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Midwest Fibernet Inc.

Individual(s) Association
 General Partnership Limited Partnership
 Corporation - Illinois
 Other _____

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

Assignment Merger
 Security Agreement Change of Name
 Other _____

Effective Date: May 1, 1996

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Consolidated Network Inc.

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 121 South Seventeenth Street

City: Mattoon State: Illinois Zip: 61938

Individual(s) citizenship
 Association
 General Partnership
 Limited Partnership
 Corporation Illinois
 Other _____

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached: Yes No
(Designations must be a separate document from Assignment).
Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):

A. Trademark Application No.(s)

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

B. Trademark registration #

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6. Total number of applications and registrations involved:

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$ 40.00

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State of Illinois
Office of
The Secretary of State

Whereas,

ARTICLES OF MERGER OF
CONSOLIDATED NETWORK INC.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HAVE BEEN
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS PROVIDED BY THE
BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT OF ILLINOIS, IN FORCE JULY 1, A.D. 1984.

Now Therefore, I, George H. Ryan, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this certificate and attach hereto a copy of the Application of the aforesaid corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, at the City of Springfield, this 1ST day of MAY A.D. 19 96 and of the Independence of the United States the two hundred and 20TH.



George H Ryan

Secretary of State

**ARTICLES OF MERGER
CONSOLIDATION OR EXCHANGE**

(Rev. Jan. 1995)

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MAY 1 1996

GEORGE H. RYAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

Date 5/1/96

Filing Fee \$ 20

Approved: 

1. Names of the corporations proposing to ~~merge~~ ^{merge} ~~consolidate~~ ^{consolidate} and the state or country of their incorporation:

Name of Corporation	State or Country Of Incorporation	Corporation File N
<u>Consolidated Network Inc.</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>5383-075-7</u>
<u>Midwest Fibernet Inc.</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>5390-398-3</u>
<u>Central Communications Company</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>4466-775-4</u>
<u>Consolidated Communications Telecom Services Inc.</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>5858-697-3</u>

2. The laws of the state or country under which each corporation is incorporated permit such merger, consolidation or exchange.

3. (a) Name of the ~~surviving~~ ^{surviving} ~~new~~ ^{new} corporation: Consolidated Network Inc.
(b) it shall be governed by the laws of: Illinois

4. Plan of ~~merger~~ ^{merger} ~~consolidation~~ ^{consolidation} is as follows: See Exhibit A attached hereto

If not sufficient space to cover this point, add one or more sheets of this size.

EXPEDITE

MAY 1 1996

SECRETARY OF STATE

PLAN OF MERGER

1. Effective as of the date on which a Certificate of Merger is issued by the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois (the "Illinois Secretary of State") following the filing of Articles of Merger with the Illinois Secretary of State (the "Effective Date"), each of:

- (a) Midwest Fibernet Inc., an Illinois corporation ("MFI") and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Consolidated Network Inc., an Illinois corporation ("CNI");
- (b) Central Communications Company, an Illinois corporation ("CCC") and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Consolidated Communications Inc., an Illinois corporation ("CCI"); and
- (c) Consolidated Communications Telecom Services Inc., an Illinois corporation ("CCTS") and a wholly-owned subsidiary of CCI,

shall each be merged with and into CNI, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CCI. CNI shall be the surviving corporation under the name of Consolidated Communications Telecom Services Inc., and the separate existence of each of MFI, CCC and CCTS shall cease, in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Business Corporation Act of 1983, as amended.

2. The issued shares of MFI, CCC and CCTS shall not be converted in any manner, and each such share which is issued and outstanding as of the Effective Date shall be surrendered and canceled.

3. The issued shares of CNI shall not be converted in any manner, and each such share which is issued and outstanding as of the Effective Date shall remain issued and outstanding following the Effective Date and shall be unchanged by the merger.

4. The Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of CNI as in effect on the Effective Date shall constitute the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the surviving corporation, with the following change:

ARTICLE ONE of the Articles of Incorporation of CNI is hereby amended to read as follows:

The name of the corporation is Consolidated Communications Telecom Services Inc.

5. The persons who are the directors and officers of CNI immediately prior to the merger shall be the directors and officers of the surviving corporation and shall hold office as provided in the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the surviving corporation.

6. This Plan of Merger may be terminated and the merger provided for herein may be abandoned upon the written agreement of the parties at any time prior to the filing of Articles of Merger with the Illinois Secretary of State.

7. (Complete this item if reporting a merger under § 11-30—90% owned subsidiary provisions.)

a. The number of outstanding shares of each class of each merging subsidiary corporation and the number of such shares of each class owned immediately prior to the adoption of the plan of merger by the parent corporation, are:

Name of Corporation	Total Number of Shares Outstanding of Each Class	Number of Shares of Each Class Owned Immediately Prior to Merger by the Parent Corporation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

b. (Not applicable to 100% owned subsidiaries)
 The date of mailing a copy of the plan of merger and notice of the right to dissent to the shareholders of each merging subsidiary corporation was _____, 19 ____.

Was written consent for the merger or written waiver of the 30-day period by the holders of all the outstanding shares of all subsidiary corporations received? Yes No

(If the answer is "No," the duplicate copies of the Articles of Merger may not be delivered to the Secretary of State until after 30 days following the mailing of a copy of the plan of merger and of the notice of the right to dissent to the shareholders of each merging subsidiary corporation.)

8. The undersigned corporations have caused these articles to be signed by their duly authorized officers, each of whom affirms, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated herein are true. (All signatures must be in **BLACK INK**.)

Dated May 1, 19 96

attested by *S. L. Grissom*
 (Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary)
S. L. Grissom, Secretary
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

Consolidated Network Inc.
 (Exact Name of Corporation)

by *J. L. Patrick*
 (Signature of President or Vice President)
J. L. Patrick, Vice President
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

Dated May 1, 19 96

attested by *S. L. Grissom*
 (Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary)
S. L. Grissom, Secretary
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

Midwest Fibernet Inc.
 (Exact Name of Corporation)

by *J. L. Patrick*
 (Signature of President or Vice President)
J. L. Patrick, Vice President
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

Dated May 1, 19 96

attested by *S. L. Grissom*
 (Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary)
S. L. Grissom, Secretary
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

Central Communications Company
 (Exact Name of Corporation)

by *J. L. Patrick*
 (Signature of President or Vice President)
J. L. Patrick, Vice President
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

Dated May 1, 19 96

attested by *S. L. Grissom*
 (Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary)
S. L. Grissom, Secretary
 (Type or Print Name and Title)

Consolidated Communications Telecom Services Inc.
 (Exact Name of Corporation)

by *J. L. Patrick*
 (Signature of President or Vice President)
J. L. Patrick, Vice President
 (Type or Print Name and Title)