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**Via IBFS**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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**Re: In the Matter of the Application of Eventis Corporation and Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. for authority pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to Transfer Indirect Control of International Carriers**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Eventis Corporation (“Transferor” of “Eventis”) and Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (“Transferee” or “CCHI”), (together, the “Applicants”), attached please find an application for approval to transfer indirect control of the subsidiaries of Eventis that hold domestic and/or international Section 214 authority to CCHI.

Pursuant to Section 63.04(b) of the Commission’s rules, Applicants submit this filing as a combined domestic section 214 transfer of control application and international section 214 transfer of control application (“Combined Application”). Applicants are simultaneously submitting for filing the Combined Application with the Wireline Competition Bureau, in accordance with the Commission’s rules.

This filing and a valid credit card payment in the amount of \$1,130.00 for each licensee, or \$3,390.00 in total, which satisfies the filing fee required for this Application under line 2(e) of Section 1.1107 of the Commission’s Rules, are being submitted electronically through MyIBFS.

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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In the Matter of the Application of )  
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**ENVENTIS CORPORATION** )  
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**CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS** )  
**HOLDINGS, INC.** )  
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for authority pursuant to Section 214 of the )  
Communications Act of 1934, as amended, )  
to Transfer Indirect Control of International )  
and Domestic Carriers )

File No. ITC-T/C-2014 \_\_\_\_\_  
WCB Docket No. 14- \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION TO TRANSFER INDIRECT CONTROL OF  
INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC CARRIERS**

Enventis Corporation (“Enventis Corp.” or “Transferor”) and Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (“CCHI” or “Transferee” and together with Enventis Corp., “Applicants”), by their undersigned attorneys and pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Sections 63.04 and 63.24 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.04 and 63.24, hereby request approval for the transfer of indirect control of Transferor’s subsidiaries that hold domestic and/or international authority under Section 214 to CCHI.<sup>1</sup> The Section 214 authorizations currently held by the 214 Licensees will continue to be held by those same entities following consummation of the

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<sup>1</sup> The subsidiaries of Enventis Corp. that hold domestic Section 214 authority are: Mankato Citizens Telephone Company (“Mankato”), Mid-Communications, Inc. (“Mid-Communications”), Heartland Communications Company of Iowa (“Heartland”), Crystal Communications, Inc. (“Crystal”), Enventis Telecom, Inc. (“Enventis Telecom”), and IdeaOne Telecom, Inc. (“IdeaOne”) (collectively, the “214 Licensees”). Crystal, Enventis Telecom and IdeaOne also hold international Section 214 authority.

proposed transaction and there is no overlapping or adjacent local exchange service territories between the 214 Licensees and any CCHI local operating subsidiary.

**I. DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICANTS**

**A. Enventis Corporation (Transferor)**

Enventis Corp. is a publicly traded (NASDAQ: ENVE) Minnesota corporation previously known as HickoryTech (its shareholders approved a corporate name change to Enventis Corporation on May 6, 2014).<sup>2</sup> Through its various operating subsidiaries, including the 214 Licensees, Enventis Corp. is a leading provider of advanced communication solutions including data, cloud, and IT services to businesses throughout the upper Midwest.

A chart depicting the current corporate structure of Transferor and its subsidiaries is included as part of Exhibit A.

**B. The 214 Licensees**

Mankato - Mankato is an incumbent local exchange carrier (“ILEC”) that provides telecommunications service in Mankato, Minnesota. Mankato holds blanket domestic Section 214 authority.

Mid-Communications - Mid-Communications is an ILEC that provides telecommunications service in Amboy, Cambria, Eagle Lake, Garden City, Good Thunder, Lake Crystal, Madison Lake, Mapleton, Pemberton, St. Clair and Vernon Center, Minnesota. Mid-Communications holds blanket domestic Section 214 authority.

Heartland - Heartland is an ILEC that provides telecommunications service in Akron, Bancroft, Boyden, Doon, Hawarden, Hull, Ireton, Lakota, Rock Rapids, Rock Valley, Sibley,

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<sup>2</sup>See Enventis, Press Release, *HickoryTech is Now Enventis Corporation* (May 6, 2014), available at: <http://www.enventis.com/One-Name.aspx>.

Iowa; West Hawarden and West Akron, South Dakota; and North Rock Rapids, Minnesota. Heartland holds blanket domestic Section 214 authority.

