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Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director
Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
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RE: Docket No. 24-EVMT-501-COC
Amended Application of Consolidated Communications Enterprise
Services, Inc. to Cancel Its Certificate of Convenience and Authority
To Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service Within the
State of Kansas

Greetings,

On January 17, 2024, the above-referenced Application was filed to cancel the Certificate of Convenience and Authority held by Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. (Consolidated) to provide local exchange and exchange access services in the Kansas City metropolitan area. As the Commission is aware, Consolidated's Kansas City-area Competitive Local Exchange Carrier business was acquired by Everfast Fiber Networks Communications in a transaction that closed on November 30, 2022. Everfast obtained its own Certificate of Convenience and Authority to provide local exchange and exchange access service in the Kansas City area. The Video Service Authorization held by Consolidated was transferred to Everfast pursuant to an Order issued by the Commission on November 10, 2022, in Docket No. 08-EVMT-1088-VSA

Staff noted a couple of typographical errors in the initial Application and requested that an Amended Application be filed correcting those errors. The Amended Application accompanies this cover letter. As I previously indicated in emails with the Commission's Staff, we are agreeable to electronic service.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Rachel Lipman Reiber

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of)
Consolidated Communications)
Enterprise Services, Inc. to Cancel)
Its Certificate of Convenience and)
Authority to Provide Local Exchange)
and Exchange Access Service)
Within the State of Kansas)

Docket No. 24-EVMT-501-COC

AMENDED APPLICATION OF
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, INC.
TO CANCEL ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND AUTHORITY
TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE AND EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICE
WITHIN THE STATE OF KANSAS

COMES NOW Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. (CCES) by and through its attorney, Rachel Lipman Reiber, and hereby submits its Amended Application to Cancel its Certificate of Convenience and Authority to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service within the State of Kansas. In support of this Application, applicant states:

1. CCES, through its predecessor, Everest Connections Corporation, originally received a Certificate of Convenience and Authority to provide local exchange and exchange access service in Docket No. 00-ECNT-653-COC, pursuant to an Order issued on February 10, 2000.
2. This certificate has had several name changes, with the most recent name change occurring in Docket No. 16-EVMT-178-CCN.
3. On November 30, 2022, Everfast Fiber Networks, operating under the Certificate granted in Docket No. 23-EFNT-258-COC, began operating the competitive local exchange business in the Kansas City metropolitan area formerly owned by CCES.

4. CCES now requests that its certificate to provide local exchange and exchange access be canceled.

5. CCES continues to operate under the certificate issued in Docket No. 15-COSC-219-CCN, its Certificate of Convenience and Authority to Provide Interexchange and Operator Services within the State of Kansas, which permits it to provide this service to customers in communities served by its rural telephone company exchanges operating under the name of Consolidated Communications of Kansas and Consolidated Communications of Missouri. See Docket Nos. 19-SFLT-197-CCN; 19-FCMT-161-CCN; 19-SFLT-189-COC and 19-STLC-173-CCS.

WHEREFORE, for all of the foregoing reasons, Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. respectfully requests that its Certificate to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service within the State of Kansas be cancelled since it no longer owns the competitive local exchange company providing service in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Respectfully Submitted,

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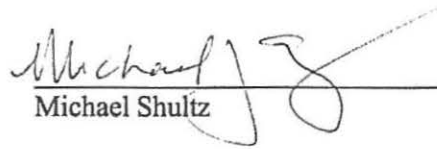
VERIFICATION

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)

COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY)ss:

I, Michael Shultz of lawful age, duly sworn, state the following:

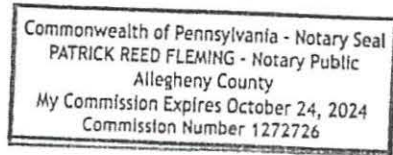
I am Senior Vice President of Regulatory and Public Policy for Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. I have read the foregoing Amended Application of Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. to Cancel its Certificate to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Services Within the State of Kansas, and assert that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


Michael Shultz

Subscribed to before me this 30 day of Jan, 2024.


Notary Public

[SEAL]



My appointment expires: 10/24/2024

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 31st day of January, 2024, that I emailed a copy of the attached **Amended Application of Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. to Cancel Its Certificate of Convenience and Authority to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service Within the State of Kansas** to:

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