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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU COPPER RETIREMENT
NETWORK CHANGE NOTIFICATION FILED BY
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF MINNESOTA COMPANY**

WC Docket No. 24-433
Report No. NCD-4018

October 10, 2024

Re: COPPER RETIREMENT NETWORK CHANGE CERTIFICATION RECEIVED

Consolidated Communications of Minnesota Company (Consolidated), an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC), has filed certification that public notice of network change(s) involving the retirement of copper has been provided through its publicly accessible Internet site, as required by section 51.329(a)(2) of the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission),¹ together with certification of service on identified interconnecting telephone exchange service providers, as required by section 51.333(a).² Upon initial review the revised filing appears to be complete.³ Attached is a copy of the notice of network change(s) (total of five (5) pages).

The incumbent LEC's certification(s) refer(s) to the change(s) identified below:

Type of Change(s)	Location of Change(s)	Planned Implementation Date(s)
Consolidated intends to retire certain copper loop facilities to approximately 22 address locations in the affected area in response to road work being undertaken by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Consolidated has deployed fiber optic facilities to all addresses in this area.	At the locations for copper facilities impacted by the state road project along CSAH 13, between US Hwy 169 and CSAH 1, in rural Blue Earth County, Minnesota; at the addresses specified in Attachment 1 to CBT's notice.	No later than November 1, 2024

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¹ See 47 CFR § 51.329(a)(2).

² See 47 CFR § 51.333(a).

³ See 47 CFR §§ 51.325 through 51.335.

An objection to an incumbent LEC's copper retirement notice may be filed by an information service provider or telecommunications service provider that directly interconnects with the incumbent LEC's network. Such objections must be filed with the Commission, and served on the incumbent LEC, no later than the ninth business day following the release of this Public Notice.⁴ The effective implementation date(s) of network changes referenced in standard copper retirement notices are subject to the FCC public notice periods described under section 51.333(b)(2).⁵ Notwithstanding the general requirements of section 51.333(b), incumbent LECs also may be entitled to a reduced public notice waiting period where necessary to allow the incumbent LEC to respond to circumstances outside of its control.⁶ Accordingly, given the circumstances in this proceeding, the effective implementation date for Consolidated's planned changes is November 1, 2024. For purposes of computation of time when filing a petition for reconsideration, application for review, or petition for judicial review of the Commission's decision, the date of "public notice" shall be the later of November 1, 2024, or the release date of any further public notice or order announcing final action, as applicable. Should no petitions for reconsideration, applications for review, or petitions for judicial review be timely filed, the proceeding listed in this Public Notice shall be terminated, and the docket will be closed.

Information service providers and telecommunications service providers that directly interconnect with the incumbent LEC's network may file objections, and other interested parties may file comments, regarding this network change notice using the Internet by accessing the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket number. Interested parties also may comment on this network change notice by sending an e-mail to NetworkChange@fcc.gov. The subject line of the e-mail must include the correct NCD Report Number or docket number in order for the comments to be considered in conjunction with this proceeding. All information submitted including names and addresses will be publicly available via the web.

Parties who choose to file paper copies must file an original and one copy of each filing. Such filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial courier, or by the U.S. Postal Service. All filings must be addressed to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary are accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by the FCC's mailing contractor at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial courier deliveries (any deliveries not by the U.S. Postal Service) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. Filings sent by U.S. Postal Service First-Class Mail, Priority Mail, and Priority Mail Express must be sent to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

⁴ See 47 CFR § 51.333(c).

⁵ See 47 CFR § 51.333(b)(2). In the absence of filed objections, a notice of copper retirement usually will be deemed final on the 90th day after the release of the Commission's public notice of the filing pursuant to section 51.333(b)(2). However, notice of copper retirement involving facilities that are not being used to provision services to any customers, usually will be deemed final on the 15th day after the release of the Commission's public notice of the filing. *Id.*

⁶ See 47 CFR § 51.333(g)(2).

This proceeding shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.⁷ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter’s written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (e.g., .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.

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⁷ 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*