

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Consolidated)
Communications Network Service, Inc., for)
Certificate of Service Authority to Provide) Case No. PA-2009-0200
Private Pay Telephone Service Within the)
State of Missouri.)

**ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY
TO PROVIDE PRIVATE PAYPHONE SERVICES**

Issue Date: December 10, 2008

Effective Date: December 20, 2008

This order grants Consolidated Communications Network Service, Inc. a certificate of service authority to provide private pay telephone service.

Consolidated Communications Network Service, Inc., (“Network”) filed an application on November 18, 2008, with the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to Section 392.440,¹ for a certificate of service authority to provide private pay telephone service in Missouri, via customer-owned coin telephone (COCT) equipment. Network is a Delaware corporation with its principal office located at 350 South Loop 336 West, Conroe, Texas 77304.

The Commission issued a Notice of Applications for Authority to Provide Payphone Service on November 21, 2008, which set an intervention deadline of December 6, 2008. No applications to intervene were filed.

The Commission finds that competition in the private pay telephone service market is in the public interest and that Network shall be granted a certificate of service

authority. The provision of private pay telephone service is classified as competitive and subject to minimum regulation pursuant to Section 392.520. That section specifically exempts COCT providers from the tariff filing requirements of Sections 392.220, 392.230, 392.370.4, 392.370.5, and 392.500. Network shall notify the Commission if it ceases to provide private pay telephone services in Missouri, or if the address or phone number of its principal place of business changes. The Commission finds that Network's service shall be provided in accordance with the following requirements:

- A. The equipment shall provide users access to the following without charge and without the use of a coin: (i) dial tone; (ii) an operator; and (iii) local 911 or E-911 emergency service, or, where unavailable, prominently displayed instructions on how to reach local emergency service;
- B. The equipment shall be mounted in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws for the disabled, and shall provide access to telecommunications relay service calls for the hearing disabled at no charge to the caller;
- C. The equipment shall allow completion of local and long distance calls;
- D. The equipment shall permit access to directory assistance;
- E. There shall be displayed in close proximity to the equipment, in 12 Point Times Bold print, the name, address, and telephone number of the COCT provider, the procedures for reporting service difficulties, the method of obtaining customer refunds, and the method of obtaining long distance access. If applicable, the notice shall state that only one-way calling is permitted. If an alternative operator services (AOS) provider is employed, the COCT provider shall display such notice as is required by the Commission; and
- F. The equipment shall not block access to any local or interexchange telecommunications carrier.

¹ Sections are in the 2000 Revised Statutes of Missouri, unless otherwise indicated.

The Commission reminds Network that failure to comply with its regulatory obligations may result in the assessment of penalties against it. These regulatory obligations include, but are not limited to, the following:

A) The obligation to pay an annual assessment fee established by the Commission, as required by Section 386.370, RSMo 2000.

B) The obligation to comply with all relevant laws and regulations, as well as orders issued by the Commission. If Network fails to comply, it is subject to penalties for noncompliance ranging from \$100 to \$2,000 per day of noncompliance, pursuant to Section 386.570, RSMo 2000.

C) The obligation to keep the Commission informed of its current address and telephone number.

Furthermore, Network is reminded that, except as otherwise authorized by the Commission's rules, if it is a corporation, non-attorneys may not represent the company before the Commission. Instead, the corporation must be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri.

In addition, the applicant is reminded that Section 392.410.5, RSMo Supp. 2007, renders the applicant's certificate of service authority null and void one year from the date of this order unless it has exercised its authority under that certificate.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Consolidated Communications Network Service, Inc. is granted a certificate of service authority to provide private pay telephone service in the state of Missouri via customer-owned pay telephone equipment, subject to the requirements of certification set out in this order.

2. The certification granted herein is conditioned upon the applicant's compliance with the regulatory obligations in this order.

3. This order shall become effective on December 20, 2008.

4. This case may be closed on December 21, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Jordan, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of December 2008.