Crystal - Crystal is a facilities-based competitive local exchange carrier (“CLEC”) that provides local service, long distance, private line, internet access and digital TV in south central Minnesota and the Des Moines, Iowa area. Crystal holds blanket domestic and international Section 214 authority.

Enventis Telecom - Enventis Telecom is integrated communications services provider that offers private line and advanced voice and data services to businesses and communities primarily in Minnesota (and also certain communities in Iowa, North Dakota South Dakota and Wisconsin). In addition to the states above, Enventis Telecom is also authorized to provide interexchange services in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Montana, New York, Ohio, and Washington and local exchange and interexchange services in South Dakota and Wisconsin. Enventis Telecom holds blanket domestic and international Section 214 authority.

IdeaOne - IdeaOne is a CLEC that provides fiber optic-based voice and data services in and around Dilworth and Moorhead, Minnesota and Fargo and West Fargo, North Dakota. It provides competitive local and long distance services (as a competitor primarily of CenturyLink, formerly Qwest) in this area. It also provides high-speed and dial-up Internet access services throughout the same Fargo-Moorhead area. IdeaOne holds blanket domestic and international Section 214 authority.

Enventis Corp. does not itself provide telecommunications services, and none of the 214 Licensees currently operate as a local exchange carrier in any of the states where the Consolidated Companies (as defined below) offer ILEC and/or CLEC local services. Enventis

Telecom holds statewide resold interexchange authority and/or provides resold interexchange (but not local) services in California and Illinois, and certain of the Consolidated Companies operate as an ILEC and/or CLEC in certain areas of those states.

**C. Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (Transferee)**

CCHI is a publicly traded (NASDAQ: CNSL) Delaware corporation headquartered in Mattoon, Illinois. Through its various operating subsidiaries (the “Consolidated Companies”<sup>3</sup> and together with CCHI, “Consolidated Communications”), CCHI provides a wide range of telecommunications services to residential and business customers in California, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, and Pennsylvania including local and long-distance telephone service, high-speed broadband Internet access, standard and high-definition digital television, and digital telephone service, custom calling features, private line services, carrier access services, network capacity services over regional fiber optic networks, directory publishing. CCHI’s operating subsidiaries include both ILECs and CLECs. CCHI does not itself provide telecommunications services, and none of the Consolidated Companies currently operate in any of the states (Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota) where the 214 Licensees offer ILEC and/or CLEC local services. Certain of the Consolidated Companies operate as ILECs and/or CLECs in California and Illinois, in which states Enventis Telecom holds statewide resold interexchange authority and provides resold interexchange (but not local) services.

A chart depicting the current corporate structure of Transferee and its operating subsidiaries is included as part of Exhibit A.

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<sup>3</sup> A list of the Consolidated Companies is provided in Section IV(d) below.

## **II. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION (ANSWER TO QUESTION 13)**

On June 29, 2014, CCHI, Enventis Corp. and Sky Merger Sub, Inc. (“Merger Sub”)<sup>4</sup> entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (“Agreement”) whereby Merger Sub will be merged with Enventis Corp. As a result of the Transaction, Enventis Corp. and the 214 Licensees will become wholly owned indirect subsidiaries of CCHI. For the Commission’s convenience, pre- and post-transaction organizational charts are provided in Exhibit A hereto. A copy of the Agreement is an exhibit to the SEC Form 8-K filed by CCHI and available at:

[http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1304421/000117184314003076/exh\\_21.htm](http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1304421/000117184314003076/exh_21.htm).

Sections 7.4 and 8.1(d) of the Agreement provide that the Transaction will not be consummated prior to the Applicant’s receipt of approvals by the FCC and state regulators that are required in connection with the Transaction

The parties plan to close the transaction as soon as the third quarter, but no later than the fourth quarter of 2014, subject to approvals from federal and state regulators, and the shareholders of CCHI and SureWest Communications. Upon closing, CCHI intends to maintain each of the 214 Licensees as separate operating entities for the foreseeable future.

## **III. PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT**

Applicants submit that the Transaction is consistent with the public interest. The Transaction will bring together two successful enterprises that have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to excellence in a highly competitive marketplace. Applicants expect that the Transaction will enable the companies to better meet the local, national and global needs of enterprises, wholesale buyers, and other customers. The 214 Licensees will also

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<sup>4</sup> Merger Sub, a Minnesota corporation, is a newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary of CCHI that was created in order to effectuate the proposed Transaction.

benefit from CCHI's extensive telecommunications experience and expertise, and existing and prospective customers of both companies will benefit from the combined product portfolio.

The Applicants believe that the Transaction will result in a stronger combined company and allow the combined company to offer new products and services and consumer choice for telecommunications and broadband services in the service areas of the 214 Licensees. The Applicants anticipate that the quality of service provided by the 214 Licensees will improve as a result of enhanced access to capital and financial strengths of CCHI and the Consolidated Companies. Long-term benefits to customers will arise from the opportunity that access to such capital affords the 214 Licensees to upgrade, replace and expand infrastructure and to provide advanced telecommunications services to customers. The post-Transaction management of the 214 Licensees will also be able to draw upon the sharing and application of best practices and the decades of combined experience of the current management teams of each of the Applicants to create an environment focused on operating excellence for employees and customers and a combination of the best practices of both existing organizations.

The 214 Licensees also expect to realize cost benefits from the scale efficiencies of providing Internet and telephone services across the combined enterprise, resulting in the ability to more effectively compete for customers on a price basis. Current and future customers of the 214 Licensees will also enjoy the benefit of Consolidated Communication's record of providing a high quality customer experience. These benefits will extend to installation and service appointment processes; consumer-friendly pricing and packaging choices; and the delivery of further advanced broadband services. Like the Enventis Companies, the Consolidated Companies are involved and maintain a local presence in the communities they serve, and will continue the 214 Licensees' historic commitment to these

communities. Moreover, the Transaction will be conducted in a manner that will be transparent to customers of the 214 Licensees. The Transaction will not result in any immediate change of carrier for customers or any assignment of authorizations, and will not result in the discontinuance, reduction, loss, or impairment of service to customers.

The public interest will also be served by expeditious consideration and approval of the Transaction. For various important business, tax and financial reasons, Applicants require that the transaction be closed as quickly as possible. Delay in the regulatory approval process – and therefore in the ability of the Applicants to move forward promptly with the integration process – risks creating employee and customer uncertainty and competitive harm. In particular, the competitive telecommunications marketplace continues to be a very challenging business environment. The proposed Transaction is aimed at strengthening the competitive position of the combined entities and, therefore, delay in the regulatory approval process prevents the parties from realizing the economic benefits of integration of the carriers’ networks or offering the expanded combined network footprint to customers as quickly as the parties otherwise could.

**IV. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 63.24(e)**

Pursuant to Section 63.24(e)(2) of the Commission’s rules, Applicants submit the following information from Section 63.18(a)–(d) for the Transferor and the Transferee, and from Section 63.18(h)–(p) for the Transferee:

**(a) Name, address and telephone number of each Applicant and Licensee:**

Transferor:

Enventis Corporation  
221 East Hickory Street  
Mankato, Minnesota 56001-3248  
(855) 368-3684

**FRN: 0014218275**



214 Licensees:

Mankato Citizens Telephone Company	<b>FRN: 0003713930</b>
Mid-Communications, Inc.	<b>FRN: 0003713955</b>
Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa	<b>FRN: 0003713963</b>
Crystal Communications, Inc.	<b>FRN: 0003713997</b>
Enventis Telecom, Inc.	<b>FRN: 0008394322</b>
IdeaOne Telecom, Inc.	<b>FRN: 0021564737</b>

221 East Hickory Street  
Mankato, Minnesota 56001-3248  
(855) 368-3684

Transferee:

Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.	<b>FRN: 0007494776</b>
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121 South 17th Street  
Mattoon, Illinois 61938-3987  
(217) 235-3311

**(b) Jurisdiction of Organizations:**

Transferor: Enventis is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

214 Licensees: Each 214 Licensee is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Minnesota.

Transferee: CCHI is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

**(c) (Answer to Question 10)** Correspondence concerning this Application should be sent to:

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**(d) Section 214 Authorizations**

Transferor: Enventis Corp. does not hold domestic or international Section 214 authority.

214 Licensees: Mankato is authorized to provide interstate service by virtue of blanket domestic Section 214 authority. 47 C.F.R. § 63.01. Mankato does not hold international Section 214 authority.

Mid-Communications is authorized to provide interstate service by virtue of blanket domestic Section 214 authority. 47 C.F.R. § 63.01. Mid-Communications does not hold international Section 214 authority.

Heartland is authorized to provide interstate service by virtue of blanket domestic Section 214 authority. 47 C.F.R. § 63.01. Heartland does not hold international Section 214 authority.

Crystal is authorized to provide interstate service by virtue of blanket domestic Section 214 authority. Crystal holds international Section 214 authorization to provide global resale services granted in IB File No. ITC-214-19971029-00668 (old File No. ITC-97-676).

Enventis Telecom is authorized to provide interstate service by virtue of blanket domestic Section 214 authority. Enventis Telecom holds international Section 214 authorization to provide global or limited global resale services granted in IB File No. ITC-214-20051013-00409.<sup>5</sup>

IdeaOne is authorized to provide interstate service by virtue of blanket domestic Section 214 authority. IdeaOne holds international Section 214 authorization to provide global or

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<sup>5</sup> This international Section 214 authorization was originally granted to CP Telecom, Inc. and assigned to Enventis Telecom pursuant to IB File No. ITC-ASG-20110523-00145.

limited global resale services granted in IB File No. ITC-214-20111115-00345.<sup>6</sup>

Transferee:

CCHI does not hold blanket domestic Section 214 authority. CCHI holds international Section 214 authorization to provide global and limited global facilities-based and resale services pursuant to authority granted in IB File No. ITC-214- TC-214-20030808-00393.<sup>7</sup> In addition, the following subsidiaries of CCHI hold international Section 214 authorization:

SureWest Long Distance is authorized to provide global resale services pursuant to international Section 214 authority granted in IB File No. ITC-214-19970130-00049 (Old File No. ITC-97-069).<sup>8</sup>

SureWest TeleVideo is authorized to provide global or limited global facilities-based and resale services pursuant to international Section 214 authority granted in IB File No. ITC-214-20000807-00459.<sup>9</sup>

SureWest Kansas, Inc. (“SureWest KS”) is also authorized to provide global or limited global resale services pursuant to international Section 214 authority granted in IB File No. ITC-214-2006-0106-00007.<sup>10</sup>

The following subsidiaries of CCHI, provide interstate telecommunications service by virtue of blanket domestic Section 214 authority, 47 C.F.R. § 63.01: Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company, CCES, Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend

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<sup>6</sup> This international Section 214 authorization was originally granted to IdeaOne Telecom Group, LLC and was assigned to IdeaOne pursuant to IB File No. ITC-ASG-20120323-00084.

<sup>7</sup> This Authorization was assigned to CCHI in IB File No. ITC-ASG-20090130-00047. Also in that file, Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. (“CCES”) notified the Commission that it would provide international services under CCHI’s Authorization.

<sup>8</sup> The international Section 214 authority was originally granted in the name of Roseville Long Distance, which changed its name to SureWest Long Distance.

<sup>9</sup> This international Section 214 authorization was originally granted to Western Integrated Networks of California, LLC and was assigned to SureWest TeleVideo pursuant to IB File No. ITC-ASG-20020621-00379.

<sup>10</sup> This international Section 214 authorization was originally granted in the name of Everest Midwest LLC, which changed its name to SureWest Kansas Operations, LLC (“SWKS Operations”). The authorization was assigned to SureWest-KS as a result of the consolidated of SWKS Operations into its parent, SureWest-KS. See IB File No. ITC-ASG-20140107-00005.

Company, Consolidated Communications of Texas Company, Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company, LLC, SureWest Telephone, SureWest TeleVideo, SureWest Long Distance, and SureWest KS Operations.

(h) (Answer to Questions 11 & 12) The 214 Licensees are wholly owned indirect subsidiaries of Enventis Corp. (See Exhibit A for a complete corporate structure.) Enventis Corp. is a widely held publicly traded company (NASDAQ: ENVE). To its knowledge, no person or entity currently has a 10% or greater ownership interest in Enventis Corp.<sup>11</sup>

Upon completion of the proposed transaction the following entities will hold a 10% or greater interest in the 214 Licensees:

- 1) The following entities will hold post-transaction a ten percent (10%) or greater direct interest in **the 214 Licensees**:

Name: Enventis Corporation  
Address: 221 East Hickory Street  
Mankato, MN 56002-3248  
Citizenship: U.S.  
Principal Business: Holding Company  
% Interest: 100% (directly in each 214 Licensee)

Name: Consolidated Communications, Inc. (“CCI”)  
Address: 121 South 17th Street  
Mattoon, Illinois 61938-3987  
Citizenship: U.S.  
Principal Business: Holding Company  
% Interest: 100% (indirectly as 100% direct owner of Enventis Corp.)

