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February 13, 2025

Amy Gilbert, Acting Secretary Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 SW Arrowhead Rd. Topeka, KS 66604

RE: Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC

Application for Approval of Corporate Entity Conversion

25-COSC-317-CCN

Dear Ms. Gilbert:

Attached for filing please find the application of Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC, for approval of a change in its corporate entity as reflected on its IXC certificate of convenience and authority.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

JAMISON LAW, LLC

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Att.

cc: Russell M. Blau Joshua M. Bobeck

Patricia Cave

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of Application of)	
Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.)) Docket	No. 25-COSC- <u>317</u> -CCN
For an Amended and Reissued Certificate of Convenience and Authority to Reflect its New Legal Name "Consolidated")))	
Communications Enterprise Services, LLC") _)	

APPLICATION

Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. ("Applicant"), by its undersigned counsel, notifies the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") of a change in corporate form from a Delaware corporation to a Delaware limited liability company (the "Conversion") that resulted in a change of Applicant's legal name to "Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC" and requests, to the extent necessary, that the Commission update its records, including amendment of Applicant's Certificate of Convenience and Authority ("Certificate") to reflect the addition of the new trade name.

In Kansas, Applicant is authorized to provide interexchange services pursuant to authority initially granted in Docket No. 00-EVCC-873-COC on June 1, 2000. As a result of the

¹ The Commission originally granted Everest Connections Corporation a COC to provide switched local exchange and exchange access service on February 10, 2000, in Docket No. 00-ECNT-653-COC, and a COC to provide interexchange and operator service on June 1, 2000, Docket No. 00-EVCC-873-COC. These certificates were transferred to Everest Midwest Licensee LLC pursuant to Orders issued by the Commission in Docket Nos. 01-EVMT-416-CCN and 01-EVMC-417-CCN. On February 14, 2008, SureWest Communications Inc. acquired Everest Midwest Licensee LLC's parent company, Everest Broadband, Inc. In October 2009, Everest Midwest Licensee, LLC began operating under the name SureWest Kansas Licensee LLC, as approved in Docket Nos. 10-EVMT-182-CCN and 10-EVMC-184-CCN. Orders issued in Docket Nos. 14-EVMT-279-CCN and 14-EVMC-281-CCN approved SureWest Kansas Licensees, LLC's name change to SureWest Kansas, Inc. On July 1, 2012, Applicants' parent company, Consolidated Communications, Inc. purchased SureWest Communications, Inc. Pursuant to Commission Orders in 16-EVMT-178-CCN and 15-COSC-219-CCN, SureWest Kansas, Inc.'s name on

Conversion, Applicant became a Delaware limited liability company. The Conversion is merely a change in Applicant's corporate form and does not entail any merger or other transaction interrupting the existence of Applicant. Applicant is currently "active and in good standing" with the Kansas Secretary of State's office and is authorized to transact business in Kansas. The conversion documents filed with the Delaware Secretary of State are provided as <u>Attachment A</u>; the foreign company registration with the Kansas Secretary of State is provided as <u>Attachment B</u>.

Under Delaware corporate law, "[w]hen a corporation has been converted to another entity or business form pursuant to this section, the other entity or business form shall, for all purposes of the laws of the State of Delaware, be deemed to be the same entity as the corporation."²

The Conversion and resulting name change will not affect the rates, terms or conditions of service provided by Applicant. Customers will continue to be served by the same entity from whom they previously obtained service and will continue to receive invoices for services from "Consolidated" under the same contracts, rates, terms and conditions of service as before the conversion name change. Further, notifying customers of the minor change from "Inc." to "LLC" may cause confusion. Therefore, notice to customers of the change in name should not be necessary. Applicant requests that the Commission update its records, including the Company's Certificate, to reflect the change in legal name. Because the Company does not maintain a tariff on file with the Commission, an updated tariff is not required.

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its COCs was changed to Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. The certificate of authority to provide local exchange and exchange access service was cancelled by Order dated February 29, 2024, in Docket No. 24-EVMT-501-CCS. Applicant continues to operate under the Certificate of Convenience and Authority to Provide Interexchange and Operator Services issued in Docket No. 15-COSC-219-CCN.

² 8 Del. Code § 266(h).

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission change the name on its Certificate to reflect the name change to "Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC."

Respectfully submitted,

JAMISON LAW, LLC

/s/Colleen R. Jamison

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Counsel for Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC

Dated: February 13, 2025

VERIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify under penalty of perjury pursuant to K.S.A. 53-601 that I am an attorney for Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC and that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on February 13, 2025.

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ATTACHMENT A

Conversion Documents

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I, CHARUNI P. SANCHEZ, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF

DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND

CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION OF A DELAWARE

CORPORATION UNDER THE NAME OF "CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS

ENTERPRISE SERVICES, INC." TO A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY

COMPANY, CHANGING ITS NAME FROM "CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS

ENTERPRISE SERVICES, INC." TO "CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS

ENTERPRISE SERVICES, LLC", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE THIRTIETH

DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2025, AT 1:27 O'CLOCK P.M.

