BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2008-406-C and 2003-86-C - ORDER NO. 2008-850

DECEMBER 19, 2008

IN RE: Docket No. 2008-406-C – Application of Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc. and Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc. (to be known as Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.) for Authority to Transfer the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Operator Assisted Telecommunications Services in South Carolina and Docket No. 2003-86-C – Application of Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Operator Assisted Telecommunications Services	ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Joint Application of Consolidated Communications Operator Services, Inc. ("CCOS" or "Transferor") and Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc. ("CCNS" or "Transferee") to be known as Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. ("CCES") (together, "the Applicants") for authority to transfer the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide operator assisted telecommunications services from CCOS to CCNS, pursuant to an internal reorganization. The Applicants state that the internal reorganization involves no change in the ultimate ownership or control of Applicants' operations and that customers of

CCOS will continue to receive the same quality services that they currently receive without any changes to the service offerings, rates, or terms and conditions. CCNS seeks to obtain issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in its own name. At the time of this transfer, the business and assets of CCOS will be transferred to CCNS, and CCOS's corporate existence will cease. In addition, at the time of this internal corporate restructuring, CCNS's corporate name will be changed from Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc. (CCNS) to Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. (CCES).

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Docketing Department, the Applicants published a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the general service area of CCOS. CCOS filed an Affidavit of Publication to show compliance with the instructions of the Docketing Department. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received. Accordingly, we will proceed to rule on this matter. S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-310 requires "due hearing" in telephone asset transfer cases, and we hold that the Commission agenda session during which this matter was considered shall be considered the "due hearing" under the circumstances of this case.

As we understand the filing, the request is to transfer the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from one sister corporation to another. Essentially, the business and assets of CCOS will be transferred to CCNS, and CCOS's corporate existence will cease at the time of the transfer. At the time of the internal corporate restructuring, CCNS's corporate name will be changed from Consolidated Communications Network Services, Inc. (CCNS) to Consolidate Communications

Enterprise Services, Inc. (CCES). This internal reorganization involves no change in the ultimate ownership or control, and customers of CCOS will continue to receive the same services that they currently receive without any changes to the service offerings, rates, or terms and conditions.

We have examined this matter, and have determined that the proposed transfer should be approved, and the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should be transferred to CCNS, which will become CCES. This is merely a corporate restructuring. CCES shall abide by the same conditions as CCOS, as set out in Order No. 2003-534.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Elizabeth B. Fleming

Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

John E. Howard

John E. Howard, Vice Chairman

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