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

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<sup>11</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, the ownership interests provided herein represent both equity and voting interests.

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

**(i)** **(Answer to Question 14)** Transferee certifies that (a) it is not a foreign carrier within the meaning of 63.09(d) of the Commission's Rules and (b) it is not affiliated, within the meaning of 63.09 of the Commission's Rules, and will not become affiliated as a result of the proposed transaction, with any foreign carriers.

**(j)** **(Answer to Question 15)** Transferee does not seek to provide international telecommunications services to any destination country where: (1) Transferee is a foreign carrier in that country; (2) Transferee controls a foreign carrier in that country; (3) any entity that owns more than 25 percent of Transferee, or that controls Transferee, controls a foreign carrier in that country; or (4) two or more foreign carriers (or parties that control foreign carriers) own, in the aggregate, more than 25 percent of Transferee and are parties to, or the beneficiaries of, a contractual relation affecting the provision or marketing of international basic telecommunications services in the United States.

**(k)-(m)** Not applicable because Transferee is not a foreign carrier and is not, and will not become as a result of the proposed transaction, affiliated with a foreign carrier.

**(n)** Applicants certify that they have not agreed to accept special concessions, as defined in Section 63.14(b) of the Commission's Rules, directly or indirectly, from any foreign carrier where the foreign carrier possesses market power on the foreign end of the route and will not enter into such agreements in the future.

**(o)** Applicants certify, pursuant to Sections 1.2001 through 1.2003 of the Commission's Rules (implementing the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a)),

that no party to this Application, including the 214 Licensees, is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

(p) Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is eligible for streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12(a)-(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.12(a)-(b). In particular, Section 63.12(c)(1) is inapplicable because none of the Applicants are or are affiliated with any foreign carriers and none of the scenarios outlined in Section 63.12(c) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12(c), apply.

**VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 63.04(b)**

In lieu of an attachment, pursuant to Section 63.04(b) of the Commission's Rules,<sup>12</sup> Applicants submit the following information in support of their request for a transfer of control of the 214 Licensees in order to address the requirements set forth under paragraphs (a)(6) through (a)(12) of Section 63.04.

(a)(6) A description of the proposed Transaction is set forth in **Section II** above.

(a)(7) Enventis Corp., through several operating subsidiaries, provides domestic (local exchange and interexchange) telecommunications services in primarily in Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota, and to a lesser extent in South Dakota and Wisconsin, and also offers interexchange telecommunications services in California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington.

Mankato is an ILEC operating in Mankato, Minnesota.

Mid-Communications is an ILEC operating service in Amboy, Cambria, Eagle Lake, Garden City, Good Thunder, Lake Crystal, Madison Lake, Mapleton, Pemberton, St. Clair and Vernon Center, Minnesota.

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<sup>12</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(b).

Heartland is an ILEC operating Akron, Bancroft, Boyden, Doon, Hawarden, Hull, Ireton, Lakota, Rock Rapids, Rock Valley, Sibley, Iowa; West Hawarden and West Akron, South Dakota; and North Rock Rapids, Minnesota.

Crystal is a CLEC operating in south central Minnesota and the Des Moines, Iowa, area.

Eventis Telecom competitive provider operating primarily in Minnesota and also certain communities in Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Eventis Telecom is also authorized to provide intrastate interexchange services in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Montana, New York, Ohio, and Washington and local exchange and interexchange services in Wisconsin.

IdeaOne is a CLEC operating in and around Dilworth and Moorhead, Minnesota, and Fargo and West Fargo, North Dakota.

CCHI, through several subsidiaries, provides domestic telecommunications services in California, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Pennsylvania and Texas as follows:

Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc., is a CLEC, IXC, ISP, Video and VoIP provider operating in Illinois, Pennsylvania and Texas;

Consolidated Communications of Texas Company is an ILEC operating in East Texas;

Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company is an ILEC operating in central Illinois;

Consolidated Communications Public Services, Inc., is an inmate payphone services provider operating in Illinois, Missouri, and Texas;

Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend Company is an ILEC operating in the Fort Bend, Texas, area;

Consolidated Communications Transport Company is a CLEC operating in Texas;

Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company, LLC is an ILEC operating in western Pennsylvania;

SureWest Telephone is an ILEC that provides local exchange telephone service in Sacramento and Placer Counties, California and also operates as a CLEC in certain areas in California outside of its ILEC service areas;

SureWest Long Distance is a non-dominant interexchange carrier that provides resold long distance services throughout California;

SureWest TeleVideo is a limited facilities-based and resale provider of interexchange and competitive local exchange services carrier that provides competitive local exchange telephone service in portions of Sacramento and Placer Counties, California;

SureWest-KS is a competitive provider of intrastate, interstate and international telecommunications services in Kansas and Missouri.

