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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Consolidated Communications, Inc. Notice Pursuant to Section
64.1120(e)(1) of the Commission's Rules;
CC Docket No. 00-257

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Consolidated Communications, Inc. ("CCI") hereby provides notice to the Commission pursuant to Section 64.1120(e)(1) of the Commission's rules, of an internal reorganization and consolidation that will result in the internal assignment of the subscriber base of a number of CCI subsidiaries to other CCI subsidiaries.¹ This transfer will be *pro forma* in nature, involving no substantial change in control.²

¹ 47 C.F.R. §64.1120(e)(1) ("No later than 30 days before the planned transfer of the affected subscribers from the selling or transferring carrier to the acquiring carrier, the acquiring carrier shall file with the Commission's Office of the Secretary a letter notification in CC Docket No. 00-257 providing the names of the parties to the transaction, the types of telecommunications services to be provided to the affected subscribers, and the date of the transfer of the subscriber base to the acquiring carrier. In the letter notification, the acquiring carrier also shall certify compliance with the requirement to provide advance subscriber notice in accordance with §64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process. In addition, the acquiring carrier shall attach a copy of the notice sent to the affected subscribers").

² See 47 C.F.R. §64.03(d) (defining a transfer or assignment of a domestic common carrier by internal corporate reorganization or restructuring as "*pro forma*" when, "together with all previous internal corporate restructurings, the transaction does not result in a change in the carrier's ultimate ownership or control"). This is the case in the present reorganization.

Section 64.1120(e) sets forth streamlined procedures for a telecommunications carrier's acquisition of another carrier's subscriber base. This notice satisfies the requirements of subsection (1) as follows:

The parties to the transactions are CCI and its various direct and indirect subsidiaries listed in the attached chart,³ including telecommunications carriers that provide the types of telecommunications services indicated therein. Operating subsidiaries of CCI offer telecommunications services in the states of Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin. Not all subsidiaries are affected by this reorganization.

This reorganization will occur over a series of months, beginning on or about January 1, 2019. The exact schedule will be dictated to some extent by state approvals (where required). Therefore, CCI's *expected* date of transfer of each carrier's subscriber base is indicated in the attached chart.

By this notice, CCI hereby certifies that it has complied with the requirement to provide at least 30 days' advance subscriber notice in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(3) of the Commission's rules.⁴ Included herewith are copies of the form of notices being sent, either by letter or by bill insert, to the affected subscribers of each telecommunications carrier covered by this notice.

Finally, CCI hereby certifies as to its compliance with the obligations specified in Section 64.1120(e)(3) and its subscriber notices, and with all other statutory and FCC requirements that apply to this streamlined process.⁵

The CCI contact concerning this reorganization is Michael T. Skrivan, VP Regulatory for CCI. He can be reached by phone at (207) 535-4150 or michael.skrivan@consolidated.com.

³ CCI acquired FairPoint Communications, Inc. on July 3, 2017 in a substantial transfer of control and assignment of license approved by the Commission. *See Joint Application of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc., and FairPoint Communications, Inc.*, Memorandum Opinion & Order, FCC 32 Rcd 3820 (WCB 2017) The consolidation and reorganization described by this notice is purely *pro forma* in nature.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. §64.1120(e)(3). *See* Declaration of Michael T. Skrivan, attached.

⁵ *See id.* (requiring compliance with Section 255 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and with specifications for customer notice set forth in the rule). *See* Declaration of Michael T. Skrivan, attached.

Please direct any questions concerning this filing to me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen Brinkmann".

Karen Brinkmann
Counsel for Consolidated Communications

Attachments: Declaration of Michael T. Skrivan
Forms of Customer Notice Letters and Bill Inserts

cc: Kris Monteith, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau