

**PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265**

Public Meeting held August 14, 2025

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair
Kathryn L. Zerfuss
John F. Coleman, Jr.
Ralph V. Yanora

Registration of Securities Certificate Involving
Pledge of Assets and/or Stock by
Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania,
LLC

Docket No.
S-2025-3055788

ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 30, 2025, Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC (CCPA) filed, pursuant to Chapter 19 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. §§ 1901, et seq. and 52 Pa. Code § 3.601, for registration of the above-captioned securities certificate involving the pledge of assets and stock. On June 27, 2025, CCPA agreed to voluntarily extend the statutory consideration period of the filing indefinitely.

CCPA (utility code 312550) is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal offices located at 2116 South 17th Street, Mattoon, Illinois 61938. In

Pennsylvania, CCPA, the successor entity to North Pittsburgh Telephone Company,¹ operates as a rural incumbent local exchange carrier providing service throughout all or portions of Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Westmoreland, and Washington Counties.

CCPA is a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of Consolidated Communications, LLC (CCL), a Delaware limited liability company who, in turn, is a direct subsidiary of Consolidated Communications Holdings, LLC (CCHL). CCHL is a broadband and business communications provider serving a wide range of communication solutions to consumers, enterprise customers, and wireless and wireline carriers across rural and urban communities in 22 states.

Via the instant securities certificate, CCPA proposes to pledge its assets and/or stock as a guarantee of payment for parent-level financing undertaken by CCL in connection with new note issuances up to an aggregate amount of approximately \$3,018,500,000.²

Since the financing transaction will occur at the parent level, CCPA does not expect to incur any expenses in connection with the note issuance, nor will the pledge of assets have any impact on its balance sheet or income statement.

The purpose of the financing is to refinance existing debt, fund capital investments, and provide working capital to fund general corporate purposes and acquisitions.

¹ CCPA was also consolidated with Bentleyville Communications Corporation and Marianna & Scenery Hill Telephone Company. See Secretarial Letter dated May 13, 2019 at Docket Nos. A-2018-3006524, A-2018-3006525, A-2018-3006526, A-2018-3006527, A-2018-3006528, A-2018-3006529 and A-2018-3006530.

² Approximately \$2,018,500,000 of which is to be issued in 2025, with an additional \$500,000,000 being issued in each of 2026 and 2027.

CCPA avers that there are no outstanding balances remaining from securities previously registered with the Commission.

Compliance checks found that CCPA is current with its annual financial, Universal Service Fund, and Security Planning and Readiness report filing requirements and has no outstanding fines, fees, or assessments due.

Having reviewed the filing, we have determined that the pledge of assets and/or stock by CCPA as a guarantee of payment for parent level debt is necessary or proper for the present and probable future capital needs of the utility;

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the securities certificate of Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC with respect to its pledge of assets and stock as a guarantee of payment for parent-level financing is hereby registered.

2. That within 60 days of the issuance of debt pursuant to this registration, Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC shall file notice with the Commission of such issuance together with a summary of the interest rate, maturity, and call provisions.

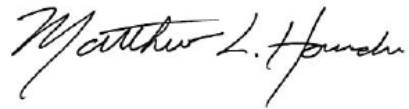
3. That the registration period of the debt issuance will end on December 31, 2027, if the issuance has not occurred by that date.

4. That consistent with section 1903(b) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1903(b), the registration of the subject securities certificate does not

represent Commission approval of the proposed projects for rate recovery pursuant to 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 1301-1328.

5. That upon receipt of the notice required by Ordering Paragraph No. 2, above, this case shall be marked closed.

BY THE COMMISSION,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew L. Homsher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Matthew Homsher
Secretary

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ORDER ADOPTED: August 14, 2025

ORDER ENTERED: August 14, 2025