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Via Electronic Filing

Matthew L. Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
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Re: Consolidated Communications of
Pennsylvania Company, LLC, 2026 PSI/SPI
Filing
Docket No. R-2026-3062084

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

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Pennsylvania Company, LLC, 2026 : Docket No. R-2026-3062084
PSI/SPI Filing :

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 5th day of May, 2026.

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BEFORE THE
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NOTICE OF INTERVENTION
OF THE
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

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 the Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company, LLC (“Consolidated Communications” or “the Company”) filing dated April 30, 2026 regarding the Company’s Amended Alternative Form of Regulation and Network Modernization Plan made pursuant to Chapter 30 of the Public Utility Code. 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 3011, et seq.

The filing made by Consolidated Communications includes its 2026 Price Stability Index (PSI) and Service Price Index (SPI) reports which propose to increase certain residential and business access line rates by \$3.50 per month. Furthermore, through the filing, the Company proposes to eliminate the banked revenue increase from the 2022 PSI/SPI filing from the total allowable banked revenue amount. Consolidated Communications provided the necessary supporting documentation in support of its filing in both proprietary and non-proprietary format.

Of note, 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 who rely on noncompetitive service offerings. The Consumer Advocate will seek to ensure that the rates, terms and conditions of the services provided by Consolidated Communications are just and reasonable, consistent with the Company's effective Chapter 30 plan and consistent with all applicable requirements and obligations under the Public Utility Code.