

*Petition of Enhanced Communications of Northern New England, Inc. d/b/a Consolidated Long Distance For Certification As a VOIP Provider For Direct Access To Numbering Resources Pursuant To Section 52.15(g)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR §52.15(g)(3)*

CERTIFICATION OF MICHAEL SHULTZ

I, MICHAEL SHULTZ, hereby certify as follows:

1. The applicant, Consolidated of Northern New England Inc. d/b/a Consolidated Communications Long Distance NNE (“**Consolidated Long Distance**”), is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Consolidated of Northern New England, Inc. (“CNNE”), which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Consolidated Communications, Inc. (“CCI”). My title is Vice President of Regulatory for CCI and its subsidiaries. As such, I have responsibility for meeting Consolidated Long Distance’s external reporting requirements to the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”), to the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”), and to each of the regulatory commissions in the states where Consolidated Long Distance operates. My current business address is 770 Elm St., Manchester, NH 03101.
2. In my capacity as Vice President of Regulatory, I acknowledge that, if the application is granted, Consolidated Long Distance will be subject to compliance with applicable Commission numbering rules, numbering authority delegated to the states, and industry practices and guidelines regarding numbering as applicable to telecommunications carriers; and Consolidated Long Distance must file requests for numbers with the relevant state Commissions in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont at least thirty days prior to requesting numbering from the numbering administrators.
3. Consolidated Long Distance provides interconnected voice over Internet protocol (“i-VoIP”) services, including hosted PBX and SIP Trunking, to business customers in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Consolidated Long Distance has been providing those i-VoIP service for more than four years, using a numbering partner.

4. If the application of Consolidated Long Distance for certification as a VoIP provider is granted, Consolidated Long Distance will continue offering i-VoIP services without the need for a numbering partner. Numbers acquired pursuant to the certification sought by this application would be put into use within sixty days of the numbering resource activation date.
5. If the application is granted, Consolidated Long Distance will continue to provide i-VoIP service the same way it does today: using the facilities owned by its local exchange carrier ("LEC") affiliates such as Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC (serving Maine and New Hampshire) and Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC (serving Vermont), both sister subsidiaries of CCI, through an intra-corporate arrangement; and entering into an interconnection agreement in any area where Consolidated Long Distance does not have an affiliate whose facilities it can use to provision i-VoIP service. Consolidated Long Distance has such an interconnection agreement, for example, with TDS in New Hampshire (for portions of the state where the LEC is not a Consolidated Long Distance affiliate).
6. Other CCI subsidiaries have been providing i-VoIP service for over 17 years and currently provide service in 24 states.
7. Consolidated Long Distance complies with its Universal Service Fund contribution obligations under 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart H, its Telecommunications Relay Service contribution obligations under 47 C.F.R. § 64.604(c)(5)(iii), its NANP and LNP administration contribution obligations under 47 C.F.R. §§ 52.17 and 52.32, its obligations to pay regulatory fees under 47 C.F.R. § 1.1154, and its 911 obligations under 47 C.F.R. Part 9.
8. Consolidated Long Distance possesses the financial, managerial, and technical expertise to provide reliable interconnected VoIP service. Key management and technical personnel include, among others:
  - a. Thomas White, Chief Technology Officer

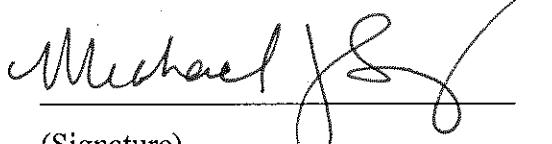
- b. Gabe Waggnor, Executive Vice President Operations; and
- c. Steven L. Childers, Chief Financial Officer

None of these personnel are being or have been investigated by the Commission or any law enforcement or regulatory agency for failure to comply with any law, rule, or order.

9. No party to the application, as defined in Commission rule section 1.2001(b) is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

The foregoing is true and complete to the best of my information, knowledge and belief, including information provided to me by persons employed by CCI who are knowledgeable about its operations.

Executed on October 15, 2018



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(Signature)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. S.", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the words "(Signature)" are printed in a standard font.