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FRN: 0010155398
TRANSMITTAL No. 81

Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554
ATTN: Wireline Competition Bureau

The accompanying tariff material, issued by Consolidated Communications Companies ("Consolidated") and bearing FCC Tariff Numbers 7 and 8, is sent to you in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

The FCC Registration Number for Consolidated is 0010155398. Consolidated is issuing this filing on behalf of issuing carriers with the following FRN's:

- Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC – FRN # 0016-0226-18
- Telephone Operating Company of Vermont, LLC – FRN # 0017-5513-59
- China Telephone Co. - FRN #: 0003-7082-45
- Maine Telephone Co. - FRN # 0003-7082-29
- Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. - FRN # 0003-7231-86
- FairPoint Vermont, Inc. - FRN # 0003-7232-02
- Sidney Telephone Company – FRN # 0003-7232-10
- Standish Telephone Co. – FRN # 0003-7082-86

This material is being filed on fifteen (15) days' notice and scheduled to become effective on May 1, 2018, consisting of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheets:

Tariff FCC No. 7, Access Service Original Page 1

Tariff FCC No. 8, Access Service Original Page 1

Consolidated Communications Companies is issuing FCC Tariff Nos. 7 and 8 as replacements for The FairPoint Communications Companies FCC Tariff Nos. 1 and 2 to reflect a name change from "The FairPoint Telephone Companies," to "Consolidated Communications Companies." The name change is being made to reflect the merger of FairPoint Communications, Inc. and its operating subsidiaries into Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. The rules, regulations and rates of the Consolidated Communications Companies FCC Tariff Nos. 7 and 8 are identical to those found in the tariffs they are replacing with the exception of non-substantive organizational changes in the documents including corrections to section numbers, elimination of blank pages and repagination of pages, and

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other non-substantive formatting changes. Also included with this filing are the revised tariff pages reflecting the cancellation of the existing tariffs, The FairPoint Telephone Companies FCC Tariff No. 1 and 2.

This transmittal letter and associated attachments are being filed electronically today via the Federal Communications Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS). Payment in the amount of \$925.00 has been electronically transmitted to the U.S. Bank in St. Louis, Missouri in accordance with the fee program procedures.

Supporting material is not required with this filing. Petitions pertaining to this filing may be served in person or by facsimile to:

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Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to Sthomas@tminc.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas
Consultant

Enclosures

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