

**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.,) File No. XN-2009-0196
for Approval of a Transfer of Assets Related to an)
Internal Reorganization, Name Change, and Related)
Approvals)

ORDER CANCELING CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AUTHORITY

Issue Date: March 18, 2009

Effective Date: March 30, 2009

The Missouri Public Service Commission grants the application to cancel the certificates of service authority currently held by Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc. (“Operator”); and Consolidated Communications Public Services, Inc. (“Public”).

Procedure

On November 14, 2008, Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc. (“Network”), Operator, Public, and (“the applicants”) jointly filed the application. The application sought the Commission’s orders on several matters.¹ Such matters included cancellation of certificates of service authority in the possession of Operator and Public upon those entities’ assets transferring to Network (“the transfer”).² The transfer has

¹ The application also sought cancellation of Public’s certificate of service authority to offer private payphone services, which the Commission granted on December 18, 2008.

² The application further sought approval of the transfer. The transfer was the subject of the motion for leave to amend the application. The Commission published notice and issued an order setting the deadline for

occurred, according to the Motion to Cancel Certificates (“the motion”) filed by the Commission’s staff (“Staff”) on March 6, 2009. The Commission’s regulations allow ten days for any person to file a response to the motion,³ but no person filed any response. Because the Commission is granting the application and no person has sought a hearing, the Commission convened no hearing, and will base its decision on the affidavits in the record.⁴

Findings of Fact

1. Consolidated Communications Holding, Inc. (“Holding”) is a Delaware corporation. Holding is the parent of Consolidated Communications, Inc. (“CCI”), a corporation that is the parent of each applicant. Each applicant’s services are classified as competitive.

2. Each applicant is a corporation authorized to do business in Missouri, organized in the following states, and holding a certificate of service authority to offer the following services in Missouri.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>State of Organization</i>	<i>Authority to Provide Services in Missouri</i>
Operator	Delaware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-switched local exchange telecommunications services, (restricted to providing dedicated private line service), • Intrastate interexchange telecommunications services
Public	Illinois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intrastate interexchange telecommunications services
Network	Delaware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intrastate interexchange telecommunications services, • Payphone services

applications to intervene from any person at December 10, 2008. As of the date of this decision, no person has filed an application to intervene. The Commission granted the motion to amend on December 15, 2008. The Commission approved the transfer on December 23, 2008.

³ 4 CSR 240-2.080(15).

⁴ Including those in support of the application, the amended application, and the motion.

3. Holding transferred all assets of Operator and Public to Network. Network has continued to offer the services of:

- Operator, under the same tariffs as Operator had; and
- Public, under the same tariffs as Public had.

4. The cancellation of certificates of service now held by Operator and Public will not be detrimental to the public interest.

Conclusions of Law

The Commission has the authority to cancel a certificate:

[a]ny certificate of service authority may be altered or modified by the commission after notice and hearing, upon its own motion or upon application of the person or company affected.^[5]

Because the transfer is complete, and the cancellation of certificates of service now held by Operator and Public will not be detrimental to the public interest, the Commission will grant the application.

The Commission orders that:

1. The certificate of service authority currently held by Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc. (“Operator”) is canceled.

2. The certificate of service authority currently held by Consolidated Communications Public Services, Inc. (“Public”) is canceled.

3. This order shall become effective on March 30, 2009.

4. This file may be closed on March 31, 2009.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 18th day of March 2009.

⁵ Section 392.410.5, RSMo Supp. 2008.