Commission proceedings is available in the document “Public Participation and Intervention in Proceedings before the Public Utility Commission,”

which is available on the Commission's website at: <https://puc.vermont.gov/document/public-participation-and-intervention-proceedings-public-utility-commission>.

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

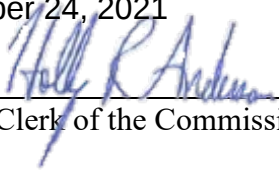
SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 24th 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 24, 2021

Attest: 
Clerk of the Commission

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