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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 00-257: *In the Matter of 2000 Biennial Review - Review of Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Changes of Consumers' Long Distance Carriers.*

### **Notification of Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. ("CCES") and pursuant to Section 64.1120(e) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120(e), this letter notifies the Commission of CCES's intent to acquire the customer base of SPOC, LLC ("SPOC" and together with CCES, the "Parties").

**Names of the Parties to the Transaction:** On April 18, 2016, Champaign Telephone Company, Inc. ("Seller" and together with SPOC, "CTC"), Michael Hosier and CCES signed an Asset Purchase Agreement whereby CCES will acquire substantially all of the assets of Seller, including the customer base and other assets associated with SPOC's telecommunications services operations. SPOC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Seller.

**Types of Telecommunications Services Provided to Affected Customers:** SPOC provides local exchange and interexchange services to customers in Illinois. The affected customers are businesses and/or communications providers.

**Date of the Transfer:** The Parties anticipate that the affected customers will become customers of CCES on or after July 1, 2016.

**Certification of Compliance:** Attached hereto as **Attachment A** is a certification from CCES required under Section 64.1120(e)(1) of the Commission's rules.

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**Copy of Notice Sent to Affected Subscribers:** Attached hereto as **Attachment B** is a copy of the customer notice that was sent on May 27, 2016, to all affected customers of CTC. Also provided in **Attachment B** is the initial customer notice sent on April 18, 2016, notifying CTC's customers of the proposed transaction.

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Should there be any questions regarding this notification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Brett P. Ferenchak*

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Brett P. Ferenchak

Counsel for Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.

Attachments

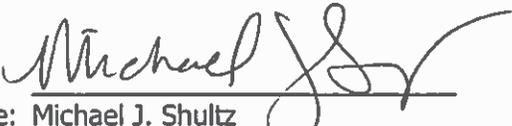
**ATTACHMENT A**

**Certification of CCES**

## CERTIFICATION

On behalf of Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. ("CCES"), and in accordance with Section 64.1120 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1120, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing notification and the statements contained therein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that, with respect to the transfer of the customers of SPOC, LLC to CCES, CCES has complied with the Commission's requirements to provide advance customer notice in accordance with Section 64.1120(e)(3), with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

By:   
Name: Michael J. Shultz  
Title: Vice President, Regulatory & Public Policy  
Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services,  
Inc.  
Date: June 7, 2016

**ATTACHMENT B**

**Sample Notice to Affected Customers**



May 27, 2016

[CUSTOMER NAME]  
[ADDRESS]  
[City, ST 22222]

Dear [CUSTOMER NAME]:

As a valued CTC customer, I want to update you on the April 18 announcement related to Consolidated Communications, Inc.'s (CCI) agreement to acquire Champaign Telephone Company (CTC). We remain very excited about this business combination and the benefits it will provide your business.

**We anticipate a July 1 closing date and at that time, Consolidated Communications will become your service provider; however, we will continue to do business as CTC. Any contract or agreements you have in place with CTC will transfer to CCI and remain effective with the same terms.**

Consolidated Communications, based in Mattoon, Ill., is a leading business and broadband provider with extensive operations throughout Illinois. Consolidated is a trusted, long-term provider committed to providing you the most reliable services at competitive prices. We offer an extensive range of business services over our regional and national fiber network and you can learn more at [www.consolidated.com](http://www.consolidated.com).

We hope you share our excitement about this business combination and its potential to provide your business even more benefits. On behalf of the entire Consolidated Communications team and your local CTC team, we are committed to ensuring this transition is smooth and effortless for you and look forward to serving you. We will keep you updated on any new information. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact your CTC account executive or Consolidated Communications at 1-877-678-6088.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Udell".

Robert Udell, Jr.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Consolidated Communications, Inc.



April 18, 2016

Dear CTC Customer:

As a valued CTC customer, we want to inform you Consolidated Communications (NASDAQ: CNSL) has agreed to acquire Champaign Telephone Company (CTC), including the local telephone operations of SPOC, LLC. We are excited about this business combination and the benefits it will provide your business being served by a larger, regional provider with greater scale and resources.

Rest assured, you will continue to receive the highest level of service and support now and in the future. Consolidated Communications is a leading business and broadband provider with extensive operations throughout Illinois and headquarters in Mattoon, Ill. Consolidated is a trusted, long-term provider founded more than a century ago. We share the same strong commitment to deliver the most reliable services at competitive prices. Consolidated offers an extensive range of business services over its regional and national fiber network.

We expect to close on the transaction in the second quarter following the necessary approvals. Until then, CTC will continue to operate as an independent company. During this time, you will continue to receive the same great service you have come to expect from CTC. We are committed to ensuring this transition is smooth and effortless for you.

We hope you share our excitement about this business combination and its potential to provide your business even more benefits. As we move forward, we will keep you updated on any new information. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call your CTC account executive or customer support at 800-337-4282.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hosier".

Mike Hosier  
Owner  
CTC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Udell".

Robert Udell, Jr.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Consolidated Communications, Inc.