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**Via Electronic Filing**

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
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Re: Joint Application of Fidium Holdings, LLC; Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company, LLC; Fidium Enterprise Services, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications – CC d/b/a Fidium; and Fidium Intermediate Holdings, LLC  
Docket No. A-2026-3061279,  
A-2026-3061281

Dear Secretary Homsher:

Attached for electronic filing, please find the Office of Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention and Public Statement in this proceeding.

Copies have been served on the parties as indicated on the enclosed Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Joint Application of Fidium Holdings, LLC; :  
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Pennsylvania Company, LLC; Fidium : Docket No. A-2026-3061279,  
Enterprise Services, LLC d/b/a Consolidated : A-2026-3061281  
Communications – CC d/b/a Fidium; and :  
Fidium Intermediate Holdings, LLC :

I hereby certify that I have this day filed electronically on the Commission’s electronic filing system and served a true copy of the following document, the Office of Consumer Advocate’s Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below.

Dated this 30th day of March, 2026.

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Joint Application of Fidium Holdings, LLC; :  
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Pennsylvania Company, LLC; Fidium : A-2026-3061281  
Enterprise Services, LLC d/b/a :  
Consolidated Communications – CC d/b/a :  
Fidium; and Fidium Intermediate Holdings, :  
LLC :

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NOTICE OF INTERVENTION  
OF THE  
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

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Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.71-74, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceedings. A copy of all correspondence, notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceedings should be addressed to the following:

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PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE  
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. Section 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to intervene in the proceedings before the Commission involving Fidium Holdings, LLC; Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company, LLC (Consolidated Communications); Fidium Enterprise Services, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications –CC d/b/a Fidium; and Fidium Intermediate Holdings LLC (collectively referred to as “Joint Applicants”).

On March 20, 2026, the Joint Applicants filed with the Commission a Joint General Rule Application pursuant to Sections 1102 and 1103 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. §§ 1102-1103, and Section 63.324 of Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code, 52 Pa. Code § 63.324. The Joint Applicants seek approval of the *Pro Forma* transaction which involves the insertion of an intermediate holding company, Fidium Intermediate, as a direct parent of Fidium, LLC (f/k/a Consolidated Communications Inc.), thereby resulting in an indirect change of ownership of the licensees. The Joint Applicants state that the transaction will be seamless and transparent to customers and will not result in changes to the rates, terms and conditions of the services customers receive.

Of note, one of the Joint Applicants, Consolidated Communications, operates as an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company in Pennsylvania and is the successor to the North Pittsburgh Telephone Company. Consolidated Communications serves approximately 11,000 access lines throughout its service territory which includes all or portions of Allegheny,

Armstrong, Butler, Westmoreland and Washington Counties. Consolidated Communications is the product of the consolidation of the former Bentleyville Communications Corporation and Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company.

The Consumer Advocate determined to intervene in this proceeding to protect the interests of Consolidated Communications' residential customers. The Consumer Advocate will seek to ensure that the rates, terms and conditions of the services provided by Consolidated Communications will not change as a result of the transaction and that, at all times, the company will continue to meet all of its obligations and requirements under the Public Utility Code and Chapter 30, in particular. 66 Pa.C.S. § 3011, *et seq.*