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#### VIA IBFS

Marlene Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, S.W. Room TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554 Attn: International Bureau

# Re: Notice of *Pro Forma* Intra-Company Transaction Resulting in the *Pro Forma* Assignment of International Section 214 Authorizations

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. ("CCES"), pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.24(f), notifies the Commission of a *pro forma* internal consolidation (the "Consolidation") that resulted in the *pro forma* assignment<sup>1</sup> to CCES of the international Section 214 authorizations ("Authorization") of Crystal Communications, Inc. ("Crystal"), Enventis Telecom, Inc. ("Enventis") and IdeaOne Telecom, Inc. ("IdeaOne") (Crystal, Enventis, and IdeaOne, collectively, the "Enventis CLECs," and together with CCES, the "Parties").

The Enventis CLECs had the same direct owner as CCES at the time of the Consolidation. The Consolidation was undertaken to simplify the corporate structure and reduce the reporting and accounting burdens of the company and provide operational efficiencies.

#### Information Required by Section 63.24(f)(2)

As required by Section 63.24(f)(2), CCES provides the following information required by 63.18(a) through (d) and (h):

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As used in this Notification, "assignment" only reflects the use of the term in the Commission's rules and does not reflect that the Consolidation resulted in an "assignment" for purposes of corporate or contract law.

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Sections 63.18(a): Name, address and telephone number of the Parties:

Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. Crystal Communications, Inc. Enventis Telecom, Inc. IdeaOne Telecom, Inc. 121 South 17th Street Mattoon, Illinois 61938-3987 (217) 235-3311

Sections 63.18(b): Organization of the Parties:

CCES is a Delaware corporation.

Crystal, Enventis and IdeaOne were Minnesota corporations.

<u>Section 63.18(c)</u>: Correspondence concerning this filing should be sent to counsel for CCES:

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Section 63.18(d): The Parties hold or held the following international Section 214 authorities:

<u>CCES</u> did not itself hold international Section 214 authority prior to the Consolidation, but rather provided international telecommunications services pursuant to the Authorization of its ultimate parent, Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. ("CCHI"). CCHI holds international Section 214 authority to provide global and limited global facilities-based and resale services granted in IB File No. ITC-214- TC-214-20030808-00393.<sup>2</sup> Following the Consolidation, CCES continues to provide international services pursuant to CCHI's Authorization and will surrender the Authorizations of the Enventis CLECs upon grant of this Notification.

<u>Crystal Communications, Inc.</u> held international Section 214 authority to provide global resale services granted in IB File No. ITC-214-19971029-00668 (old File No. ITC-97-676). Upon grant of this Notification, CCES will surrender Crystal's Authorization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This Authorization was assigned to CCHI in IB File No. ITC-ASG-20090130-00047. Also in that file, CCES notified the Commission that it would provide international services under CCHI's Authorization.

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> <u>Enventis Telecom, Inc.</u> holds international Section 214 authority to provide global or limited global resale services granted in IB File No. ITC-214-20051013-00409.<sup>3</sup> Upon grant of this Notification, CCES will surrender Enventis's Authorization.

> <u>IdeaOne Telecom, Inc.</u> holds international Section 214 authorization to provide global or limited global resale services granted in IB File No. ITC-214-20111115-00345.<sup>4</sup> Upon grant of this Notification, CCES will surrender IdeaOne's Authorization.

<u>Sections 63.18(h)</u>: See **Attachment 1** for the ownership of the Parties. See **Attachment 2** for pre-Consolidation and current corporate structure of the Parties.

CCES certifies that the Consolidation described herein was *pro forma* and that, together with all previous *pro forma* transactions, did not result in a change in the actual controlling party of the Parties or Authorizations.

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This notification letter is being filed electronically via MyIBFS. Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This Authorization was originally granted to CP Telecom, Inc. and assigned to Enventis Telecom, Inc. pursuant to IB File No. ITC-ASG-20110523-00145.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This Authorization was originally granted to IdeaOne Telecom Group, LLC and was assigned to IdeaOne Telecom, Inc. pursuant to IB File No. ITC-ASG-20120323-00084.

