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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 in portions of Le Sueur and Blue Earth Counties, Minnesota, by the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

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
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Attachments



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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 **April 1, 2025** to discontinue all use of its copper loop plant that will be destroyed by road work to be performed along a seven-mile section of State Highway 22. This work will necessitate the removal or disabling of existing 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, 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 seven-mile section of State Highway 22, between County Road 101 in Kasota Township and 227th Street in Lime Township, Minnesota. The work will result in the loss of copper loop facilities to approximately 70 serviceable addresses within the service area of Consolidated Communications, including approximately 55 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 loops.

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.

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).

Attachment 1

List of Affected Addresses in Le Sueur and Blue Earth Counties, Minnesota

<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
58117 238TH ST	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
58120 238TH ST	MANKATO	MN	56001-7545
58106 243RD AVE	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
34639 480TH ST	KASOTA	MN	56050-0000
34646 480TH ST	KASOTA	MN	56050-0000
23195 583RD AVE	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
23227 583RD AVE	MANKATO	MN	56001-7522
23345 583RD AVE	MANKATO	MN	56001-7521
23351 583RD AVE	MANKATO	MN	56001-7521
23304 N RIVERFRONT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-5998
23321 N RIVERFRONT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-5998
23352 N RIVERFRONT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-5998
23378 N RIVERFRONT DR	MANKATO	MN	56002-3107
101 PHEASANT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9329
103 PHEASANT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9329
104 PHEASANT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9329
105 PHEASANT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9329
106 PHEASANT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
107 PHEASANT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-2724
108 PHEASANT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9329
110 PHEASANT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9329
111 PHEASANT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
112 PHEASANT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9329
113 PHEASANT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9329
114 PHEASANT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9329
115 PHEASANT DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9329
202 PHEASANT CT	MANKATO	MN	56001-9301
203 PHEASANT CT	MANKATO	MN	56001-9301
204 PHEASANT CT	MANKATO	MN	56001-9301
205 PHEASANT CT	MANKATO	MN	56001-9301
22870 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
22875 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
22963 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
22967 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-9355
22971 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-9355
22975 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-9355
22976 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
23493 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-7515
23599 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
23766 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-6194

<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
23808 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-7546
23816 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
23829 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-7546
23833 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-7546
23886 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-7546
23890 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-7546
23899 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
23968 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-7553
24087 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
24146 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-7555
24210 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-3340
48808 STATE HWY 22	KASOTA	MN	56050-4238
48817 STATE HWY 22	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
48940 STATE HWY 22	KASOTA	MN	56050-4330
500 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9327
501 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
502 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9327
504 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-0000
505 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9327
508 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9327
509 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9327
512 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9327
513 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9327
521 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9355
528 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9355
532 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9355
536 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9355
540 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9355
548 WOOD DR	MANKATO	MN	56001-9355
611 WOOD CT	MANKATO	MN	56001-3157

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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

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