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MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION COMMENTS OF CTIA
Investigation into the Feasibility of Large-
Scale Rate Center Consolidation

CTIA submits the following comments in response to the Maine Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission's") October 11, 2024 Examiner's Report in the above-captioned proceeding.

The Commission has undertaken significant efforts to extend the life of Maine's single area code, the 207 NPA, and wireless providers have supported these efforts by working cooperatively with the Commission to identify numbering resources for conservation. The Examiner's Report, if adopted, would authorize Consolidated to consolidate all of its rate centers in the 207 NPA into one unified rate center. The complex process of consolidating Consolidated's 135 rate centers into a single rate center will have impacts on and require efforts from Consolidated; all Maine telecommunications providers, including CTIA's wireless service provider members; many telecommunications providers outside of Maine; and entities like the North American Numbering Plan Administrator ("NANPA"). To that end, CTIA has two suggestions that will help ensure a smooth transition.

First, the Examiner's Report does not address the timeline for rate center consolidation, only mentioning that Consolidated had targeted the end of 2025 in its July 2023 comments.¹ Because this transition will require work on the part of a great number of stakeholders, timelines

¹ Examiner's Report at 17.

