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FairPoint Communications Announces Name Change to "Consolidated Communications"

Consolidated committed to improving services, increasing broadband speeds and investing in the communities it serves

MATTOON, Ill., Feb. 20, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Consolidated Communications](#) (NASDAQ:CNSL) announces that effective today the company will operate as Consolidated Communications in its FairPoint Communications service area. The name change follows Consolidated's acquisition of FairPoint which closed last July. As a combined company, Consolidated Communications is an even stronger and more competitive provider, with a fiber network spanning 24 states and more than 36,000 route miles making the Consolidated a top 10 fiber provider in the U.S.

"Today, we launch the Consolidated Communications brand to reflect a new day and our commitment to deliver best-in-class services to our customers," said Bob Udell, president and chief executive officer of Consolidated Communications. "We are committed to making this transition a seamless experience for customers. Since closing on the acquisition last July, we've made great progress on many initiatives to upgrade broadband platforms and make it easier for customers to do business with us by delivering new and enhanced products and self-service tools. This is also an exciting time for our employees as we join together as one team with greater scale and resources to ultimately deliver a better experience to our customers."

Consolidated Communications is well on its way to significantly boosting broadband speeds across its Northern New England service area to more than 500,000 homes passed in 2018. In addition to faster broadband speeds, residents can also expect Consolidated Communications to offer new and enhanced services over the company's fiber network, including: Over-The-Top content options, residential Voice-Over-Internet Protocol (VoIP) phone service and home security services. Businesses will also benefit as Consolidated Communications plans to expand its commercial product portfolio to include: Unified Communications, advanced data networking and cybersecurity services, both cloud and on premise solutions.

Existing customers will not be required to change their email addresses as part of the name change.

Regarding involvement in the community, Udell added, "Consolidated Communications has a long history of being a strong local partner in the communities we serve. We are excited to invest in our newest communities through company giving, employee volunteerism and making broadband infrastructure investments which make our communities better places to work and live."

To learn more, visit consolidated.com/fairpoint.

About Consolidated Communications

[Consolidated Communications](#) Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:CNSL) is a leading broadband and business communications provider serving consumers, businesses of all sizes, and wireless companies and carriers, across a 24-state service area. Leveraging its advanced fiber optic network spanning more than 36,000 fiber route miles, Consolidated Communications offers a wide range of communications solutions, including: data, voice, video, managed services, cloud computing and wireless backhaul. Headquartered in Mattoon, Ill., Consolidated Communications has been providing services in many of its markets for more than a century.

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