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

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90;
WC Docket No. 11-42
Submission of Redacted Version of FCC Form 481
Consolidated Telephone Company, Inc.**

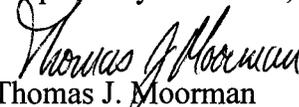
Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the filing requirements associated with Section 54.313, as outlined in the Commission's Public Notice, DA 13-1707, released August 6, 2013 (the "Public Notice") and the Commission's Protective Order, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, DA 12-1857, released November 12, 2012 (the "Protective Order"), attached for filing are two copies of the public version of the FCC Form 481 of Consolidated Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") which redacts the Company's financial information required by Section 54.313(f)(2) of the Commission's rules. Additionally, pursuant to the Commission's Public Notice, two copies of the public version of the FCC Form 481 are provided for WC Docket No. 11-42. The Company's FCC Form 481 has been electronically filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company. This filing is also being made pursuant to the Commission's Revised Filing Deadlines Following Resumption of Normal Commission Operations, Public Notice, DA 13-2025, released October 17, 2013.

Consistent with the Protective Order, the Company is submitting separately the confidential version of the Company's FCC Form 481 which contains the Company's Section 54.313(f)(2) financial information.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,


Thomas J. Moorman

Counsel to Consolidated Telephone Company, Inc.

Attachments

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FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0965/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

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<020> Program Year	2014
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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS	54.313 Completion Required	54.427 Completion Required
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			54.313 Completion Required	54.427 Completion Required
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<210>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <-- check box if no outages to report			
<300>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<310>	Detail on Attempts (voice)	<i>(attach descriptive document)</i>		
<320>	Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)			
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<420>	Mobile			
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<500>	Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<510>	371532ne510	<i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<600>	Functionality in Emergency Situations	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<610>	371532ne610	<i>(attach descriptive document)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<700>	Company Price Offerings (voice)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>		
<710>	Company Price Offerings (broadband)	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>		
<800>	Operating Companies and Affiliates	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900>	Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)? <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>	<i>(if yes, complete attached worksheet)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<1000>	Voice Services Rate Comparability	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>		
<1010>		<i>(attach descriptive document)</i>		
<1100>	Terrestrial Backhaul (Y/N)? <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<i>(if not, check to indicate certification)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<1110>		<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>		
<1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	<i>(complete attached worksheet)</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet
Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	
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Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

<3000>	<i>(check to indicate certification)</i>	
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Consolidated Telephone Company, Inc.**Certification of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules****Service Quality Standards****The Company:**

- Provides voice grade access to the public switched network.
- Provides flat rated local exchange service with no additional charge to end users.
- Provides access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911.
- Provides toll blocking and toll limitation services.
- Advertises the availability of its services and the charges using media of general distribution and on its website.
- Maintains a business office providing customers with access to a customer service representative either in person or via a local telephone call or toll-free telephone number during normal business hours.
- Directs after hour calls to the Company's help desk.
- Directs trouble reports to the on-call technician.
- Tracks all service orders to ensure they are completed in a timely manner.
- Measures its service connection and service interruption performance on a regular basis.
- Trains employees to:
 - Answer all incoming calls promptly.
 - Respond to all inquiries for information promptly and courteously.
 - Investigate thoroughly all customer complaints and handle appropriately according to the Company's guidelines for resolution of customer complaints.
 - Be knowledgeable about products and service offerings so they can assist the customer with selecting the best service option.
- Has a process for periodic inspection, testing and preventive maintenance of its equipment to permit the rendering of safe, adequate and continuous service at all times.

Consumer Protection Rules

The Company has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable consumer protection rules which include compliance with the Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules. The operating procedures include:

- Appointment of a compliance officer.
- A manual detailing the specific procedures for protecting consumer information.
- Employee training on an annual basis.
- A disciplinary process for improper use of consumer information.

Consolidated Telephone, Inc.**Functionality in Emergency Situations****Back-Up Power**

All central offices / exchanges in the company are equipped with either propane generators or gas powered generators which are capable of providing a minimum of 7 days' of emergency back-up power. Additionally, all company central offices / exchanges are equipped with 12 hours of emergency DC battery backup. The initiation of the Company's battery back-up capability is triggered when the network identifies the existence of a loss of power. Finally, 100% of Digital Loop Carriers (DLCs) deployed in the field are equipped to provided 12 hours of emergency back-up power. The company also has access to approximately 36 portable standby generators that could be used throughout its network to provide emergency power.

Rerouting of Traffic around Damaged Facilities

The company operates a transport system where the main routes consist of a self-healing protected fiber optic ring with redundant facilities between all exchanges and alternate routing capability to meet point locations.

