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Lynn M. Retz Executive Director Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Road Topeka, KS 66604

RE: Docket No. 20-GIMT-086-GIT

Dear Ms. Retz,

Attached please find Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. Traffic Study Data for 2020 KUSF Assessment. Please note there are two versions of Exhibit A, a redacted version for the public and one designated CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1220a and K.A.R. 82-1-221a for the Commission and the Commission staff's use. Consolidated believes its interstate/intrastate traffic study is a trade secret and that disclosure of this traffic study could place it at a competitive disadvantage in the very competitive Kansas City exchanges within which Consolidated provides telecommunications services.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kevin Kastor <u>kevin.kastor@consolidated.com</u> or Lance Casey <u>lance.casey@consolidated.com</u>

Sincerely,

Rachel Lipman Reiber

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of an Investigation)	
to Determine the Assessment Rate)	
for the Twenty Fourth Year)	Docket No. 20-GIMT-086-GIT
of the Kansas Universal Service Fund	ý	
Effective March 1, 2020)	

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, INC. TRAFFIC STUDY DATA FOR 2020 KUSF ASSESSMENT

COMES NOW Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.

("Consolidated"), and files this update to its traffic study data for the purpose of calculating its assessment payable to the Kansas Universal Service Fund ("KUSF").

- 1. Attached hereto as proprietary and confidential "Attachment A" and incorporated by reference, is raw data from the August, September and October 2019. Consolidated requests that this data be applied through December 2019, with the new factor effective January 2020.
- Attached hereto is "Attachment B," the affidavit of Michael Shultz, Vice
 President of Regulatory and Public Policy, on behalf of Consolidated, verifying the use of these
 same traffic factors for Federal Universal Service Fund purposes for relevant time period.

Respectfully submitted,
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ATTACHMENT A

Kansas Traffic Study for 2020 PIU Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. Effective January 1 through December 31, 2020

MINUTES

Total Total Interstate Intrastate Percent Percent 201908 201909 201910 **Grand Total** Minutes Interstate Minutes Intrastate Intrastate Interstate **KANSAS Total**

ATTACHMENT B

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of an Investigation to Determine the Assessment Rate for the Twenty Fourth Year of the Kansas Universal Service Fund Effective March 1, 2020)	Docket No. 20-GIMT-086-GIT
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)		
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY)) ss.		

AFFIDAVIT

- I, Michael Shultz, of lawful age, duly sworn, do state the following:
- I am Sr. Vice President of Regulatory and Public Policy for Consolidated
 Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. (Consolidated).
- 2. As part of my duties and responsibilities, I oversee regulatory operations for all states in which Consolidated operates, including the State of Kansas. I have knowledge of regulatory payments made to the Universal Service Administrative Company, which administers the Federal Universal Service Fund ("FUSF") on behalf of the Federal Communications Commission, and each of the state public utility regulatory commissions, including the Kansas Universal Service Fund ("KUSF").
- 3. I can attest to the fact that the traffic factors submitted as part of this filing in "Attachment A" are the same factors used to remit FUSF for operations in the State of Kansas to the Universal Service Administrative Company.

4. Furtherm	ore, all information cont	tained in this pleading is true and correct to the
best of my knowledge, i	nformation and belief.	
		Michael Shultz
Subscribed to an	d sworn before me this	day of, 2020.
		Notary Public
My appointment expires	5: 10/21/2020	NOTARIAL SEAL PATRICK R. FLEMING, Notary Public Richland Township, Allegheny County My Commission Expires October 24, 2020