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Re: Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 51.333 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 51.333, Consolidated Communications of Minnesota Company ("Consolidated Communications") hereby submits the attached "Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333" (the "Notice"). This Notice concerns copper facilities that will be destroyed by road work being undertaken by the Minnesota Department of Transportation in portions of Lake Crystal, Minnesota.

This filing is being made through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me using the details above.

Sincerely,



Richard R. Cameron  
*Counsel to Consolidated Communications*

Attachments



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## **Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333**

### **Consolidated Communications of Minnesota Company**

March 20, 2025

Pursuant to Section 51.327(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 51.327(a), Consolidated Communications of Minnesota Company ("Consolidated Communications") provides the following information:

**Carrier Names and Address:** Consolidated Communications of Minnesota Company, 2116 S. 17th St., Mattoon, Illinois 61938

**Contact Person:** For additional information on this Notice, please contact:

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### **Implementation Date:**

The Minnesota Department of Transportation ("Minnesota DOT") has given Consolidated Communications a deadline of **May 15, 2025** to discontinue all use of its copper loop plant that will be destroyed by road work to be performed along a two-mile section of TH-60, between County State Aid Highway ("CSAH") 20, on the west, and County Road 112, on the east, in Lake Crystal, Minnesota. This work will necessitate the removal or disabling of approximately 20,000 feet of underground copper loop plant, resulting in a "copper retirement" as defined under the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 51.325(a)(3).

The Minnesota DOT's planned road work constitutes a circumstance outside of the control of Consolidated Communications. Pursuant to Section 51.333(g)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 51.333(g)(2), Consolidated Communications cannot comply with the 90-day notice requirement prescribed in Section 51.333(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 51.333(b)(2), and is hereby providing notice of the network change as soon as practicable. The required Public Notice waiting period should therefore be reduced accordingly.

Consolidated Communications is making a separate Section 63.71 service discontinuance filing reflecting the impact of this road work, contemporaneously herewith, and has notified all affected customers of the change in connection with that filing.

### **Location of the Planned Network Changes:**

Road work will take place along a two-mile section of TH-60, between CSAH 20, on the west, and County Road 112, on the east, in Lake Crystal, Minnesota. The work will result in the loss of copper loop facilities to approximately 81 serviceable addresses within the service area of

Consolidated Communications, including approximately four with active service. The affected addresses, all of which are already served by fiber, are provided in Attachment 1.

**Description of the Planned Changes:**

Copper loop plant must be removed along the affected route. Consolidated Communications has deployed fiber optic facilities that enable higher speed, scalable broadband services to all addresses in this area. It is not feasible to install the cabinet nodes and optical-electrical network equipment that would be necessary in order to continue using the remaining portion of the old copper loop plant.

**Description of Reasonably Foreseeable Impact(s) of the Planned Change(s):**

Copper-based voice and digital subscriber line services will no longer be available at any of the affected locations. As a replacement, Consolidated Communications will utilize existing fiber facilities to offer VoIP service, both as part of broadband service package and on a standalone basis. In addition, mobile voice and broadband services are available throughout the affected area from multiple wireless service providers, including at a minimum from AT&T, Verizon, and T-Mobile. Mediacom also offers wireless voice and data services in the affected area under the “Xtream” brand, both on a standalone basis and bundled with its fixed broadband fiber offerings.<sup>1</sup>

Consolidated Communications does not anticipate that this work will impact any competing service provider’s performance or ability to provide service, nor its interoperability with other service providers. No CLEC purchases unbundled copper loops or other wholesale services that will be affected by this work. There are no other telephone exchange service providers that directly interconnect with the Consolidated Communications network, *see* 47 C.F.R. § 51.333(a).

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<sup>1</sup> See Mediacom Mobile, Coverage Information, available at: <https://mediacommobile.com>.

### **Attachment 1**

#### **List of Affected Addresses in Lake Crystal, Minnesota**

<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
201 E Hwy 60	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
211 E Hwy 60	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
302 E Hwy 60	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
402 N Main St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
412 N Main St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
422 N Main St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
441 N Main St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
501 N Main St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
352 N Murphy St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
201 Laclaire St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
211 Laclaire St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
215 Laclaire St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
221 Laclaire St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
222 Laclaire St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
225 Laclaire St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
229 Laclaire St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
230 Laclaire St	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
802 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
804 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
806 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
808 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
810 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
812 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
900 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
902 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
904 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1200 Crystal Lake Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1201 Crystal Lake Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1202 Crystal Lake Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1204 Crystal Lake Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1205 Crystal Lake Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1206 Crystal Lake Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1207 Crystal Lake Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1208 Crystal Lake Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1209 Crystal Lake Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1000 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1001 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1002 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1004 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1005 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1006 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1007 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055

<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
1008 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1009 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1110 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1111 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1112 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1113 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1114 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1118 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1119 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1120 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1121 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1122 Crystal Lake Dr	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
900 Lakeview Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
902 Lakeview Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
903 Lakeview Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
904 Lakeview Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
905 Lakeview Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
906 Lakeview Ct	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
801 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
803 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
805 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
807 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
809 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1001 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1004 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1005 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1006 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1007 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1008 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1009 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1010 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1011 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1012 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1013 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1014 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1100 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1101 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1102 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055
1103 Lakeview Rd	Lake Crystal	MN	56055

## **Certification of Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333**

I, Kevin J. Kastor, certify as follows:

Based on my review of Consolidated Communications records, I have determined that there are no telephone exchange service providers that directly interconnect with the incumbent LEC's network. Therefore, no service of this "Public Notice of Copper Retirement under Rule 51.333" is required.

Under penalty of perjury, the foregoing is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin J. Kastor".

Kevin J. Kastor  
Sr. Director – Government Affairs  
Consolidated Communications

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