BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Name Change of SureWest Kansas, Inc. to Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc.

File No. TN-2016-0153 Tariff Nos. YC-2016-0160 YC-2016-0177

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), through the undersigned counsel, and respectfully submits this Staff Recommendation.

1. On December 17, 2015, the above-reference Company filed notice of a name change. On January 25, 2016, the Company completed its filing of all requisite documentation.

2. Rule 4 CSR 240-28.030(9) establishes filing requirements for certificated company name changes; in lieu of a Memorandum, the Staff herein states that the Company has complied with the rule. No entities intervened to oppose the name change. The filed tariff adoption sheets are compliant with Commission rules.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that Commission recognize the name change and note that the tariff revisions, including tariff rescissions, took effect by operation of law.

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Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 25th day of January, 2016.