



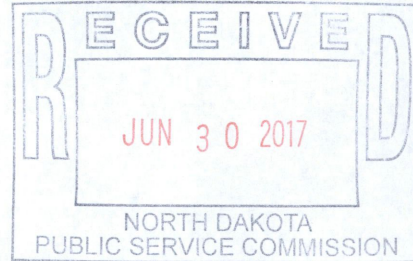
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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

June 30, 2017

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Twelfth Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



RE: Federal Communications Commission's 2017 ETC Annual Report

Pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422), attached please find an original copy of the ETC Annual Report (FCC Form 481) that was filed with USAC and the FCC. The attached is submitted by JSI on behalf of Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc. An electronic copy of the redacted version has also been submitted.

Please note that some of the information included in the completed FCC Form 481 Report is confidential and proprietary. Confidential information has been placed in an envelope marked "PROTECTED INFORMATION - PRIVATE" and sealed.

Along with this filing you will find enclosed a copy of this transmittal letter marked "File Stamp Copy" to be stamped and returned to JSI as confirmation that the hard copies of this filing have been received by the Commission as well. Please return the stamped copy of this transmittal letter in the envelope provided for this purpose.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Heyne, Consultant
Authorized Representative for
Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.

Enclosures

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Form 481 - Copy of FCC 47CFR Sections 54.313 & 54.422 - redacted
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June 27, 2017

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58
2017 ETC Annual Report of Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.
Study Area Code 386325**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc., JSI files the attached confidential version of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules.¹ Also attached is a letter requesting confidential treatment of data pertaining to the broadband deployment locations provided at FCC Form 481 Line 4004A attachment. The redacted version is also being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.



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**Re: WC Docket No. 14-58
2017 ETC Annual Report of Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.
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Request for Confidentiality**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. (“JSI”), on behalf of its client Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc. (the “Company”) hereby requests, pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission’s rules,¹ withholding from public inspection certain information contained in an attachment to the above referenced reporting requirement. The Company provides the following in support of its request, numbered consistent with the subparagraphs of Section 0.459(b).²

1. The information for which the Company is seeking confidential treatment is an attachment to the Company’s annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission’s rules (“Report”).³
2. The Rural Broadband Experiments Order requires that recipients file the FCC Form 481 ETC Annual Report to include broadband deployment locations which are contained in the attachment to the Report.⁴
3. The information contained in attachment for which the Company seeks the withholding from public inspection is the entirety of data pertaining to the broadband deployment locations provided at FCC Form 481 Line 4004A attachment. Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459.

² 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b)(1) through (9).

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

⁴ *Connect America et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 14-58, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 8769, 8778–79, 8787–88, paras. 78-80 (2014) (*Rural Broadband Experiments Order*).

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4. With respect to identifying the degree to which the subject attachment concerns a service that is subject to competition, the information is of a competitive nature regarding the provision of telecommunications services. The Line 4004A attachment contains competitively sensitive information related to the Company's network deployment.
5. With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the Line 4004A attachment is information that is not customarily released to the public. This information is proprietary to the Company, is unique to the Company's serving territory and is only known to the Company and its authorized agents. If the Information is not protected, it would have economic value to potential competitors who would be able to target their marketing to specific customers. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive. If publicly disclosed, it would enable competitors to craft business plans that capitalize on their knowledge of the locations of the Company's customers which would place the Company at a competitive disadvantage.
6. With respect to steps the Company has taken to ensure against unauthorized disclosure of the information contained in the attachment, the Company is filing the attachment under seal. The Company uses the information contained in the Interim Report to ensure that customers in the areas where it has received rural broadband experiment support will receive state-of-the-art high quality telecommunications and broadband services. The Company protects the secrecy of this information with a security protocol that ensures the information is not inadvertently disclosed or disseminated. Only directors, managers and employees with a direct need to know are authorized to access the information.
7. Any previous versions of this information are not publicly available.
8. Because the information is not routinely available, a need exists for maintaining the confidentiality of this information permanently.
9. Not applicable.

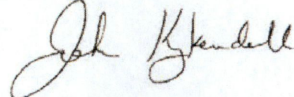
Request for Confidentiality

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Based on the preceding, JSI respectfully requests on behalf of the Company that the Commission grant confidential treatment under Section 0.459 to Company's broadband deployment locations provided at FCC Form 481 Line 4004A attachment.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Kuykendall".

