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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

**TO:** Registration Section  
Division of Corporations

**SUBJECT:** CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC SERVICES, INC.  
(Name of corporation - must include suffix)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida", "Certificate of Existence", and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign corporation to transact business in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

JANICE HESTER

(Name of Person)

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC SERVICES, INC.

(Firm/Company)

121 S. 17TH STREET

(Address)

MATTOON, IL 61938

(City/State and Zip code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

LORI BOEHM

(Name of Person)

at

217-234-9968

(Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

### STREET ADDRESS:

Registration Section  
Division of Corporations  
409 E. Gaines St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

### MAILING ADDRESS:

Registration Section  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

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**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT  
BUSINESS IN FLORIDA**

*IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO  
REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.*

1. CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC SERVICES, INC.  
(Name of corporation; must include the word "INCORPORATED", "COMPANY", "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present.)
2. ILLINOIS  
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)
3. 37-1246556  
(FEI number, if applicable)
4. 01/05/1989  
(Date of incorporation)
5. PERPETUAL  
(Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. 06-01-03  
(Date first transacted business in Florida. If corporation has not transacted business in Florida, insert "upon qualification.")  
(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)
7. 121 S. 17TH STREET, MATTOON, IL 61938  
(Principal office address)  
121 S. 17TH STREET, MATTOON, IL 61938  
(Current mailing address)
8. TERMINATION OF COLLECT CALLS WITHIN FLORIDA  
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)
9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** acceptable)  
Name: NR A1 Services, Inc.  
Office Address: 526 E. Park Avenue  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301  
(City) (Zip code)

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**10. Registered agent's acceptance:**

*Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.*

  
(Registered agent's signature)

*Jackie Sarman Asst. Secretary*

11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

**12. Names and business addresses of officers and/or directors:**

**A. DIRECTORS**

Chairman: SEE ATTACHED

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**B. OFFICERS**

President: SEE ATTACHED

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

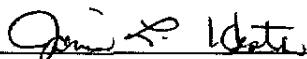
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13. \_\_\_\_\_



(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. \_\_\_\_\_

(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

**Consolidated Communications Public Services Inc**

**121 South 17th Street**

**Mattoon, Illinois 61938**

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DIRECTORS	Business Address
Kevin J. MARONI	121 South 17 <sup>th</sup> Street Mattoon, IL 61938
Mark A. PELSON	121 South 17 <sup>th</sup> Street Mattoon, IL 61938
Robert J. CURREY	121 South 17 <sup>th</sup> Street Mattoon, IL 61938
Richard A. LUMPKIN	121 South 17 <sup>th</sup> Street Mattoon, IL 61938

OFFICERS	TITLE	Business Address
Richard A. Lumpkin 059-32-0695	Chairman	121 South 17th Street Mattoon, IL 61938
Robert J. Currey 384-44-6415	President	121 South 17th Street Mattoon, IL 61938
Steven L. Childers 315-68-8212	Vice President of Finance	121 South 17th Street Mattoon, IL 61938
Steven L. Grissom 344-48-7086	Treasurer and Secretary	121 South 17th Street Mattoon, IL 61938
Janice L. Hester 346-58-2378	Director of Taxes	121 South 17 <sup>th</sup> Street Mattoon, IL 61938
Dave Ropiequet 358-40-3674	Assistant Treasurer	121 South 17th Street Mattoon, IL 61938

File Number 5535-695-5



*To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:*

*I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that*

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC SERVICES, INC., A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE JANUARY 5, 1989, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE RELATING TO THE FILING OF ANNUAL REPORTS AND PAYMENT OF FRANCHISE TAXES, AND AS OF THIS DATE, IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS\*\*\*\*\*



*In Testimony Whereof, I, hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, this* 21ST *day of* MAY *A.D.* 2003

*Jesse White*

SECRETARY OF STATE