The operating subsidiaries of CCHI and the Enventis Corp. do not have any overlapping or adjacent ILEC or CLEC local service territories. Certain of the Consolidated Companies operate as ILECs and/or CLECs in California and Illinois, in which states Enventis Telecom holds statewide authority and provides resold interexchange (but not local) services.

**(a)(8)** This Application is eligible for streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) of the Commission's Rules because Enventis Corp.'s and CCHI's ILEC subsidiaries providing local services are independent local exchange carriers (as defined in Section 64.1902 of the Commission's Rules) having, in combination, fewer than two (2) percent of the nation's subscriber lines installed in the aggregate nationwide, and no overlapping or adjacent ILEC service areas.

**(a)(9)** Through this Application, Applicants seek authority with respect to both international and domestic Section 214 authorizations (this Application is being separately and concurrently filed with respect to both types of authorities in compliance with Section 63.04(b) of the Commission's rules).

**(a)(10)** Not applicable.

**(a)(11)** Not applicable.

**(a)(12)** A statement showing how grant of this Application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity is provided in **Section III** above.

### **CONCLUSION**



For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the public interest, convenience, and necessity would be furthered by a grant of this Application. Applicants respectfully request streamlined and expedited treatment to permit the parties to consummate the proposed Transaction as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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**EXHIBIT A**

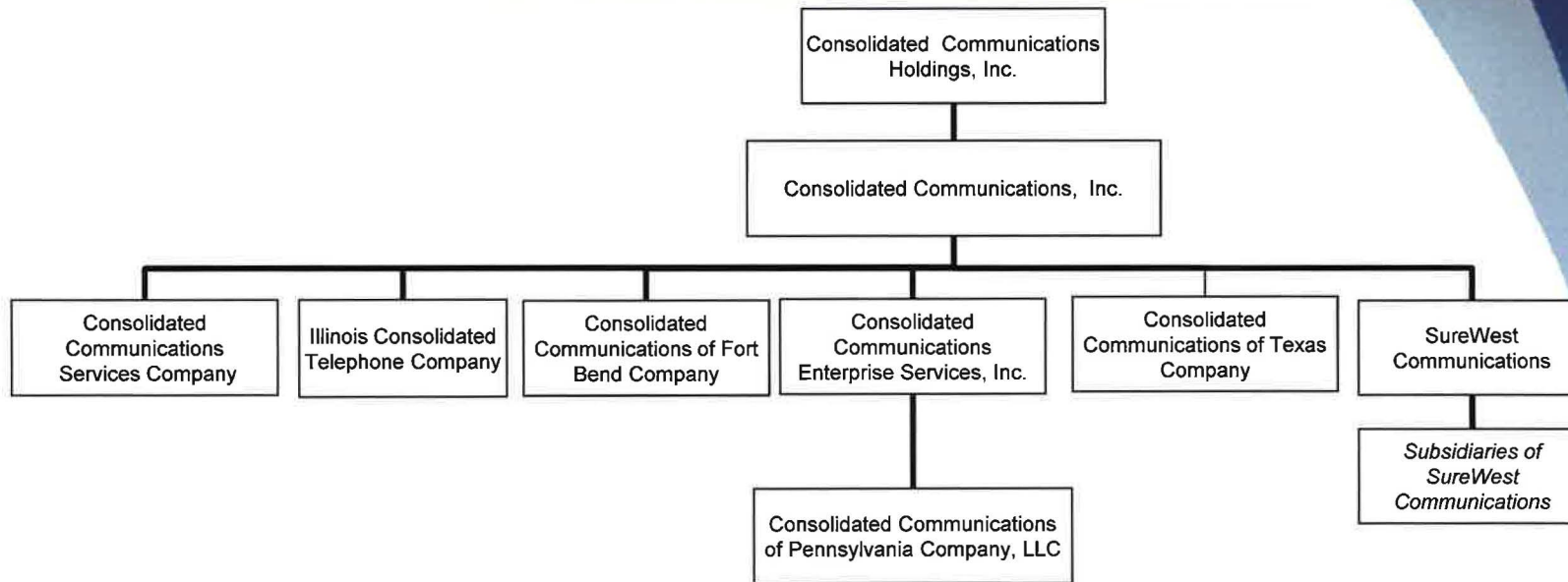
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# Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc & Subsidiaries

