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Via Email

Steve Kahl, Executive Director
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480
ndpsc@nd.gov

Re: Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. – Notification Regarding Name Change

Dear Executive Director Kahl:

Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. (the "Company") hereby notifies the North Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") of a change in corporate form from a Delaware corporation to a Delaware limited liability company (the "Conversion") that resulted in a change of the Company's legal name to "Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC."

The Company is authorized by the Commission to provide competitive local exchange services and interexchange services and was previously formed as a Delaware corporation.¹ As a result of the Conversion, the Company became a Delaware limited liability company. The Conversion is merely a change in the Company's corporate form and does not entail any merger or other transaction interrupting the existence of the Company. The conversion documents filed with the Delaware Secretary of State are provided as **Attachment A** and the foreign company registration with the North Dakota Secretary of State is provided as **Attachment B**. The Company will separately update its tariff(s) and its online Registration to reflect its new name.

Under Delaware corporate law, "[w]hen a corporation has been converted to another entity or business form pursuant to this section, the other entity or business form shall, for all

¹ The authorization to provide competitive local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services was originally issued to IdeaOne Telecom, Inc. d/b/a Enventis Intrastate ("IdeaOne"). On December 8, 2016, in Case No. PU-16-767, the Commission was notified of IdeaOne's name change to Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.

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purposes of the laws of the State of Delaware, be deemed to be the same entity as the corporation.”²

The Conversion and resulting name change will not affect the rates, terms or conditions of service provided by the Company. Customers will continue to be served by the same entity from whom they previously obtained service and will continue to receive invoices for services from “Consolidated” under the same contracts, rates, terms and conditions of service as before the conversion name change. Further, notifying customers of the minor change from “Inc.” to “LLC” may cause confusion. Therefore, notice to customers of the change in name should not be necessary. The Company requests that the Commission update its records, including the Company’s registration, to reflect the change in legal name.

Please acknowledge receipt and acceptance of this filing. Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joshua M. Bobeck

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*Counsel to Consolidated Communications
Enterprise Services, LLC*

² 8 Del. Code § 266(h).

ATTACHMENT A

Conversion Documents

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I, CHARUNI P. SANCHEZ, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION OF A DELAWARE CORPORATION UNDER THE NAME OF "CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, INC." TO A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CHANGING ITS NAME FROM "CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, INC." TO "CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, LLC", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2025, AT 1:27 O`CLOCK P.M.



C. P. Sanchez

Charuni P. Sanchez, Secretary of State

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STATE OF DELAWARE
CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION
FROM A CORPORATION TO A
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO
SECTION 18-214 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY ACT

- 1.) The jurisdiction where the Corporation first formed is Delaware.
- 2.) The jurisdiction immediately prior to filing this Certificate is Delaware.
- 3.) The date the corporation first formed is August 5, 2002.
- 4.) The name of the Corporation immediately prior to filing this Certificate is Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.
- 5.) The name of the Limited Liability Company as set forth in the Certificate of Formation is Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate on the
30th day of January, A.D. 2025.

By: 
Authorized Person

Name: J. Garrett Van Osdell
Print or Type

ATTACHMENT B

Foreign Company Registration

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STATE OF DELAWARE
CERTIFICATE OF CONVERSION
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- 5.) The name of the Limited Liability Company as set forth in the Certificate of Formation is Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Certificate on the 30th day of January, A.D. 2025.

By: 
Authorized Person

Name: J. Garrett Van Osdell
Print or Type

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I, CHARUNI P. SANCHEZ, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION OF "CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, LLC" FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2025, AT 1:27 O`CLOCK P.M.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. P. Sanchez".

Charuni P. Sanchez, Secretary of State

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CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

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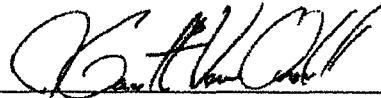
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, LLC

This Certificate of Formation of Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC (the "Company"), dated as of January 30, 2025, has been duly executed and filed by the undersigned authorized person to form a limited liability company under the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, 6 Del. C. §§ 18-101 *et seq.*:

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company formed hereby is "Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC".

SECOND: The address of the Company's registered office in the State of Delaware is c/o Cogency Global Inc., 850 New Burton Road, Suite 201, Dover, Delaware 19904. The registered agent of the Company for service of process at such address is Cogency Global Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this Certificate of Formation as of the date first written above.



Name: J. Garrett Van Osdell
Title: Authorized Person



**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY APPLICATION
FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**
SECRETARY OF STATE
SFN 19381 (09-2016)

For Office Use Only

ID Number:	
WO Number:	
Filed:	By:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FEE, FILING AND MAILING INFORMATION

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For reference, see North Dakota Century Code, Sections 10-31-01, 10-31-13.1 and 10-32.1-75

1. The application is accompanied by the following:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Filing fee of \$135	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of professional license
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Current CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING or CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE duly authenticated by the organizing officer of the state or country of organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Signed Consent to Use Business Name and fee of \$10
	<input type="checkbox"/> Trade Name Registration and fee of \$25
2. Type of limited liability company applying for certificate of authority (check one)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foreign Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Professional
3. Federal ID Number	
4. Name of limited liability company EXACTLY as it appears on Certificate of Good Standing from state or country of origin Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, LLC	
5. If applicable, provide the trade name and complete the Trade Name Registration form if selected trade name is not already registered in North Dakota. Only provide the trade name in this line if:	
a) The "new" limited liability company name is not in the form as required of limited liability companies in North Dakota.	
b) The Secretary of State has notified the limited liability company that its "new" name is the same or deceptively similar to a name already registered, and the limited liability company is unable to obtain Consent to Use Business Name from the previous filer or a certified copy of a final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction establishing prior right of this limited liability company to use of the name in North Dakota.	
c) The limited liability company does not wish to use or protect its "new" name in North Dakota and chooses to use a name other than its limited liability company name.	
6. Complete address of principal executive office (Street/RR, PO Box, City, State, ZIP+4) Street address MUST be provided; may not be only a post office box. 2116 S. 17th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938	
7. State or Country Where Organized DE	8. Limited liability company will expire in state or country of origin (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Perpetual <input type="checkbox"/> Expires - Specify date: _____
9. Telephone Number	10. Toll Free Telephone Number
11A. Name of <u>commercial</u> registered agent in <u>North Dakota</u> Cogency Global Inc.	OR 11B. Name of <u>noncommercial</u> registered agent in <u>North Dakota</u>
11C. Address of <u>noncommercial</u> registered agent in <u>North Dakota</u> (Street/RR, PO Box, City, State, ZIP+4) Street address MUST be provided; may not be only a post office box.	
12. Nature of business or activities the limited liability company conducts or intends to conduct in North Dakota Investment	
13. Managers and governors of the limited liability company (attach additional sheet, if necessary)	
MANAGERS	Manager also serves as Governor
	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
	Street/Rural Route Post Office Box City State ZIP+4
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
Managing Member Consolidated Communications, Inc.	2116 S. 17th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938
Managing Member	
14. "The undersigned has read the foregoing application, knows the contents, and believes the statements to be true. I further authorize the Secretary of State to correct numbers 4, 7, 11A, 11B, and 11C if not correctly reflected. I understand that if I make a false statement in this document, I may be subject to criminal penalties."	
Signature 	Date 1/30/2025
15. Name of Person	Daytime Telephone Number

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I, CHARUNI P. SANCHEZ, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, LLC" IS DULY FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2025.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE SAID "CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, LLC" WAS FORMED ON THE FIFTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D. 2002.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE.

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