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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU COPPER RETIREMENT
NETWORK CHANGE NOTIFICATION FILED BY CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS
OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND, LLC D/B/A CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

WC Docket No. 19-123
Report No. NCD-2942

May 2, 2019

Re: COPPER RETIREMENT NETWORK CHANGE NOTICE RECEIVED

Consolidated Communications of Northern New England, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications, Inc. (Consolidated Communications), an incumbent local exchange carrier (LEC), has filed public notice of network change(s) involving the retirement of copper in accordance with section 51.329(a)(1) 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 amended filing appears to be complete.³ Attached is a copy of the notice of network change(s) (total of two pages).

The incumbent LEC's notice refers to the change(s) identified below:

Network Notification No.	Type of Change(s)	Location of Change(s)	Planned Implementation Date(s)
131	Consolidated Communications plans to retire copper feeder facilities and replace them with fiber optic cable and Digital Loop Carrier (DLC) systems, and to also install a Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer in order to provide Digital Subscriber Line service.	In the following Wire Centers in Maine: Farmington ME (FRTNMEHI); Madawaska ME (MDWSMEMA); Houlton ME (HLTNMECO) & Rockwood ME (RKWDMEYA).	90 days after release of the Commission's Public Notice of the filing.

Incumbent LEC contact:
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Portland, ME 04103
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¹ See 47 CFR § 51.329(a)(1).

² See 47 CFR § 51.333(a). On May 1, 2019, Consolidated Communications amended its filing to include the attachment to its Certification of Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333.

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 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 90 days after the release date of this Public Notice, 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 ECFS: <http://apps.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 overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 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 overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

This proceeding is considered a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁶ Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. 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

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 47 CFR § 1.1200 *et seq.*

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).

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