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.,) for Approval of a Transfer of Assets Related to an (Internal Reorganization, Name Change, and Related Approvals (Consolidated Communications) (Consolidated Communicati

Case No. XN-2009-0196

ORDER Directing Filing

Issue Date: November 20, 2008

Effective Date: November 20, 2008

On November 14, 2008, Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc.; Consolidated Communications Public Services, Inc.; and Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc. filed the application. The application was assigned to the current regulatory law judge on November 19, 2008. The application seeks authority to transfer assets, asks recognition of a name change, states the intention to surrender a certificate of authority for payphone service, requests "other relief necessary and appropriate," and includes adoption notices.

The adoption notices carry an effective date of January 1, 2009, to coincide with the effective date of the internal reorganization that motivates the application. The application requests that this Commission decide the application no later than December 31, 2008. Between that date and the date of this order are 42 days, and motions to intervene are ordinarily allowed:

within thirty (30) days after the commission issues its order giving notice of the case[,¹]

which would leave—for filing a recommendation from this Commission's staff, drafting a recommended report and order, and action by the Commission—only 12 days. Those 12 days include weekends and public holidays.

But we may waive any regulation of ours for good cause.² Good cause to waive the 30-day period for motions to intervene stands on two bases:

- the passage of time between the application's filing and the date of this order, and
- between the date of this order and the end of the day on January 1, 2009, the occurrence of several public holidays.

For those reasons, we waive the 30-day period for motions to intervene.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Any motion to intervene shall be filed no later than December 10, 2008.
- 2. Any motion to intervene shall include an answer to the application.

3. This Commission's Data Center shall serve this order on all Missouri certified telecommunications companies.

4. As to each item of relief requested in the application, this Commission's Staff shall file a recommendation no later than December 17, 2008.

¹ 4 CSR 240-2.075(1).

5. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 20th day of November, 2008.

² 4 CSR 240-2.015.