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Mr. Morris L. Woodruff Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Dear Mr. Woodruff,

This letter serves as notice to the Commission that effective January 1, 2016, SureWest Kansas, Inc., will be merged into Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. (CCES), a wholly owned subsidiary of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (Consolidated). CCES has been registered with the Missouri Secretary of State since March 18, 2003, and is currently considered a for-profit corporation in good standing.

Background

Consolidated acquired the predecessor of SureWest Kansas, Inc., SureWest Kansas Licenses, LLC, in July 2012. In January 2014, Consolidated merged all of its Kansas entities into SureWest Kansas, Inc. The current reorganization represents a further simplification of the corporate structure of Consolidated. As of January 1, 2016, SureWest Kansas, Inc. will no longer exist as a corporate entity.

In March 2014, all of SureWest Kansas, Inc.'s Kansas City area trucks were rewrapped with the Consolidated logo. Customers have been receiving bills with the Consolidated logo for nearly two years. No customer notification of this current action is planned.

Also included with this transmittal is Missouri P.S.C. Tariff No. 6, filed by Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc., which cancels and replaces in every respect Missouri P.S.C. Tariff No. 6 as was filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission by SureWest Kansas, Inc. d/b/a Consolidated Communications. Other than updates reflecting the naming of Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc., all original sheets filed herein, having an effective date of January 1, 2016, are complete and the same as was filed by SureWest Kansas, Inc. d/b/a Consolidated Communications, making no changes to terms, regulations or rates.

SureWest Kansas, Inc. dba Consolidated Communications also has maintained a Local Tariff No. 5 in Missouri. Per Missouri Code of State Regulations - 4 CSR 240-28-070(6), a filing will be made in the very near future to convert that local tariff to a "service guide," thus the name on that particular tariff is not being changed as part of this filing.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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