John Kuykendall
JSI Vice President
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FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/QMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<015> Study Area Name	Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc	
<020> Program Year	2018	
<030> Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Ken Weisenberger	
<035> Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	7014837376 ext.	
<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	ken@consolidatedtelcom.com	
Form Type	54.313 and 54.422	

**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
Data Collection Form**

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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

[Redacted]

386325nd310.pdf

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

[Redacted]

386325nd330.pdf

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

**(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
Data Collection Form**

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<500> Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
	386325nd510.pdf
<510> Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515> Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Data Collection Form**OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	386325nd610.pdf



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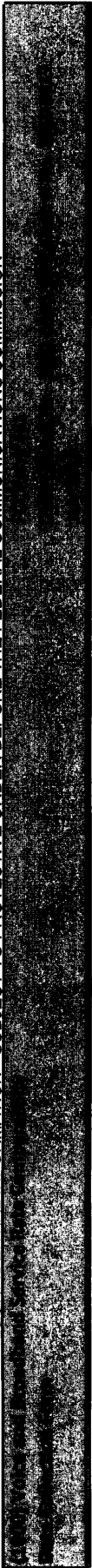
<810> Reporting Carrier Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.

<811> Holding Company Consolidated Enterprises, Inc.

<812> Operating Company Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.

<813>	<81>	<82>	<83>
	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation

-- See attached worksheet --



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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

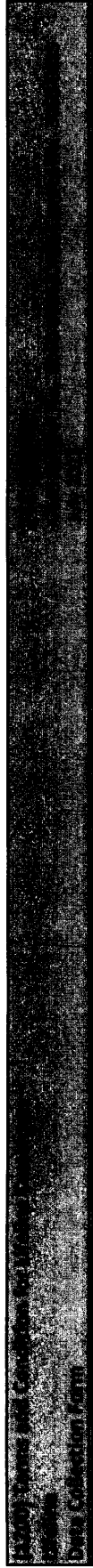
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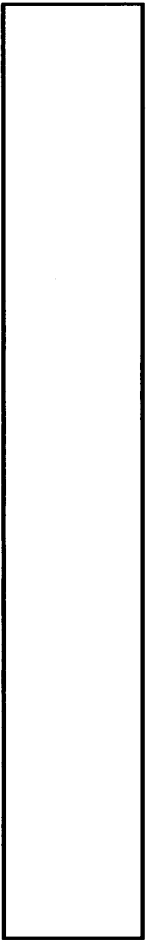
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) 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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Name of Attached Document

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans
 <1220> Link to Public Website HTTP <http://www.ctctel.com/phone/lifeline/>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), 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.

(2015) Area Code, Additional Documentation
 Date Construction Permit
 Including State of Access Carriers Affected and First Call Log

<01D> Study Area Code 386325

<01S> Study Area Name Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc

<02D> Program Year 2018

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental 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.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.
- <2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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[Redacted text block]

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure 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.

(3009) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

(3010A) Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}

(3010B) Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3012A) Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}

(3012B) Please Provide Attachment

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}

(Yes/No)

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)

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:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) 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

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No)

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:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and/or audit opinion 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:

(3022) 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

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas? Yes

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided. No - No New Anchors

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481. RBE_Line_4004A_Deployed_Locations
2016.xlsx
Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area. 386325md4004b.pdf
Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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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:	
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:
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.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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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) <u>JSI</u> 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:	JSI
Name of Reporting Carrier:	Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/26/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Ken Weisenberger
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Chief Financial Officer
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	7014837376 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	386325 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
<small>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.</small>	

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:	Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	JSI
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 06/26/2017
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	Cassandra Heyne
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	Consultant
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	3014597590 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	386325 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
<small>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.</small>	

Attachments

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Consolidated Communications Network Inc.'s Demonstration of Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules:

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,¹ the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers."² The FCC found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement" and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis.³ In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement."⁴

Consolidated Communications Network Inc. ("Company") hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations under federal law and, to a limited extent under North Dakota state law as a telecommunications carrier subject to North Dakota Public Service Commission regulation. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) adherence to state requirements that the Company complies with consumer protection and service quality standards pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Article 69, including customer requests for lowest price

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("*2005 ETC Order*").

² *Id.* at para. 28.

³ *Id.* The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: "(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy." *Id.* at n. 71.

