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RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS ENTERPRISE SERVICES, INC. FOR APPROVAL TO CANCEL ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY. (DOCKET NO. T-04227A-15-0161)

Attached is the Staff Report for the above referenced application. The Applicant is applying for approval to cancel its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide the following services:

- Competitive Resold Interexchange Services

Staff recommends cancellation of the CC&N.

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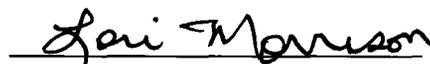
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STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Staff Report for the application of Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc., Docket No. T-04227A-15-0161, for approval to cancel its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity was the responsibility of the staff member listed below. Lori Morrison was responsible for the review and analysis of the application.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Morrison". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lori Morrison
Utilities Consultant

INTRODUCTION

On May 21, 2015, Mr. Lance C. Casey, on behalf of Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. ("CCESI" or "Company"), submitted a letter requesting cancellation of its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide resold long distance telecommunications services within the State of Arizona effective immediately.

BACKGROUND

On April 6, 2004, in Decision No. 66901, the Commission granted CCESI a CC&N to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Arizona.

STAFF'S ANALYSIS

In its May 21, 2015 letter, CCESI stated it is no longer providing service or doing business in Arizona and stopped providing service in Arizona by no later than January 2011. Because it has no customers in Arizona, there were no customers to notify and CCESI requests a waiver of the notice of discontinuance of services to customers in Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-2-1107(A)(1). In addition, because there are no customers, no counties are affected by the discontinuance of service and CCESI also requests a waiver of the published notice requirements in affected counties in A.A.C. R14-2-1107(B).

The Consumer Services Section of the Utilities Division reports that there have been no complaints, inquiries, or opinions filed against CCESI from January 1, 2012 to June 12, 2015. CCESI had not filed a Utilities Annual Report since April 10, 2012, for the year ending December 31, 2011. According to the Corporations Division, CCESI's is in Good Standing. The Compliance Section reports that there are no current compliance delinquencies for CCESI.

RECOMMENDATION

Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. is not currently providing resold interexchange telecommunications services to any customers in Arizona. Staff recommends that CCESI's CC&N to provide resold long distance telecommunications services be cancelled. In addition, Staff recommends approval of CCESI's request for a waiver of the requirements to provide direct notice to affected customers and publish notice contained in A.A.C. R14-2-1107. Staff also recommends that CCESI's CC&N to provide resold long distance telecommunications services be cancelled. Staff further recommends the cancellation of CCESI's tariff that is on file with this Commission.

Upon cancellation of its CC&N, CCESI will no longer be authorized to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services in Arizona and therefore, will no longer be subject to the requirements of Decision No. 66901.