## Organizational Chart (Page 1 of 3)



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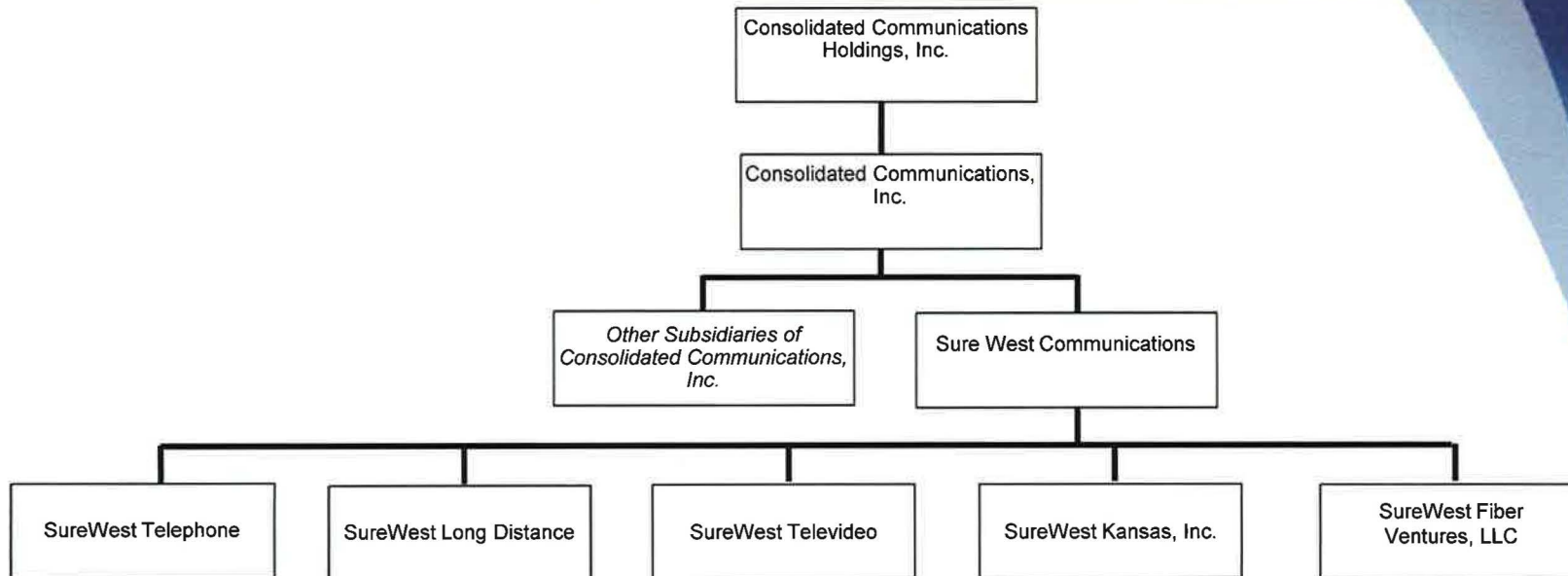


# Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc & Subsidiaries

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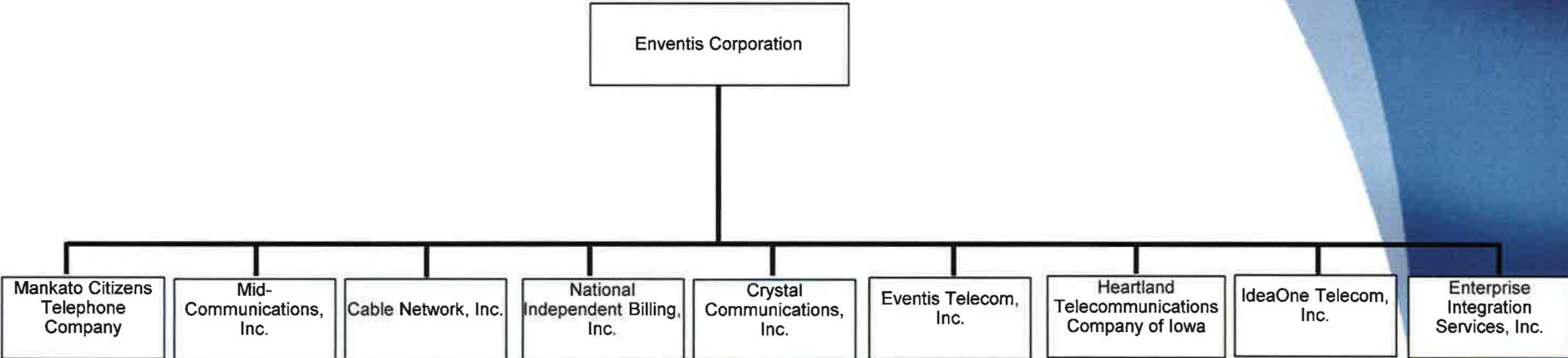