Traffic Spikes

The company's switching system and fiber based transport network is capable of managing traffic spikes within their network in emergency situations. Under normal operating conditions, switching system capacity is available to handle significant traffic spikes that may occur during emergency situations. The company's fiber optic transport network utilizes Ethernet technology with scalable intra-network trunking to handle traffic spikes during emergency situations.

(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
- <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
- <115> How (USF) was used to improve service quality
- <116> How (USF) was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How (USF) was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form FCC Form 481
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

 Name of Attached Document (.pdf)

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select (Yes, No, NA)

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(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form FCC Form 481
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<1120> Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

<1130> Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)

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(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers Lifeline Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans 371532ne1210
Name of attached document (.pdf)

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP _____

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221>** Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,
- <1222>** Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,
- <1223>** Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

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Consolidated Telephone Company, Inc.**Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program Terms and Conditions****Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program**

The Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) is available for qualifying customers of Consolidated Telephone Company, Inc. NTAP assistance reduces the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive up to \$12.75 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in NTAP. Toll Blocking prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit.

NTAP is administered by the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

NTAP Eligibility Information**Program Based Eligibility**

To qualify for NTAP, subscribers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following assistance programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Medicaid
- Children's Health Insurance Program/Kids Connection (SAM, MAC or EMAC)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); (formerly the Food Stamps Program)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- National School Lunch Program Free Lunch program
- State assistance programs (if applicable)

To receive an NTAP application, contact your local *Health and Human Services* agency caseworker or the *Nebraska Public Service Commission*, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, PO Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68508-4927, Phone: 402-471-3101, Toll Free: 1-800-526-0017 or <https://ntap.gisworkshop.com/>

NTAP applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means.

Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes: current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

Income Based Eligibility

In addition, consumers are eligible for NTAP if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

2013 Federal Poverty Guidelines – 135%

Household Size	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$15,512	\$19,373	\$17,861
2	\$20,939	\$26,163	\$24,098
3	\$26,366	\$32,954	\$30,335
4	\$31,793	\$39,744	\$36,572
5	\$37,220	\$46,535	\$42,809
6	\$42,647	\$53,325	\$49,046
7	\$48,074	\$60,116	\$55,283
8	\$53,501	\$66,906	\$61,520
For each additional person, add	\$5,427	\$6,791	\$6,237

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes: prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or other official document containing income information.

Tribal Eligibility

A subscriber who lives on Tribal lands and is an eligible resident of Tribal lands is eligible for Tribal Lifeline service or Tribal Link Up if the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household participates in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Tribal subscribers should contact Consolidated Telephone Company, Inc. for additional information on Tribal Lifeline and Tribal Link Up.

Numbers of Minutes-of-Use Provided as Part of NTAP Program Service

Consolidated Telephone Company, Inc. Voice NTAP service includes unlimited local minutes-of-use within the toll-free calling area. Consolidated Telephone Company, Inc. Voice NTAP Plan does not include any free minutes-of-use for toll. Toll is billed at the standard toll rate depending on which interexchange carrier the consumer subscribes to for toll service. As part of the NTAP service, Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost.

Rates

Subscribers may receive the NTAP credit on any type or grade of local service, including bundled services that are normally offered by Consolidated Telephone Company, Inc. Advertised rates do not include any applicable taxes or surcharges.

Recertification of NTAP Eligibility

NTAP recipients are required to recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for NTAP will result in termination of the NTAP recipient's monthly NTAP discount and de-enrollment from NTAP.

Additional NTAP Program Information

NTAP is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. NTAP is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

Data Collection Form

Including Rates of Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e) the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

<2010>	Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2011>	2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)) 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(2))	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2012>	Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(a))	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2013>	2013 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2014>	2014 Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2015>	2015 Frozen Support Certification 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2016>	Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d)) Certification Support Used to Build Broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2017>	Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2018>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2019>	5th year Broadband Service Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2020>	Interim Progress Certification	<input type="checkbox"/>
<2021>	Please check the box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAP Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation Data Collection Form

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(e)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	(Yes/No)
(3010) Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)) Please check this box to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3012, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(i), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3011) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No) <input type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No)
(3016) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Either a copy of their audited financial statement or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="checkbox"/> (Yes/No) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
(3019) Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers.		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
(3022) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3025) PDF of Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	371532nc3026

LABENZ & ASSOCIATES LLC

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4535 Normal Boulevard, Suite 195
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors
The Combined Telephone Operations of Consolidated Companies, Inc.
Lincoln, Nebraska

We have reviewed the accompanying combined balance sheet of The Combined Telephone Operations of Consolidated Companies, Inc. as of December 31, 2012, and the related combined statements of income and comprehensive income, changes in stockholder's equity and cash flows for the year then ended. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of Company management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our review was made primarily for the purpose of expressing a conclusion that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The supplementary information for the year ended December 31, 2012 included in the accompanying Schedules 1 - 4 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, and we did not become aware of any material modifications that should be made to such information.

