

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application of)
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Consolidated Communications of)
Pennsylvania Company, LLC d/b/a)
Consolidated Communications)
)
for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the)
Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,)
to Discontinue a Telecommunications Service)
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WC Docket No. 26-_____

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications and Fidium (FRN: 0025701244) ("CCPA," and together with Fidium, LLC's other FCC-regulated subsidiaries, "Consolidated")¹ seeks authority pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, to discontinue legacy voice service ("Affected Service") in one exchange in Pennsylvania. The proposed discontinuance area is shown on the map in Attachment A ("Affected Service Area"), while the affected Census Blocks in the Affected Service Area are listed on Attachment B.

In the Affected Service Area, Consolidated has overbuilt its copper network with fiber and will be transitioning residential subscribers of its basic local exchange services ("Legacy Voice Services") at locations with access to fiber to a Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") replacement service when such subscriber receives a bundle of DSL Internet and Legacy Voice Service ("Affected Subscribers"). CCPA currently has 233 fiber passings with 10 Affected Subscribers in

¹ CCPA is a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Fidium, LLC (FRN: 0003193539).

the Affected Service Area. CCPA seeks to discontinue Legacy Voice Service in the Affected Service Area as of July 14, 2026, or as soon thereafter as Commission approval is received for Affected Subscribers.

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by this discontinuance, as the Affected Subscribers can obtain alternative service arrangements from other providers that offer substitute services. Most notably, CCPA's affiliate Fidium Enterprise Services, LLC ("FES")² offers its Fidium-branded voice service delivered using VoIP technology and makes this service available throughout the Affected Service Area. Fidium VoIP service offers many more advanced phone features compared to traditional landline, including call forwarding, caller ID, call waiting, voice to email messages, call rejection, and a do not disturb setting.³ Further, the three largest mobile wireless providers (AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon) offer standalone and bundled voice in every exchange in the Affected Service Area as well.⁴ Wireline alternatives are available as well as Comcast Xfinity ("Xfinity") offers its wireline VoIP service in one exchange in the Affected Service Area and it offers voice service on a standalone basis or bundled with high-speed broadband and/or TV service.⁵ Provided as **Attachment C** is a chart based on the FCC's National Broadband Map that shows the voice services available from unaffiliated providers in each exchange in the Affected Service Area.

² FES and CCPA are both under the same corporate parent as they are both direct subsidiaries of Fidium, LLC.

³ *Phone Service*, Fidium Fiber, <https://www.fidiumfiber.com/phone-service> (last visited Apr. 13, 2026).

⁴ *See FCC National Broadband Map*, Federal Communications Commission, <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home> (last visited Apr. 13, 2026).

⁵ *See id.*

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This Application is eligible for automatic grant under 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(f)(2)(ii) since (A) CCPA's affiliate FES offers Fidium-branded voice service, throughout the Affected Service Area to locations with access to FES's fiber network, and (B) multiple other alternative stand-alone facilities-based wireline or wireless voice services are available from unaffiliated providers throughout the Affected Service Area. Xfinity Voice, as described above, is offered in one exchange in the Affected Service Area.⁶ Also, mobile wireless services from AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon are offered throughout the Affected Service Area.⁷

Consolidated submits the following information pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules:

1. Information Required by 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

(a) Name and address of carrier.

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(b) Date of planned service discontinuance, reduction or impairment.

As of July 14, 2026, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained, CCPA will no longer offer the Affected Service to Affected Subscribers in the Affected

⁶ *See id.*

⁷ *See id.*

Service Area. CCPA has committed to working with its Affected Subscribers in the Affected Service Area to enable them to transition to Fidium, or an alternative voice provider, if they choose to do so. CCPA understands that this application will be automatically granted on the 31st day after the public notice of filing unless the Commission notifies CCPA to the contrary.

(c) Geographic areas of service affected.

CCPA seeks authority to discontinue the Affected Service to Affected Subscribers in selected exchanges or wire centers of its service area in Pennsylvania. Specifically, CCPA plans to discontinue Legacy Voice Service to Affected Subscribers in the service locations in the area shown in **Attachment A** that are served or potentially could be served by Consolidated's fiber network, and **Attachment B** provides a list of the affected Census Blocks in the Affected Service Area.