# Eventis Corporation & Subsidiaries

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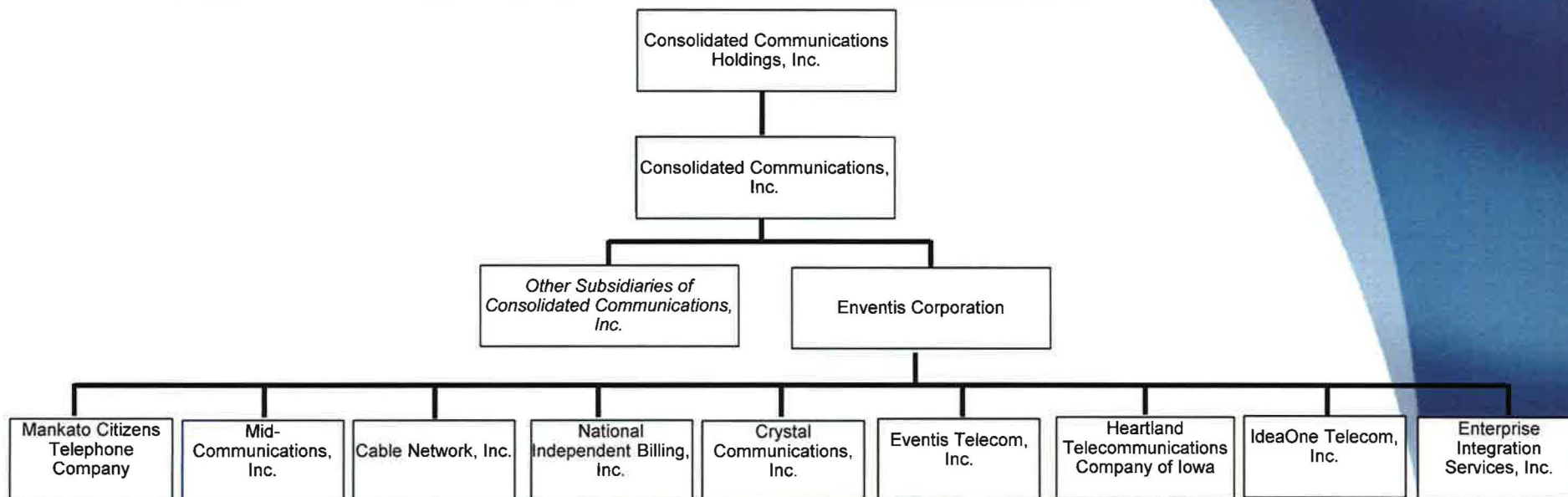


# Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc & Subsidiaries

## Organizational Chart (Page 4 of 4)



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## CERTIFICATIONS

### CERTIFICATION

I, Michael J Shultz, Vice President, Regulatory & Public Policy of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. ("CCH"), hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to make this Certification on behalf of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc., the Transferee, in the foregoing application. I further certify that the information in the foregoing application as it pertains to the Transferee and its subsidiaries is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that the Transferee is not subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a), as amended.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

  
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Michael J Shultz  
Vice President, Regulatory & Public Policy



### CERTIFICATION

I, William VanderSluis, Director – Regulatory of Enventis Corporation, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to make this Certification on behalf of the Transferor and 214 Licensees in the foregoing application. I further certify that the information in the foregoing application as it pertains to the Transferor and the 214 Licensees is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that neither the Transferor nor the 214 Licensees are subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a), as amended.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 17<sup>TH</sup> day of July, 2014.



William VanderSluis  
Director – Regulatory