⁴ *Id.* at n. 72.

service alternatives (69-09-05-01), discontinuance of telecommunications services (69-09-05-02), deposits and guarantees (69-09-05-03); (2) truth-in-billing requirements, and (3) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services; as a means of providing sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services, and for content, application, service and device providers to develop, market, and maintain internet offerings as specified in F.C.C. 47 C.F.R. Part 8 §8.3. The Company furthermore complies with all applicable requirements set forth in the *205 Open Internet Order*.

Consolidated Communications Network, Inc.'s Demonstration of Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

Consolidated Communications Network, Inc. hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2)¹ and North Dakota Administrative Code 69-09-05-12. The Company's voice and broadband network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by Section 54.202(a)(2). The Company can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow the Company to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require.

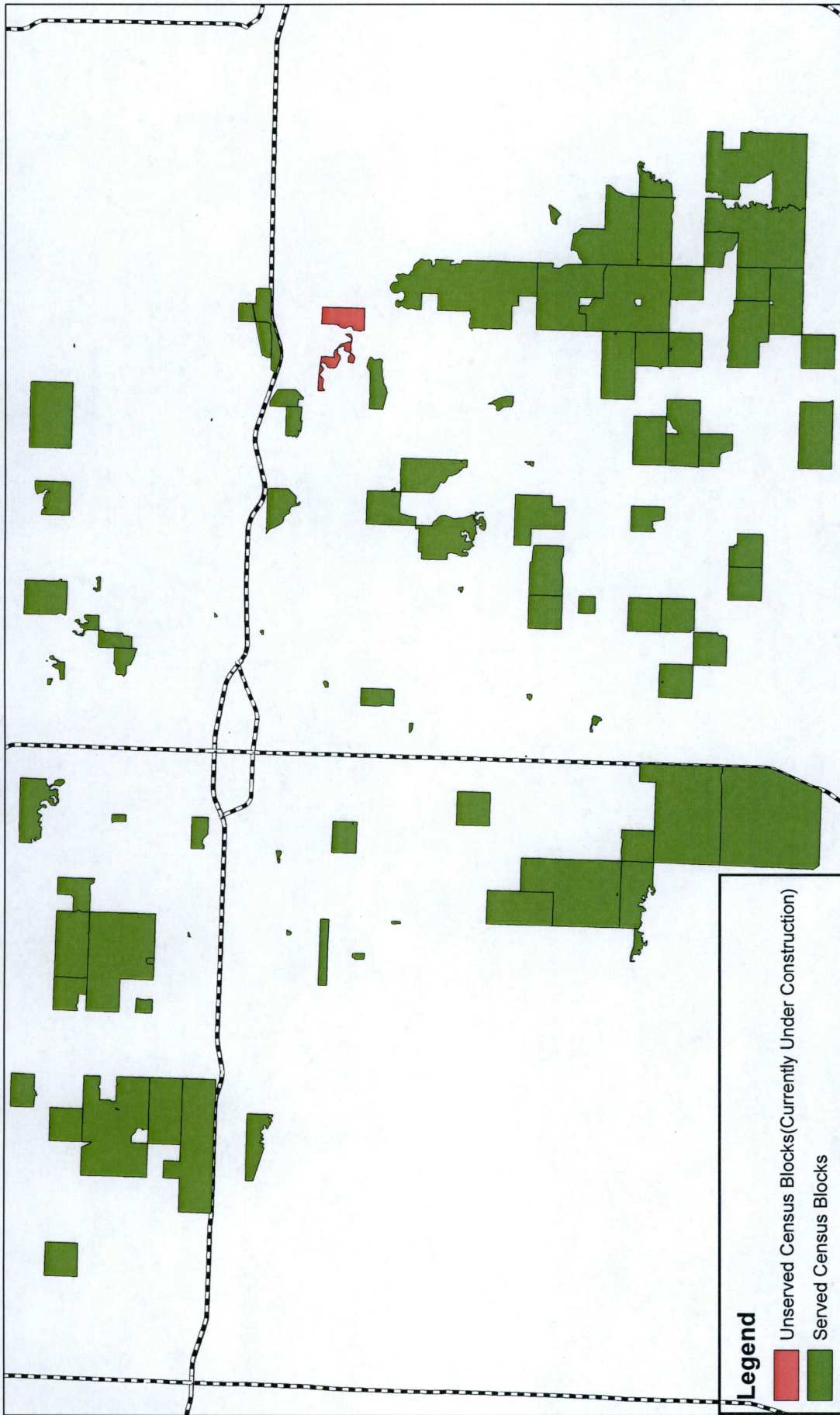
Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. The Company's central office can maintain 8 hours, plus or minus 15 percent, of battery reserve rated for peak traffic load requirements, and a permanent auxiliary power unit is installed. The Company has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites capable of running for a minimum of 8 hours, plus or minus 15 percent. Length of run time is determined by the equipment serving the area and the number of customers working out of the equipment. Generators are installed at all Central Office

¹ Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

locations. They will continue to run as long as the Company has access to fuel. The Company tests the batteries at least once per year. The Company complies with the FCC's backup power requirements, effective October 16, 2015.

