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Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

4813

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

02-0636095

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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NORTH PITTSBURGH SYSTEMS, INC.

4008 GIBSONIA ROAD GIBSONIA, PENNSYLVANIA 15044-9311 TELEPHONE NO. 724-443-9600

October 9, 2007

Dear Shareholder:

We cordially invite you to attend the 2007 annual meeting of the shareholders of North Pittsburgh Systems, Inc. (North Pittsburgh) to be held at Regional Learning Alliance at Cranberry Woods, 850 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania 16066 on November 13, 2007 at 2.00 p.m., local time.

At the annual meeting, in addition to electing directors, you will be asked to consider and vote on a proposal to approve and adopt the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 1, 2007, by and among North Pittsburgh, Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (Consolidated), and Fort Pitt Acquisition Sub Inc., pursuant to which Consolidated has agreed to acquire North Pittsburgh. If North Pittsburgh shareholders approve and adopt the merger agreement and the merger is completed, you will receive, for each of your North Pittsburgh shares, either (i) \$25.00 in cash, without interest, or (ii) 1.1061947 shares of Consolidated common stock. You may elect to receive, for each of your North Pittsburgh shares, either cash or Consolidated common stock, subject to proration so that 80% of North Pittsburgh s shares will be converted in the merger into the right to receive cash and 20% of North Pittsburgh s shares will be converted in the merger into the right common stock.

The Board of Directors of North Pittsburgh unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the approval and adoption of the merger agreement at the annual meeting. The Board of Directors also unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the nominees named herein for election as directors of North Pittsburgh.

Your vote is very important. Your Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on October 8, 2007 as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, we recommend that you submit your proxy which is solicited by, and on behalf of, the Board of Directors of North Pittsburgh. You may vote by completing, dating and signing the enclosed proxy card and returning it in the envelope provided. Alternatively, you may vote by telephone or over the Internet by following the instructions set forth on the enclosed proxy card. If you hold your shares in street name through a broker, bank or other nominee, you should follow the instructions provided by your broker or other nominee.

The accompanying proxy statement/prospectus explains the proposed merger in greater detail. We urge you to read this proxy statement/prospectus, including the matters discussed under Risk Factors Relating to the Merger beginning on page 15, carefully.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Thomas, Jr. Chairman of the Board

Harry R. Brown
President and Chief Executive Officer

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities regulator has approved or disapproved the merger described in this proxy statement/prospectus or the Consolidated common stock to be issued in connection with the merger or determined if this proxy statement/prospectus is accurate or adequate. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This proxy statement/prospectus is dated October 9, 2007 and is first being mailed to North Pittsburgh shareholders on or about October 12, 2007.

REFERENCES TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This proxy statement/prospectus incorporates by reference important business and financial information about Consolidated and North Pittsburgh from documents that are not included in or delivered with this proxy statement/prospectus. This information is available to you without charge upon your oral or written request. You can obtain the documents incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus by requesting them in writing or by telephone from the appropriate company at the following addresses and telephone numbers:

North Pittsburgh Systems, Inc. 4008 Gibsonia Road Gibsonia, Pennsylvania 15044-9311 Attention: Investor Relations

Telephone: (724) 443-9583

Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. 121 South 17th Street Mattoon, Illinois 61938

Attention: Investor Relations Telephone: (217) 235-3311

If you would like to request documents, please do so by November 5, 2007 in order to receive them before the annual meeting.

In addition, if you have questions about the merger or the annual meeting, or need additional copies of this proxy statement/prospectus, the proxy card or the form of election, you may contact North Pittsburgh s proxy solicitor, MacKenzie Partners, Inc., as follows. You will not be charged for any of these documents that you request.

MacKenzie Partners, Inc.
105 Madison Avenue,
New York, New York 10016
E-mail: proxy@mackenziepartners.com
Call Collect: (212) 929-5500
or
Toll-Free (800) 322-2885

For additional information about documents incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus, please see the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page 136.

ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

This proxy statement/prospectus forms a part of a registration statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-146131) filed by Consolidated with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). It constitutes a prospectus of Consolidated under Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and the rules thereunder, with respect to the shares of Consolidated common stock to be issued to North Pittsburgh shareholders in the merger. It addition, it constitutes a proxy statement under Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and the rules thereunder, and a notice of meeting with respect to the North Pittsburgh annual meeting of shareholders at which North Pittsburgh shareholders will consider and vote upon the proposal to approve and adopt the merger agreement and the proposal to elect directors.

NORTH PITTSBURGH SYSTEMS, INC.

