

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 11, 2024

IN RE:

CONSOLIDATED TELECOM, INC.
APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO
PROVIDE OPERATOR SERVICES AND/OR
RESELL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SERVICES IN TENNESSEE

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DOCKET NO.
23-00048

ORDER DISMISSING APPLICATION WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND CLOSING DOCKET

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission upon the *Application for Authority to Provide Operator Services and/or Resell Telecommunications Services in Tennessee* (“*Application*”), filed by Consolidated Telecom, Inc. (“Consolidated” or “Applicant”) on June 22, 2023, to consider dismissal of the *Application*.


On July 14, 2023, Commission Staff sent a data request to the Applicant informing them that consideration of the *Application* could not proceed due to insufficient data received/submitted. Additionally, by formal correspondence dated December 8, 2023, the Hearing Officer advised Consolidated that Tennessee law requires an entry of appearance of local counsel for the *Application* on behalf of Consolidated (“Notice Letter”).¹ The Notice Letter further advises the Applicant that “[f]ailure to respond within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter may result in a dismissal of the application and closure of the docket.”²

¹ The formal letter also notes that an informal letter was sent to the Applicant on August 30, 2023 advising that entry of appearance by local counsel is necessary to proceed with consideration of the *Application*.

² *Letter from Aaron Conklin, Senior Counsel, Re: Representation By a Tennessee Licensed Attorney to Leonard Nowalsky, Esq., Nowalsky & Gothard* (December 8, 2023).

The Applicant has not responded to either the Commission Staff data request or Notice Letter. More than thirty (30) days and passed since the date of the Notice Letter without response from the Applicant. Therefore, the Hearing Officer finds that it is appropriate to dismiss Consolidated's *Application*, without prejudice, and to close this docket.

IT SO ORDERED.



Aaron J. Conklin, Hearing Officer