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011, were audited by other accountants, and they expressed an unqualified opinion on them in their report dated April 13, 2012. They have not performed any auditing procedures on the financial statements since April 13, 2012.

Labenz & Associates LLC

March 29, 2013



REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

The Board of Directors
The Combined Telephone Operations of Consolidated Companies, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying combined balance sheet of The Combined Telephone Operations of Consolidated Companies, Inc. as of December 31, 2011, and the related combined statement of earnings and comprehensive earnings, stockholder's equity and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the combined financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Combined Telephone Operations of Consolidated Companies, Inc. as of December 31, 2011, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements as a whole. The supplemental information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combined financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting records and other records used to prepare the combined financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the combined financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combined financial statements or to the combined financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combined financial statements as a whole.

HBE Becker Meyer Love LLP

April 13, 2012

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CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Wendy Simpson
 Signature

7/30/13
 Date

PART A. BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents			25. Accounts Payable		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund			26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			29. Current Mat. L/T Debt		
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			32. Income Taxes Accrued		
b. Other Accounts Receivable			33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable			34. Other Current Liabilities		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)		
6. Material-Regulated			LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes		
8. Prepayments			37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)			39. Funded Debt-Other		
			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			42. Recquired Debt		
a. Rural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
b. Nonrural Development			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
12. Other Investments			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
a. Rural Development			46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)		
b. Nonrural Development			OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
13. Nonregulated Investments			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			48. Other Deferred Credits		
15. Deferred Charges			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
16. Jurisdictional Differences			50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)			EQUITY		
			51. Cap. Stock Outstanding & Subscribed		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service			53. Treasury Stock		
19. Property Held for Future Use			54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
20. Plant Under Construction			55. Other Capital		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill			56. Patronage Capital Credits		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation			57. Retained Earnings or Margins		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)	32697308	29723801	59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)	32697308	29723801

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS		
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins end-of-Period [(31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11)/7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26)/7]		
47. TIER [(31+26)/26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11)/44]		

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PART C. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS		
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
2.	Net Income	
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>		
3.	Add: Depreciation	
4.	Add: Amortization	
5.	Other (Explain)	
<i>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</i>		
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends	
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	
22.	Other (Explain)	
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	
25.	Other Long-Term Investments	
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	
27.	Other (Explain)	
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	
30.	Ending Cash	

3005b IncomeStatement		
Current Value For Total Fixed Charges (26)		Error Status
Prior Year	1056	Value is valid.
This Year	2358	Value is valid.

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3005c Cashflow	0

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3005a BalanceSheet	Total Liabilities and Equity	59	OK
3005b IncomeStatement	Input items for prior year		OK
3005b IncomeStatement	Input items for current year		OK

Officer Certification

The President of Consolidated Communications, Inc. states that:

1. Consolidated Telephone, Inc. was not audited in the ordinary course of business for the preceding fiscal year.
2. To the best of my knowledge, the Balance Sheet (Form 3005a), Statements of Income and Retained Earnings or Margins (Form 3005b), and Statements of Cash Flows (Form 3005c) contained herein are complete, accurate, free from any misstatements and are not misleading in any respect.
3. The 2012 fiscal year information contained in the above referenced schedules was reviewed at the Combined Telephone Operations of Consolidated Companies, Inc. by the Certified Public Accounting firm of Labenz & Associates LLC and the accompanying Independent Account's Review Report was presented to the Board of Directors by representatives of the CPA firm noted.
4. The 2011 fiscal year information contained in the above referenced schedules was audited at the Combined Telephone Operations of Consolidated Companies, Inc. by the Certified Public Accounting firm of HBE Becker Meyer Love LLP and the accompanying Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants was presented to the Board of Directors by representatives of the CPA firm noted.

Nothing has come to my attention that would indicate any material change to the statements above.

Signature:



Date:

7/25/13

Name:

Wendy Thompson Fast

Title:

President

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Address:

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	CONSOLIDATED TEL CO
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date 10/05/2013
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Wendy Thompson Fast
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	President
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	402-489-2728
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	371532 Filing Due Date for this form: 10/15/2013
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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