4008 GIBSONIA ROAD GIBSONIA, PENNSYLVANIA 15044-9311 TELEPHONE NO. 724-443-9600

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2007

The annual meeting of shareholders of North Pittsburgh Systems, Inc. (North Pittsburgh) will be held on November 13, 2007 at 2.00 p.m., local time, at Regional Learning Alliance at Cranberry Woods, 850 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania 16066, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following matters:

- 1. To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve and adopt the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 1, 2007 (as it may be amended from time to time, the Merger Agreement), by and among North Pittsburgh, Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Consolidated), and Fort Pitt Acquisition Sub Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Consolidated (Merger Sub). A copy of the Merger Agreement is attached as Annex I to the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus. Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub will merge with and into North Pittsburgh, with North Pittsburgh continuing as the surviving corporation and becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of Consolidated.
- 2. To elect 7 directors.
- 3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Your vote is very important. Your Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on October 8, 2007 as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, we recommend that you submit your proxy which is solicited by, and on behalf of, the Board of Directors of North Pittsburgh. You may vote by completing, dating and signing the enclosed proxy card and returning it in the envelope provided. Alternatively, you may vote by telephone or over the Internet by following the instructions set forth on the enclosed proxy card. If you hold your shares in street name through a broker, bank or other nominee, you should follow the instructions provided by your broker or other nominee.

The Board of Directors of North Pittsburgh unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the approval and adoption of the Merger Agreement. The Board of Directors also unanimously recommends that you vote FOR the nominees named herein for election as directors of North Pittsburgh.

By Order of the Board of Directors

N. William Barthlow *Secretary*

Dated: Gibsonia, PA October 9, 2007

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND THE MERGER

The following questions and answers address briefly some questions you may have regarding the annual meeting and the proposed merger. These questions and answers may not address all questions that may be important to you as a shareholder of North Pittsburgh Systems, Inc. (North Pittsburgh). Please refer to the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus, the annexes to this proxy statement/prospectus and the documents referred to in or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. You may obtain the information incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus without charge by following the instructions in the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information .

Q: What am I being asked to vote on?

A: In addition to being asked to vote on the election of directors, you are being asked to vote on the approval and adoption of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 1, 2007 (as it may be amended from time to time, the Merger Agreement), by and among North Pittsburgh, Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (Consolidated) and Fort Pitt Acquisition Sub Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Consolidated (Merger Sub). If North Pittsburgh shareholders approve and adopt the Merger Agreement and the other closing conditions under the Merger Agreement are satisfied or waived, Merger Sub will merge with and into North Pittsburgh (the Merger). North Pittsburgh will be the surviving corporation in the Merger and will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Consolidated.

Q: What will I receive for my North Pittsburgh common stock in the Merger?

A: You may make 1 of the following elections, or a combination of the 2, regarding the type of merger consideration you wish to receive in exchange for your shares of North Pittsburgh common stock:

a cash election to receive \$25.00 in cash, without interest, for each share of North Pittsburgh common stock; or

a stock election to receive 1.1061947 shares of Consolidated common stock for each share of North Pittsburgh common stock.

If you make a cash election or a stock election, the form of merger consideration that you actually receive as a North Pittsburgh shareholder may be adjusted as a result of the proration procedures contained in the Merger Agreement as described in this proxy statement/prospectus under The Merger North Pittsburgh Shareholders Making Cash and Stock Elections on page 47. These proration procedures are designed to ensure that 80% of the North Pittsburgh shares outstanding immediately prior to the Merger are converted in the Merger into the right to receive cash and 20% of the North Pittsburgh shares outstanding immediately prior to the Merger are converted into the right to receive Consolidated common stock.

Neither Consolidated nor North Pittsburgh is making any recommendation as to whether North Pittsburgh shareholders should elect to receive cash consideration or stock consideration in the Merger. You must make your own decision with respect to such election. No guarantee can be made that you will receive the amount of cash consideration or stock consideration you elect. As a result of the proration procedures described in this proxy statement/prospectus and in the Merger Agreement, you may receive stock consideration or cash consideration in amounts that are different from the amounts you elect to receive. Because the value of the stock consideration and cash consideration may differ, you may receive consideration having an aggregate value less than what you elected to receive. North Pittsburgh shareholders should obtain current market quotations for Consolidated common stock before deciding

what elections to make.

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O: How and when do I make a cash election or a stock election?

