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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Midwest Fibernet Inc.

- Individual(s) Association
General Partnership Limited Partnership
[X] Corporation Illinois
Other

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

2. Name and Address of receiving party(ies)

Consolidated Communications Telecom Services Inc.
121 South 17th Street,
Mattoon, IL 61938

- Individual(s) citizenship
Association
General Partnership
Limited Partnership
[X] Corporation Illinois
Other

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment Merger [X]
Security Agreement Change of Name
Other:

Execution Date: May 1, 1996

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).

B. Trademark Registration No(s).

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Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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6. Total number of applications/registrations involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40

Check enclosed

All fees and any deficiencies are authorized to be charged to Deposit Account (Our Reference 065890/1)

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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Diane Vo-Verde

Diane Vo-Verde

April 26, 2002

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Signature

Date

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File Number

STATE OF ILLINOIS
8383-075-7

State of Illinois
Office of
The Secretary of State

This Corp
changed its
name in the
merger to
Consolidated
Communications
Telephone Services
Inc (see
Ex A-1)

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 18th 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

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(Rev. Jan. 1995)


**ARTICLES OF MERGER
CONSOLIDATION OR EXCHANGE**

File # **5383-075-7**

George H. Ryan
Secretary of State
Department of Business Services
Springfield, IL 62756
Telephone (217) 782-8881

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MAY 1 1996 MAY 3 1996

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This space for use by
Secretary of State
Date **5/1/96**
Filing Fee **\$200.00**
Approved 

DO NOT SEND CASH!
Make payment in check or money
order, payable to "Secretary of State."
Filing Fee is \$100, but if merger or
consolidation of more than 2 corpo-
rations, \$50 for each additional cor-
poration.

**GEORGE H. RYAN
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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

Name of Corporation	State or Country Of Incorporation	Corporation File No.
<u>Consolidated Network Inc.</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>5383-075-7</u>
<u>Midwest Fibernet Inc.</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>5388-388-3</u>
<u>Central Communications Company</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>4188-275-4</u>
<u>Consolidated Communications Telecom Services Inc.</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>5888-897-8</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} ~~new~~ corporation: Consolidated Network Inc.
(b) It shall be governed by the laws of: Illinois

4. Plan of ^{merger} ~~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.

EXPEDITED

MAY 1 1996

SECRETARY OF STATE

5. Plan of ^{merger} ~~consolidation~~ was approved, as to each corporation not organized in Illinois, in compliance with the laws of the state under which it is organized, and (b) as to each Illinois corporation, as follows:

(The following items are not applicable to mergers under §11.30 — 80% owned subsidiary provisions. See Article 7.)

(Only "X" one box for each corporation)

By the shareholders, a resolution of the board of directors having been duly adopted and submitted to a vote at a meeting of shareholders. Not less than the minimum number of votes required by statute and by the articles of incorporation voted in favor of the action taken.

(§ 11.20)

By written consent of the shareholders having not less than the minimum number of votes required by statute and by the articles of incorporation. Shareholders who have not consented in writing have been given notice in accordance with § 7.10 (§ 11.20)

By written consent of ALL the shareholders entitled to vote on the action, in accordance with § 7.10 & § 11.20

Name of Corporation

Name of Corporation	(§ 11.20)	(§ 11.20)	(§ 7.10 & § 11.20)
<u>Consolidated Network Inc.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Midwest FiberNet Inc.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Central Communications Company</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Consolidated Communications</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Telecom Services Inc.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. (Not applicable if surviving, new or acquiring corporation is an Illinois corporation) N/A

It is agreed that, upon and after the issuance of a certificate of merger, consolidation or exchange by the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois:

- a. The surviving, new or acquiring corporation may be served with process in the State of Illinois in any proceeding for the enforcement of any obligation of any corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois which is a party to the merger, consolidation or exchange and in any proceeding for the enforcement of the rights of a dissenting shareholder of any such corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois against the surviving, new or acquiring corporation.
- b. The Secretary of State of the State of Illinois shall be and hereby is irrevocably appointed as the agent of the surviving, new or acquiring corporation to accept service of process in any such proceedings, and
- c. The surviving, new, or acquiring corporation will promptly pay to the dissenting shareholders of any corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois which is a party to the merger, consolidation or exchange the amount, if any, to which they shall be entitled under the provisions of "The Business Corporation Act of 1993" of the State of Illinois with respect to the right of dissenting shareholders.

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 90-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 90 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, 1998
attested by [Signature]
(Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary)
S. L. Grissom, Secretary
(Type or Print Name and Title)

Consolidated Network Inc.
(Exact Name of Corporation)
by [Signature]
(Signature of President or Vice President)
J. L. Patrick, Vice President
(Type or Print Name and Title)

Dated May 1, 1998
attested by [Signature]
(Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary)
S. L. Grissom, Secretary
(Type or Print Name and Title)

Midwest Fibernet Inc.
(Exact Name of Corporation)
by [Signature]
(Signature of President or Vice President)
J. L. Patrick, Vice President
(Type or Print Name and Title)

Dated May 1, 1998
attested by [Signature]
(Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary)
S. L. Grissom, Secretary
(Type or Print Name and Title)

Central Communications Company
(Exact Name of Corporation)
by [Signature]
(Signature of President or Vice President)
J. L. Patrick, Vice President
(Type or Print Name and Title)

Dated May 1, 1998
attested by [Signature]
(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 [Signature]
(Signature of President or Vice President)
J. L. Patrick, Vice President
(Type or Print Name and Title)

EXHIBIT A

PLAN OF MERGER

1. Effectively 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 1989, 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.