(d) Brief description of the types of services affected.

The Affected Service is a Time Division Multiplexing-based ("TDM-based") voice service, delivered over CCPA's legacy copper telephone network, that provides voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.

Consolidated has overbuilt the vast majority of its copper network locations with fiber per public-private partnerships and federal broadband grants in the Affected Service Area. Where CCPA can serve customers with fiber, it will discontinue its Legacy Voice Service to subscribers currently receiving a bundle of Legacy Voice Service and DSL Internet; customers only served by copper will continue to receive CCPA Legacy Voice Service and have not been notified of the planned discontinuance in areas where locations have access to a fiber connection. Of course, all Affected Subscribers are able to choose an alternate voice wireline and/or wireless alternative

offered by a provider unaffiliated with CCPA, including Xfinity for wireline service or one of the three national wireless carriers, AT&T, T-Mobile or Verizon.

(e) Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c)(3))

Consolidated notified Affected Subscribers in the Affected Service Area that are covered by CCPA's fiber network of the planned discontinuance of the Affected Service in a letter sent via United Parcel Service or U.S. Mail by April 14, 2026. A copy of the form of customer notification letter Consolidated used is provided as Attachment D. That letter includes the information required by 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1) – (5).

(f) Dominance of carrier with respect to the services to be discontinued.

Consolidated is a non-dominant carrier with regard to the service to be discontinued.

(g) Service.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), CCPA has sent a copy of this application via overnight courier to the Governor of Pennsylvania and to the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission, as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense. There are no federally recognized Tribal Nations with Tribal lands in the Affected Service Area identified in Paragraph I(c) above.

2. Circumstances of the Discontinuance.

Consolidated is discontinuing its Legacy Voice Services for customers receiving a bundle of DSL Internet and Legacy Voice Service as part of a technology transition where it has overbuilt its copper network with fiber optic cable. Consolidated's base of legacy voice subscribers will likely continue to decrease, making it uneconomic for Consolidated to continue managing and maintaining both a copper network and fiber network in the Affected Service Area. Additionally, the transition to fiber improves the reliability of the network, benefitting consumers. Fiber provides

greater speeds and improves the customer experience for voice and broadband services. The copper network is aging and has significant limits for broadband services, which are the future of communications services. Services similar to those that are being discontinued are also readily available from other carriers – including Xfinity AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon – and CCPA will work with customers to transition them to other carriers' services if requested to do so.

3. Compliance with the Section 63.71(f)(2)(ii) Alternative Options Test.

Following the discontinuance of the Affected Services, Consolidated will continue to offer modern Fiber to the Premises (“FTTP”) voice services using VoIP as a replacement for the legacy Affected Services. In particular, FES will offer its Fidium-branded interconnected VoIP service. In addition, multiple wireless service providers, including AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon offer voice and broadband services throughout the affected area.⁸ Further, Xfinity, also offers wireline voice services in the Affected Service Area, both on a standalone basis and/or bundled with its fixed broadband offerings.⁹ Thus, this discontinuance of service constitutes a technology transition, as defined in Section 63.60(i) of the Commission’s rules.¹⁰ On the facts above, Consolidated Communications meets the “alternative options test” set forth in Section

⁸ See *FCC National Broadband Map*, Federal Communications Commission, <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home> (last visited Apr. 13, 2026)

⁹ See *id.*

¹⁰ 47 C.F.R. § 63.60(i) (technology transition means “any change in service that would result in the replacement of a wireline TDM-based voice service with a service using a different technology or medium for transmission to the end user, whether internet Protocol (IP), wireless, or another type; except that retirement of copper, as defined in § 51.325(a)(3) of this chapter, that does not result in a discontinuance, reduction, or impairment¹¹ of service requiring Commission authorization pursuant to this part shall not constitute a ‘technology transition’ for purposes of this part”).