#### ATTACHMENT 1

#### Answer to Question 11 - Section 63.18(h) Ownership Information

The following entities currently hold, directly or indirectly, a 10% or greater interest<sup>5</sup> in Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. ("CCES") as calculated pursuant to the Commission ownership attribution rules for international telecommunications carriers:

Name: Address: Citizenship: Principal Business:	Consolidated Communications, Inc. ("CCI") 121 South 17th Street Mattoon, Illinois 61938-3987 U.S. (Illinois) Holding Company
% Interest: Name: Address:	100% (directly in CCES) Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. 121 South 17th Street
Citizenship: Principal Business: % Interest:	Mattoon, Illinois 61938-3987 U.S. (Delaware) Holding Company 100% (indirectly as 100% direct owner of CCI)

CCHI is a widely held publicly traded company (NASDAQ: CNSL). To its knowledge, no person or

entity currently has a 10% or greater ownership interest in CCHI other than the following entities:

BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. <sup>6</sup> ("BlackRock
Trust")
400 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
United States (California)
Investment Management
11.44% (directly)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, the ownership interests provided herein represent both equity and voting interests.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> BlackRock Trust is chartered as a national bank that does not accept client deposits and whose powers are limited to trust and other fiduciary activities. BlackRock Trust provides investment management services, including investment advisory and securities lending agency services, to institutional investors and other clients.

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Name:	BlackRock, Inc. <sup>7</sup>
Address:	55 East 52nd Street
Citizenship: Principal Business: % Interest:	New York, NY 10055 United States (Delaware) Investment Management 11.44% (indirectly, as the parent of BlackRock Trust)
Name:	The Vanguard Group, Inc. ("Vanguard Group") P.O. Box 2600 Valley Forge, PA 19482
Citizenship:	United States (Pennsylvania)
Principal business:	Investment Management
% Interest:	10.29% <sup>8</sup>

#### Answer to Question 12 - Section 63.18(h) Interlocking Directorates

CCES does not have any interlocking directorates with a foreign carrier.

#### Answer to Question 13 - Description of Assignment

Effective December 31, 2016, each of the Enventis CLECs merged with and into CCES, whereupon CCES was the surviving entity and the separate existence of each Enventis CLEC ceased. This Consolidation resulted in the *pro forma* assignment of the Authorizations of the Enventis CLECs to CCES.

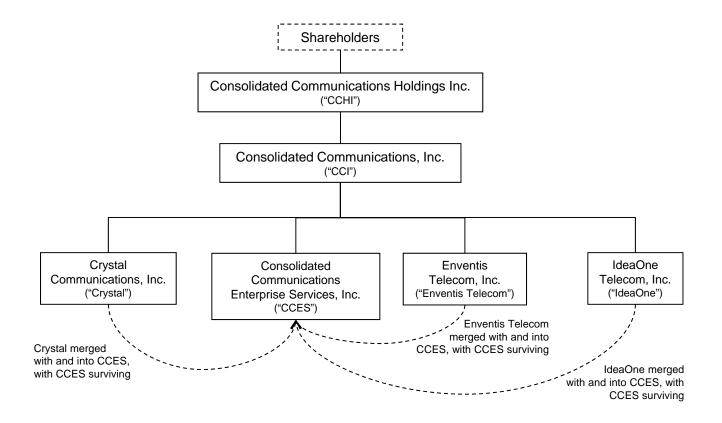
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> BlackRock, Inc. is a publicly traded corporation and CCES is not aware of any person or entity currently holding a 10% or greater ownership interest in BlackRock, Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> As of August 10, 2016, the Vanguard Group's shares in Consolidated Holdings are held through funds that the Vanguard Group owns and/or manages.

### ATTACHMENT 2

Corporate Organizational Structure of the Parties Before and After the Consolidation

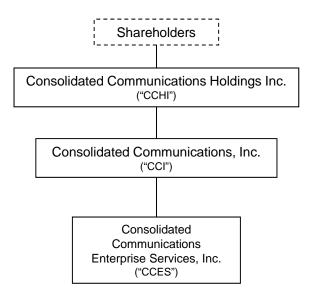
## Pre-Consolidation Corporate Organizational Chart of the Parties\*



\* The entities listed herein only include the Parties and those entities in the chain of ownership of the Parties. The chart excludes all other subsidiaries of CCI including those that hold authorizations or licenses from the FCC or state regulators.

All ownership percentages are 100%.

# **Current Corporate Organizational Chart of the Parties**\*



\* The entities listed herein only include the Parties and those entities in the chain of ownership of the Parties. The chart excludes all other subsidiaries of CCI including those that hold authorizations or licenses from the FCC or state regulators.

All ownership percentages are 100%.

### VERIFICATION

#### VERIFICATION

I, Michael J Shultz, am Vice President, Regulatory & Public Policy of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. ("CCHI"); that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of CCHI and its subsidiaries; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this  $\partial \gamma^{\dagger}$  day of January 2017.

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Vice President, Regulatory & Public Policy Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.