Consolidated Telcom - RBE Funded Area

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**TV****Internet****Phone**

TV	Internet	Phone	Monthly	<i>Annual Savings</i>
Premier/HD Over 250 video & audio channels	250Mx25M.....	✓	\$ 169.99.....	\$ 341.88
	120Mx12M.....	✓	\$ 129.99.....	\$ 341.88
	70Mx7M.....	✓	\$ 109.99.....	\$ 341.88
	10Mx1M.....	✓	\$ 92.99.....	\$ 353.88
Elite/HD Over 195 video & audio channels	250Mx25M.....	✓	\$ 159.99 ...	\$ 305.88
	120Mx12M.....	✓	\$ 119.99 ...	\$ 305.88
	70Mx7M.....	✓	\$ 99.99 ...	\$ 305.88
	10Mx1M.....	✓	\$ 89.99 ...	\$ 233.88
Essential/HD Over 25 video channels	250Mx25M.....	✓	\$ 135.99.....	\$ 137.88
	120Mx12M.....	✓	\$ 96.99.....	\$ 125.88
	70Mx7M.....	✓	\$ 75.99.....	\$ 137.88
	10Mx1M.....	✓	\$ 65.99.....	\$ 65.88

Refer to TV Package page for equipment and premium channel options.

- All speeds are up to 10M, 70M, 120M or 250M.
- Included in all packages... Voice = reliable, crystal clear phone service, and all features you choose including Voice Mail, Caller ID, Call Waiting.
- Installation FREE with contract.
- Monthly Fee Excludes Taxes, Franchise & FCC Fees.
- Prices subject to change.



TV Packages

■ Premier/HD Package** \$68.49

Over 250 video & audio channels
(requires set top box, DVR or cable card)

- Includes:**
- (SD) Standard Definition channels
 - (HD) High Definition channels
 - Stingray music channels
 - Pay-Per-View channels

■ Elite/HD Package** \$55.49

Over 195 video & audio channels
(requires set top box, DVR or cable card)

- Includes:**
- (SD) Standard Definition channels
 - (HD) High Definition channels
 - Stingray music channels
 - Pay-Per-View channels

■ Essential/HD Package \$15.99

Over 25 video channels
Includes:

- (SD) Standard Definition channels
- (HD) High Definition channels

TV Equipment

***up to 3 set top boxes included with initial installation*

Digital Video Recorder (DVR)	\$12.00
<i>With Premier, Elite & Essential packages</i>	
Whole Home DVR Service	\$ 2.50
Digital Set Top Box	\$ 4.00
Cable Card	\$ 3.00*

TiVo*

TiVo Premier DVR.....	\$18.00
TiVo Preview	\$10.00
TiVo Mini.....	\$ 8.00
TiVo Stream	\$ 5.00

Premium Multiplexes

Pick 1	
HBO.....	\$17.50
Cinemax	\$16.25
Showtime/TMC.....	\$16.25
Starz/Encore	\$16.25
Pick 2.....	\$29.50
Pick 3.....	\$40.25
Pick 4.....	\$49.25

**Not available in all areas.*

Pay Per View Movies\$3.99 - \$14.95 ea.

Pay Per View Events.....price varies

Installation FREE with contract. Monthly fee excludes Taxes, Franchise & FCC fees.



TV



Internet



*CONSIDER: gamers,
multiple wireless devices
in your household, Netflix,
shopping online, etc.*

TV	Internet	Monthly
Premier/HD Over 250 video & audio channels	250Mx25M.....	\$149.99
	120Mx12M.....	\$109.99
	70Mx7M	\$ 89.99
	10Mx1M	\$ 79.99
Elite/HD Over 195 video & audio channels	250Mx25M.....	\$147.99
	120Mx12M.....	\$105.99
	70Mx7M	\$ 87.99
	10Mx1M	\$ 77.99
Essential/HD Over 25 video channels	250Mx25M.....	\$119.99
	120Mx12M.....	\$ 79.99
	70Mx7M	\$ 59.99
	10Mx1M	\$ 43.99

Refer to TV Package page for equipment and premium channel options.

