

Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.
Form 8-K
August 19, 2014

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): August 19, 2014

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware (State of Incorporation) | 000-51446 (Commission File Number) | 02-0636095 (IRS employer identification no.) |
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| 121 South 17th Street Mattoon, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices) | 61938-3987 (Zip code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (217) 235-3311

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 19, 2014, Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that its Board of Directors has set the record date for a special meeting of its stockholders to consider and vote on the proposal to approve the issuance of the Company’s common stock to shareholders of Enventis Corporation, a Minnesota corporation (“Enventis”), in the merger contemplated by the previously announced Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of June 29, 2014, by and among the Company, Sky Merger Sub Inc., a newly formed Minnesota corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and Enventis (the “Merger Agreement”) and the proposal to approve the adjournment or postponement of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, for among other reasons, the solicitation of additional proxies in the event that there are not sufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the issuance of the Company’s common stock to Enventis shareholders in the merger contemplated by the Merger Agreement. Stockholders of record as of the close of business on August 21, 2014, the record date for the special meeting, will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the special meeting.

The press release announcing the setting of the record date for the special meeting is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Safe Harbor

The Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) encourages companies to disclose forward-looking information so that investors can better understand a company’s future prospects and make informed investment decisions. Certain statements in this report are forward-looking statements and are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements reflect, among other things, current expectations, plans, strategies, and anticipated financial results of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”). There are a number of risks, uncertainties, and conditions that may cause the Company’s actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include the Company’s ability to complete the acquisition of Enventis and successfully integrate Enventis’ operations and realize the synergies from the acquisition, as well as a number of factors related to the Company’s business and that of Enventis, including economic and financial market conditions generally and economic conditions in the Company’s and Enventis’ service areas; various risks to stockholders of not receiving dividends and risks to the Company’s ability to pursue growth opportunities if the Company continues to pay dividends according to the current dividend policy; various risks to the price and volatility of the Company’s common stock; changes in the valuation of pension plan assets; the substantial amount of debt and the Company’s ability to repay or refinance it or incur additional debt in the future; the Company’s need for a significant amount of cash to service and repay the debt and to pay dividends on the common stock; restrictions contained in the debt agreements that limit the discretion of management in operating the business; regulatory changes, including changes to subsidies, rapid development and introduction of new technologies and intense competition in the telecommunications industry; risks associated with the Company’s possible pursuit of acquisitions; system failures; losses of large customers or government contracts; risks associated with the rights-of-way for the network; disruptions in the relationship with third party vendors; losses of key management personnel and the inability to attract and retain highly qualified management and personnel in the future; changes in the extensive governmental legislation and regulations governing telecommunications providers and the provision of telecommunications services; telecommunications carriers disputing and/or avoiding their obligations to pay network access charges for use of the Company’s and Enventis’ network; high costs of regulatory compliance; the competitive impact of legislation and regulatory changes in the telecommunications industry; and liability and compliance costs regarding environmental regulations. A detailed discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from such forward-looking statements are discussed in more detail in the Company’s and Enventis’ filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including their reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q. Many of these circumstances are beyond the Company’s ability to control or predict. Moreover, forward-looking statements necessarily involve assumptions on the Company’s part. These forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words “believe”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “estimate”,

“project”, “intend”, “plan”, “should”, “may”, “will”, “would”, “will be”, “will continue” or similar expressions. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements of the Company and its subsidiaries to be different from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on the Company’s behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements that appear throughout this report. Furthermore, forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. Except as required under the federal securities laws or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

Proxy Statement/Prospectus

This material is not a substitute for the joint proxy statement/prospectus the Company and Enventis filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 8, 2014. Investors in the Company or Enventis are urged to read the joint proxy statement/prospectus, which contains important information, including detailed risk factors, and any amendments thereto when they become available. The joint proxy statement/prospectus is, and other documents which will be filed by the Company and Enventis with the Securities and Exchange Commission will be, available free of charge at the Securities and Exchange Commission's website, www.sec.gov, or by directing a request to Consolidated Communications, 121 South 17th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938, Attention: Investor Relations; or to Enventis Corporation, P.O. Box 3248, Mankato, MN 56002, Attention: Investor Relations. The final joint proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to the Company's stockholders and Enventis' shareholders.

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such jurisdiction.

Proxy Solicitation

The Company and Enventis, and certain of their respective directors, executive officers and other members of management and employees are participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transactions. Information about the directors and executive officers of the Company is set forth in the joint proxy statement/prospectus. Information about the directors and executive officers of Enventis is set forth in its proxy statement for its 2014 annual meeting of shareholders. Investors may obtain additional information regarding the interests of such participants in the proposed transactions by reading the joint proxy statement/prospectus, and any amendments thereto when they become available, for such proposed transactions.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

| Ex | No. | Description |
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| | 99.1 | Press release dated August 19, 2014 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 19, 2014

Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.

By: /s/ Steven L. Childers

Name: Steven L. Childers
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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