63.71(f)(2)(ii) of the Commission's rules.¹¹ Thus, this application qualifies for treatment under the streamlined grant procedures set forth in Section 63.71(f)(1).¹²

4. Conclusion.

As demonstrated above, Consolidated meets each of the Commission's criteria for discontinuing service under Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules and qualifies for automatic grant under Section 63.71(f)(2)(ii) of those rules. As a result, the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of Consolidated's Legacy Voice Services to Affected Subscribers in the Affected Service Area. Advance notice has been provided to all Affected Subscribers, giving them ample time to arrange replacement services, which are readily available from FES and at least one unaffiliated wireline provider and multiple mobile wireless providers in each of the exchanges throughout the Affected Service Area. Consolidated therefore respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Section 63.71 application.

¹¹ 47 C.F.R. §63.71(f)(2)(ii) (under the alternative options test, the applicant must "[offer] a stand-alone interconnected VoIP service, as defined in §9.3 of this chapter, throughout the affected service area" and "[a]t least one other alternative stand-alone facilities-based wireline or wireless voice service is available from another unaffiliated provider throughout the affected service area").

¹² See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(f)(1) (an "application to discontinue, reduce, or impair service, if filed by . . . any carrier meeting the requirements of paragraph (f)(2)(ii) of this section, shall be automatically granted on the 31st day after its filing with the Commission without any Commission notification to the applicant unless the Commission has notified the applicant that the grant will not be automatically effective").

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT LIST

ATTACHMENT A – Exchange Boundary Maps

ATTACHMENT B – Census Blocks

ATTACHMENT C – Alternative Providers in Affected Service Area

ATTACHMENT D – Customer Notification

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ATTACHMENT A

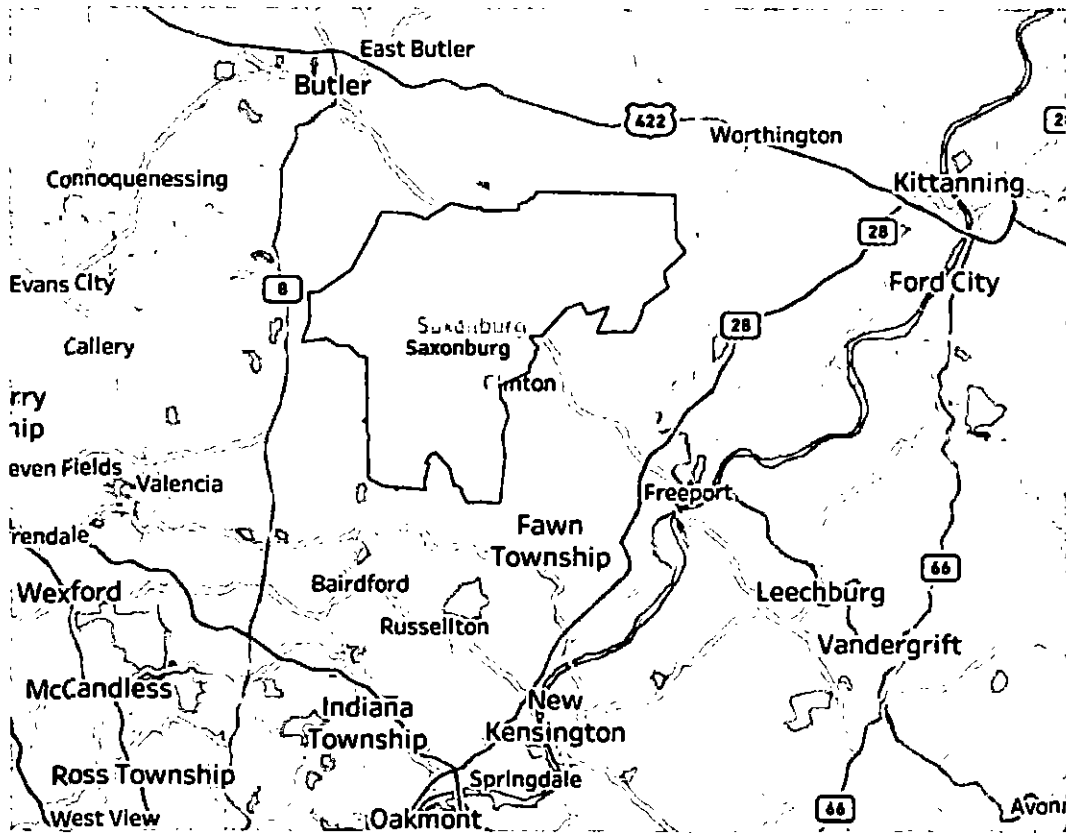
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ATTACHMENT B