- All speeds are up to 10M, 70M, 120M or 250M
- Installation FREE with contract.
- Monthly Fee Excludes Taxes, Franchise & FCC Fees.

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Packages include local phone service, caller ID, voice mail and all the features you choose. See Features pages for all descriptions.

Premier/HD Plus Voice \$ 79.99 *monthly*

Over 250 video & audio channels
(requires set top box, DVR or cable card)

Elite/HD Plus Voice \$ 64.99 *monthly*

Over 195 video & audio channels
(requires set top box, DVR or cable card)

Essential/HD Plus Voice \$ 35.99 *monthly*

Over 25 video channels

Refer to TV Package page for equipment and premium channel options.

Installation FREE with contract.

Monthly Fee Excludes Taxes, Franchise & FCC Fees.

Phone

■ Phone Service \$26.50

Includes your choice of our most popular features including Voice Mail, Call Waiting, 3-Way Calling, Caller ID, and many more! See Features pages for all descriptions.

- Installation FREE with contract.
- Monthly Fee Excludes Taxes, Franchise & FCC Fees.



Consolidated Maintenance Protection

This wire maintenance provides trouble isolation & repair of:

- Telephone wire & jacks
- Cable TV receiver, Cable TV wiring, connectors
- Network interface unit
- Broadband outlet

One service	\$2.00/mo.
Two services.....	\$3.00/mo.
Three services.....	\$3.50/mo.
Additional Telephone Lines.....	50¢/mo.

For example: Telephone only \$2.00 a month; Telephone and broadband. \$3.00 a month; or any combination of the services listed above.

Maintenance includes determining if customer owned equipment is causing the problem. It does not cover repairing a telephone, television, computer, wiring in new locations, buried cable between buildings that was not installed by Consolidated, or mobile homes. Repair charges plus materials are billed at the current billable hourly rate if you do not use this maintenance protection.

Long Distance

Residential Plans: *Check box to indicate your plan*

Flat Rate

12¢ per minute in state and 8¢ per minute out of state.

Bundled Minutes - in or out of the state:

150 minutes/mo. \$13.50/mo.

300 minutes/mo. \$24.00/mo.

*12¢ per minute overage

Unlimited Long Distance \$24.95/mo.

- Some restrictions apply
- Residential customers only

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Community Calling Plan:

(Must choose Consolidated Long Distance for both in-state and out-of-state Long Distance to qualify.)

All Towns in Calling Area \$14.95/mo.

One Town in Calling Area \$10.95/mo.

Towns Include:

Dickinson, Richardton, South Heart, Killdeer, Grassy Butte, Dunn Center, Reeder, Belfield, Halliday, Amidon, Rhame, Manning, Ladd, Scranton, Marmarth, Bowman, Hettinger, New England, Mott, Regent, Dodge

**** Consolidated Calling Plan is intended for voice calls only. Long Distance calls to any Internet provider, medical transcription, data, or Voice Over the Internet calls are prohibited. No dial around calling is permitted. For example: 1010 dial around or voice over the Internet calls.**

**** Excludes cellular calls to numbers such as 260, 290, 440, 206, 590, etc., if usually Long Distance from your home phone.**

Internet Sign Up

MAIL to: Consolidated Internet
PO Box 1408
Dickinson, ND 58602-1408

Customer Service: 483-4000
Toll Free: 1-888-225-5282

or FAX to: 701-483-0001

User Information:

Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

(Must be at least 18 years of age or older to sign up for Internet Service)

Company (Optional): _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Internet Service Information:

- Includes up to 5 email addresses at no extra charge.

Your USERNAME & PASSWORD must be between 8 and 16 characters. Password must include one capital letter & one numeral. Username can include an underscore _ or dash -. Username and Password must be different, and Password cannot contain the Username.

- Broadband Email address will be: **username@ndsupernet.com**

Username: _____ **Password:** _____
(cannot start with a number)

2nd Username: _____ **2nd Password:** _____

3rd Username: _____ **3rd Password:** _____

4th Username: _____ **4th Password:** _____

5th Username: _____ **5th Password:** _____

Please complete back side 

Internet Phone

Packages below include local phone service, Internet, voice mail, caller ID, call waiting and many more. See Features pages for all descriptions.



