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Sallie K. Tanner, Executive Secretary
Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30334-9052

Re: Docket Nos. 1912 and 41558: Notification of Consolidated Communications of Florida Company, LLC and Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC Regarding Participation in Certain Financing Arrangements

Dear Secretary Tanner:

By this letter, Communications of Florida Company, LLC ("Consolidated-Florida") and Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC ("CCES" and, together with Consolidated-Florida, the "Consolidated Licensees") hereby notify the Georgia Public Service ("Commission") of their participation in the Financing Arrangements (as defined below) of their parent companies. Since the Financing Arrangements described herein qualify for exemption from the approval requirements, approval of the Financing Arrangements is not required under O.C.G.A. § 46-2-28.[1]

[1] Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 46-2-28(g), the Financing Arrangements qualify for exemption because: (i) the Consolidated Licensees are wholly owned subsidiaries of a parent company headquartered outside of Georgia, (ii) the financing arrangements are between the Consolidated Licensee's parent and one or more national banks or other lending or financial institutions licensed or authorized to enter into such financing arrangements by a state or federal agency, and (iii) the Consolidated Licensees will provide a guaranty and related pledge of assets as collateral or other security to the lenders to accommodate the financing arrangements of their parent. Should the Commission determine that the exemption does not apply, the Consolidated Licensees request that the Commission issue a Letter of Acknowledgement to that effect.

Description of the Consolidated Licensees

Consolidated-Florida is a Delaware limited liability company[2] with a principal place of business at 2116 South 17th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938. Consolidated-Florida is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Fidium Fiber Finance Holdco LLC ("Fidium Finance"). In Georgia, Consolidated-Florida holds certificates issued in Docket No. 1912 to operate as an incumbent local exchange carrier (Certificate Number #IL-014), competitive local exchange carrier (Certificate Number #L-069),[3] and eligible telecommunications carrier (Certificate Number #7787). Consolidated-Florida operates in a small portion of Southwest Decatur County and services a rural territory and a rural customer base.

CCES, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Consolidated Communications, LLC ("CCL"), is a Delaware limited liability company[4] with a principal place of business at 2116 South 17th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938. CCES provides local exchange service, long distance, video, internet, directory, and transport services. In Georgia, CCES holds a certificate from the Commission issued in Docket No. 41558 to provide interexchange reseller telecommunications services (Certificate Number #R-1140).[5]

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[2] Consolidated-Florida recently notified the Commission of a change to its legal name from "Consolidated Communications of Florida Company" to "Consolidated Communications of Florida Company, LLC" resulting from the re-domestication and conversion of Consolidated-Florida to be a Delaware limited liability company. *See Notice of Indirect Transfers of Control and Name Change*, Docket Nos. 1912, 4515, and 41558 (January 30, 2025). The conversion of Consolidated-Florida occurred on March 27, 2025.

[3] In 1997, St. Joseph Telephone & Telegraph Company petitioned the Commission to change its name to GTC, Inc. *See Name Change for Certificate of Authority for Public Convenience and Necessity*, Docket No. 1912 (November 10, 1997). Subsequently, the Commission approved the name change of GTC, Inc. to Consolidated Communications of Florida Company on February 19, 2019. *See Order for Amendment to Interim Certificate*, Docket No. 1912 (February 19, 2019).

[4] CCES recently notified the Commission of a change to its legal name from "Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc." to "Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC" resulting from the conversion of CCES to be a Delaware limited liability company. *See Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. – Request Regarding Name Change*, Docket No. 41558 (March 17, 2025).

[5] *See Order for Interim Certificate of Authority R-1140*, Docket No. 41558 (January 23, 2018).

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Description of the Financing Arrangements

The Consolidated Licensees notify the Commission that they have pledged their assets as security and provided a guarantee of payment as collateral support for Note issuances by their direct parents, Fidium Fiber (for Consolidated-Florida) and CCL (for CCES). The Notes were issued on May 22, 2025, and include one or more of the following debt instruments: one or more term notes; one or more liquidity funding notes; one or more variable funding notes; and indentures related thereto. The Notes' maturity depends upon the date of issuance of each note, and any extension, amendment, or restatement of such as may occur during the term of the Notes. The interest rates on the Notes vary depending on the Note and are generally consistent with the market rate for similar financings. The Notes are secured by a grant of a security interest in the assets of the Consolidated Licensees and the Licensees guaranty of repayment of the Notes. The Notes may be used for (i) refinancing then-existing debt, (ii) funding capital to support capital investments, (iii) providing working capital to fund general corporate purposes, and (iv) acquisitions. Further, Consolidated expects to issue additional notes later this year, in 2026 and/or 2027 on substantially similar terms.

The Note issuances described above do not involve any changes to the ownership of the Consolidated Licensees, nor will the financing change the Consolidated Licensees' management or day-to-day operations. The Consolidated Licensees will continue to have the requisite technical, managerial, and financial resources consistent with their Commission-issued certificates to provide telecommunications services in the State of Georgia.

Public Interest Considerations

The Consolidated Licensees' participation in the Financing Arrangements will serve the public interest. Among other things, the Financing Arrangements may be used to refinance existing debt, for acquisitions and other expansion activities, to provide for ongoing working capital, and for other corporate purposes. The Financing Arrangements also will provide access to greater financial resources that will allow the Consolidated Licensees to become more effective competitors in the communications industry. The Financing Arrangements are necessary and appropriate, will not impair the Consolidated Licensees' ability to provide quality services, and will promote their corporate purposes. The Financing Arrangements will be transparent to the Consolidated Licensees' customers and will not disrupt service or cause customer confusion or inconvenience.

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This notification is being electronically filed with the Commission. We would appreciate confirmation of receipt and acceptance of this filing. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

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