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Charuni P. Sanchez, Secretary of State

C. G. Sanchez

Authentication: 202820321

Date: 01-30-25

STATE OF DELAWARE CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION FROM A CORPORATION TO A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-214 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY ACT

1.) The jurisdiction where the Corporation first formed is Delaw	are	
2.) The jurisdiction immediately prior to filing this Certificate is	Delaware	
3.) The date the corporation first formed is August 5, 2002		
4.) The name of the Corporation immediately prior to filing this Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.	Certificate is	
5.) The name of the Limited Liability Company as set forth in the Certificate of Formation is Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC		
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this 0 30th day of January , A.D. 2025	Certificate on the 	
By: Authorized Po	erson	
Name: J. Garrett Van Osde	ell	
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State of Delaware Secretary of State Division of Corporations Delivered 01:27 PM 01/30/2025 FILED 01:27 PM 01/30/2025 SR 20250320988 - File Number 3550868

ATTACHMENT B

Foreign Company Registration

Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC Cogene Global April

Business Name: Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC

Business ID: 10022584

To keep the business in an active status, an information report is filed every two years with the Kansas Secretary of State. Businesses forming in even years file reports in each succeeding even year. Businesses forming in odd years file reports in each succeeding odd year. View information report due dates on the Secretary of State website.

FEDERAL LAW; Reporting of Beneficial Ownership Information to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) Beginning January 1, 2024, federal law will require that certain types of corporations, limited liability companies, and other similar entities created in or registered to do business in the United States must report information about their beneficial owners—the persons who ultimately own or control the company—to the Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN).

Additional information about the reporting requirements is available on FinCEN's beneficial ownership information webpage. FinCEN.gov/BOI. You can also subscribe to FinCEN Updates for future guidance documents. FinCEN can be reached at 1-800-767-2825.

The Secretary of State's office is not collecting beneficial ownership information and does not have access to the information reported to FinCEN. The Secretary of State's staff cannot provide advice or legal counsel regarding FinCEN's beneficial ownership reporting requirements. You may wish to consult with professional service providers such as lawyers or accountants.



Application for Registration Foreign (non-Kansas) Business

Memorial Hali, 1st Floor 120 S.W. 10th Avenue Topeka, KS 66612-1594 (785) 296-4564 ksscs@ks.gov https://sos.ks.gov



All information on the application for registration must be complete and accompanied by the correct filing fee or the document will not be accepted for filing. ****** ************************* Choose type of Corporation for profit Limited partnership business: (fee \$1 (5) 51-03 (fee \$165) 51-06 Corporation not for profit Limited liability partnership (lee \$115) 51-17 (fee \$165) 51-18 □ Limited liability company ☐ Series limited liability company (foc \$165) 51-10 (fee \$165) 51-33 (Do not include DBA, fictitious, assumed or trade names) 2. Name of business: Legal name registered in the foreign (non-Kansas) state or Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC 3. State or foreign country of jurisdiction: Delaware Name of resident agent: Must be an includual, the business named in section 2, or a business already registered with our office. Do not leave Cogency Global Inc. Registered office in Street Address (A PD Box Is unacceptable) Kansas for the resident agent: 2101 S.W. 21st Street City Must be a street, rural route, or highway. A PO box is unacceptable. Topeka KS 66604 -------Date the business Day Year Provide a date only if this date is in the past. began doing business in Otherwise, leave blank. Kansas: 30 2025 7. Date of formation in the foreign (non-Kansas) 30 1 state or county: 2025 B. Full nature and Investment character of business to be conducted in Kansas:

This statement applies only to foreign limited liability companies who may create series in their domestic state and must check the corresponding statements. All other LLCs or business types may skip to section 10.

The limited liability company is governed by an operating agreement that establishes or provides for the establishment of a series of members, managers, limited liability company interests or assets having separate rights, powers or duties with respect to specified property or obligations of the foreign limited liability company or profits and losses associated with specified property or obligations.

Check all that apply:	The debts, liabilities and obligations incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to a particular series, if any, are enforceable against the assets of such series only, and not against the assets of the foreign limited liability company generally or any other series thereof.
	Any of the debts, liabilities, obligations and expenses incurred, contracted for or otherwise existing with respect to the foreign limited liability company generally or any other series thereof shall be enforceable against the assets of such series.

The foreign business hereby consents, without power of revocation, that actions may be commenced against it in the proper court of any county in the state of Kansas; and the foreign business stipulates and agrees that such service shall be taken and held in all courts to be valid and binding as if due service had been made upon the authorized persons of the foreign business.

As of the day of this filing, the foreign business exists in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization.

10. I declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the correct.	e laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and
Signature of Authorized Pursup	Name of Segrer (Printed or Typed)
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