

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

In the matter of the Application of)
Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc.,)
Consolidated Communications Public Services, Inc., and)
Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc.,) Case No. XN-2009-0196
for Approval of a Transfer of Assets Related to an)
Internal Reorganization, Name Change, and Related)
Approvals)

**ORDER
Granting Leave to Amend Application**

Issue Date: December 15, 2008

Effective Date: December 15, 2008

The Missouri Public Service Commission grants the Motion for Leave to Amend Application (“the motion”) filed by Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc. (“Operator”); Consolidated Communications Public Services, Inc. (“Public”); and Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc. (“Network”). The Commission orders the Amended Application, attached to the motion, filed on this date. The Commission’s staff (“Staff”) may seek an extension of time to file its recommendation.

On November 14, 2008, Operator, Public, and Network (“the applicants”) jointly filed a verified application (“original application”) for the Commission’s orders on several matters.

Such matters included:

- Approval of a transfer of assets;
- Cancellation of a certificate of authority to provide private payphone services;
- Recognition of a name change; and
- Expedited treatment.

In addition, based on the same facts but by a separate action, Network sought a certificate of service authority to provide private payphone services.¹ Applicants sought a decision on all matters no later than December 31, 2008.

But on December 15, 2008, applicants filed the motion with the Amended Application. The Amended Application, according to the motion, addresses issues in the original application. Like the original application, the Amended Application, seeks a decision no later than December 31, 2008.

Between December 31, 2008, and the date of this order are several State holidays and weekend days. The number of days before the end of the calendar year, on which the Commission may place the matter on an agenda for consideration at an open session as required by law, is limited. Further, though the Commission ordered Staff to file its recommendation no later than December 17, 2008, that date was for the original application.

The Commission desires to accommodate applicants' request for expedited treatment. But the Commission also desires Staff's thorough review of the Amended Application. Therefore, if Staff requires more time to review the Amended Application, it may file a motion for an extension of time including a proposed filing date for its recommendation on the Amended Application.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Motion for Leave to Amend is granted.
2. The Amended Complaint is filed on December 15, 2008.

¹ *In the Matter of the Application of Consolidated Communications Network Service, Inc., for Certificate of Service Authority to Provide Private Pay Telephone Service Within the State of Missouri*, Case No. PA-2009-0200.

3. This order is effective on upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

**Colleen M. Dale
Secretary**

(S E A L)

Daniel R.E. Jordan, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority under
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of December, 2008.