	Internet	Phone	Monthly
NDsupernet Packages	250Mx25M.....	✓.....	\$119.99
	120Mx12M.....	✓.....	\$ 79.99
	70Mx7M.....	✓.....	\$ 59.99
	10Mx1M.....	✓.....	\$ 49.99

- All speeds are up to 10M, 70M, 120M or 250M.
- Installation FREE with contract.
- Monthly Fee Excludes Taxes, Franchise & FCC Fees.

Optional Equipment:

Wireless Routers (required for connecting multiple devices.)

Archer C7	\$99.00 or \$33/3M
Archer C9	\$168 or \$56/3M
Wireless Network Interface	\$ 65.00

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Unlimited Internet Service:

Broadband Services *(without telephone service)*

10M x 1M	\$ 29.99
70M x 7M	\$ 45.99
120M x 12M	\$ 65.99
250M x 25M	\$105.99
1GIG x 100M	\$199.00

All speeds are up to 10M, 70M, 120M, 250M or 1GIG.

Installation FREE with contract.

Monthly Fee Excludes Taxes, Franchise & FCC Fees.

Discount for Broadband applies when you have more than one service with Consolidated.

I agree to abide by the Consolidated Internet service terms and conditions, and acceptable use policy. There are no charges for Internet package upgrades. There is a one time \$5.00 charge every time you change your username/e-mail address. Your first month of Internet service is non-refundable. There is a reconnect charge of \$24 for delinquent accounts.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Authorization for Long Distance Carrier Change

- I hereby authorize Consolidated to change the long distance carrier on this account to:

Long Distance Company for calls within ND:

Long Distance Company for calls outside of ND:

Residential Account

Signature or Authorized Agent:


All Telephone numbers that apply:

**If you need further assistance, please call us at
483-4000 or 1-888-225-5282.**

***Fax this form to Consolidated at 483-0001 or simply
include it in your Consolidated payment envelope.***

See pages 17-22 of the Consolidated Badlands Directory for instructions to use these features or www.ctctel.com

- **Enhanced Voice Mail & Premier Voice Mail**
Answers your phone calls while you're on the phone, away from home, or on the Internet. Can retrieve messages from anywhere. Allows messages to be forwarded to your office email, cell phone, or pager.
- **Caller ID**
Allows you to see the callers name and phone number before answering.
- **Call Waiting**
Alerts you with a beep if someone else is trying to call you while you are already on the phone.
- **3-Way Calling**
Turns a two way conversation into a three way conference call.
- **Call Forwarding**
Allows you to forward incoming calls to another number.
- **30 Number Speed Dial**
30 frequently dialed numbers stored for ease of use.
- **Preferred Call Forward**
Select phone numbers to be forwarded, others will ring normally.
- **Call Screening**
Select phone numbers to be sent a message when calling that you are not receiving calls at this time.
- **Priority Ringing**
Special ring alerting you of who is calling.
- **Special Call Acceptance** *(up to 30 numbers)*
Select phone numbers which you are willing to accept calls from. Callers not on your list will be routed to an announcement informing them their calls are not being accepted.
- **Unidentified Call Rejection**
Rejects private numbers.

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- **Private Number**
Blocks your name and number when making a call.
 - **Repeat Dialing**
Continuously attempts to dial a busy number. 50¢ per use if not in package.
 - **Call Return**
Returns call to the last number that called you and allows you to return a call to that party. 50¢ per use if not in package.
 - **Public Number Suppression**
Codes your number as public with the option of making your number private on a per call basis.
 - **Toll Restriction with Pin**
Allows subscriber who has a toll restriction on their line to override this restriction by dialing an access code and pin number before dialing.
 - **Home Intercom**
Allows subscriber to call from one location in the home to another by dialing the home phone number and hanging up receiver.
**Not available in all areas*
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- **Personal Ringing** \$4.50/mo.
Allows your phone line to have up to three phone numbers, each with its own special ring.
 - **Telemarketer Call Screening** \$3.00/mo.
Interrupts "unknown" or "out-of-area" calls and announces you don't accept calls from telemarketers.
 - **Privacy Defender** \$3.00/mo.
Privacy Defender allows you to control incoming calls, giving you the ability to screen and reject unwanted calls. *Callers will hear an announcement when feature is active to Press 8 if you are not a telemarketer.*
 - **Find Me** \$3.00/mo.
A call to your home can also ring your cell phone, office or any other number you choose and have the call ring all of them at the same time or in sequence.