Census Blocks

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ATTACHMENT C

Alternative Providers in Affected Service Area

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List of Voice and Broadband Competitors in Selected Exchanges

<u>State</u>	<u>Exchange</u>	<u>Provider</u>	<u>Wireline</u> <u>Speed</u>	<u>Broadband/Voice Providers</u>		<u>Mobile</u>	
				<u>Fixed Wireless</u> <u>Provider</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Provider</u>	<u>4G LTE</u>
PA	Saxonburg (SXBGPAXS)	Fidium	2000Mbps / 2000Mbps	AT&T	25Mbps / 3Mbps	AT&T	x
		Xfinity	1000Mbps / 35Mbps	T-Mobile	100Mbps / 20Mbps	Project Genesis	x
				Verizon	300Mbps / 20Mbps	T-Mobile	x
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Customer Notice



PO Box 1568, Conroe, TX 77305



Urgent Update! We've upgraded our network.

To maintain your services, call to schedule your **FREE** installation.



SAXONBURG, PA 16056-9514

Dear Valued Customer,

We upgraded our network infrastructure in parts of Saxonburg, PA! With our Fidium Fiber internet and enhanced phone services, you'll get faster speeds, improved call quality, better reliability and a host of other benefits. We are transitioning residential phone and DSL services from our legacy internet and phone service network to our new state-of-the-art fiber network on **July 14, 2026**. You must schedule **your free professional installation to maintain your services**.

Fiber delivers a better, more reliable experience!



Appreciate better value: With Fidium, you get our best prices with superior technology



Crystal-clear call quality: Our new phone service offers better call clarity and more reliable connections



Experience faster speeds: With speeds starting at 100 Mbps, you'll notice an immediate difference in everything you do online

We'll work with you to find a package that fits your life and your budget.

You deserve the best experience available and we make switching easy with our **convenient professional installation**. We're excited to offer you faster, more reliable and affordable fiber services, so contact us today for your special Fidium offer!



Act now! Schedule your **FREE** phone and internet install today!

Call **1-866-510-2652** Visit **FidiumFiber.com/SwitchToBetter**

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company, LLC d/b/a Fidium. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

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Services not available in all areas or at the rates or speeds generally advertised. Fidium gateway req'd to support Attune WiFi app & proactive network monitoring. Upload/download speed based on max wired speeds to single connected device. Actual internet, WiFi speeds & WiFi coverage varies based on home size/layout, construction materials, hardware/software limitations, simultaneous users/devices, etc. © 2026 Fidium. All rights reserved. FDAPDM1a

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served on April 17, 2026, by sending true and correct copies thereof via overnight courier to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

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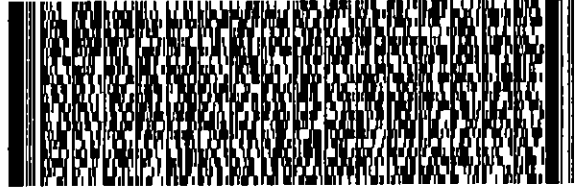
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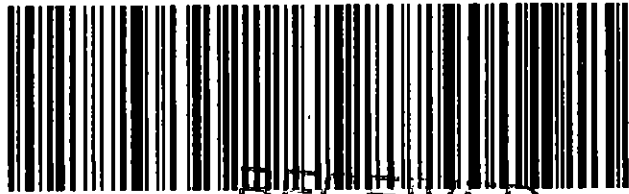
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