A: You should carefully review and follow the instructions accompanying the form of election, which will be sent to you separately from this proxy statement/prospectus. To make a cash election or a stock election, North Pittsburgh shareholders of record must properly complete, sign and send the form of election and any stock certificates representing their North Pittsburgh shares, or a guarantee of delivery as described in the instructions accompanying the form of election, to Computershare Trust Company, N.A., the exchange agent, as follows:

By Mail:

By Hand or Overnight Courier:

Computershare Trust Company, N.A.
Attention: Corporate Actions
P.O. Box 859208
Braintree, MA 02185-9208

Computershare Trust Company, N.A.
Attention: Corporate Actions
161 Bay State Drive
Braintree, MA 02184

The exchange agent must receive the form of election and any stock certificates representing North Pittsburgh shares, or a guarantee of delivery as described in the instructions accompanying the form of election, at or prior to the election deadline. The election deadline will be 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the date that is 2 business days immediately prior to the closing date of the Merger (or such other date as Consolidated and North Pittsburgh mutually agree). Consolidated and North Pittsburgh will publicly announce the anticipated election deadline at least 5 business days prior to the anticipated closing date of the Merger.

If you own North Pittsburgh shares in street name through a bank, broker or other nominee and you wish to make an election, you should seek instructions from the financial institution holding your shares concerning how to make your election.

- Q: Can I elect to receive cash consideration for a portion of my North Pittsburgh shares and stock consideration for my remaining North Pittsburgh shares?
- A: Yes. The form of election allows an election to be made for cash consideration for a portion of your North Pittsburgh shares and stock consideration for your remaining North Pittsburgh shares.
- Q: Can I change my election after the form of election has been submitted?
- A: Yes. You may revoke your election at or prior to the election deadline by submitting a written notice of revocation to the exchange agent. Revocations must specify the name in which your shares are registered on the share transfer books of North Pittsburgh and such other information as the exchange agent may request. If you wish to submit a new election, you must do so in accordance with the election procedures described in this proxy statement/prospectus and the form of election. If you instructed a broker or other nominee holder to submit an election for your shares, you must follow your broker s or other nominee s directions for changing those instructions. The notice of revocation must be received by the exchange agent at or prior to the election deadline in order for the revocation to be valid.
- Q: May I transfer North Pittsburgh shares after making a cash election or a stock election?
- A: No. Once you properly make an election with respect to any shares of North Pittsburgh common stock, you will be unable to sell or otherwise transfer those shares, unless you properly revoke your election at or prior to the

election deadline or unless the Merger Agreement is terminated.

Q: What happens if I do not send a form of election or it is not received by the election deadline?

A: If the exchange agent does not receive a properly completed form of election from you at or prior to the election deadline (together with any stock certificates representing the shares of North Pittsburgh common stock covered by your election or a guarantee of delivery as described in the form of election), then you will have no control over the type of merger consideration you receive. As a result, your North Pittsburgh shares may be exchanged for cash consideration, stock consideration or a combination of cash consideration and stock consideration in accordance with the proration procedures contained in the Merger Agreement and described under The Merger North Pittsburgh Shareholders Making Cash and Stock Elections beginning on page 47. You bear the risk of delivery of all the materials that you are required to submit to the exchange agent in order to properly make an election.

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If you do not properly make an election with respect to all the North Pittsburgh shares you own of record, after the completion of the Merger you will receive written instructions from the exchange agent on how to exchange your North Pittsburgh stock certificates for the shares of Consolidated common stock and/or cash that you are entitled to receive in the Merger as a non-electing North Pittsburgh shareholder.

Because other North Pittsburgh shareholders would likely take the relative values of the stock consideration and cash consideration into account in determining what form of election to make, if you fail to make an election you are likely to receive the consideration having the lower value (depending on the relative values of the cash consideration and the stock consideration at the effective time of the Merger).

- Q: What should I do if any of my North Pittsburgh stock certificates have been lost, stolen or destroyed?
- A: If any of your North Pittsburgh stock certificates have been lost, stolen or destroyed, please call North Pittsburgh s transfer agent, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Shareowner Services, at (800) 468-9716. They will assist you in obtaining replacement certificate(s). To make a cash election or a stock election, North Pittsburgh shareholders of record must properly complete, sign and send the form of election and any stock certificates representing their North Pittsburgh shares, or a guarantee of delivery as described in the instructions accompanying the form of election, to the exchange agent. The exchange agent must receive these documents at or prior to the election deadline. Accordingly, you are urged to determine promptly if you require any replacement stock certificates.
- Q: May I submit a form of election even if I do not vote to approve and adopt the Merger Agreement?
- A: Yes. You may submit a form of election even if you vote against the approval and adoption of the Merger Agreement or if you abstain or fail to vote with respect to the approval and adoption of the Merger Agreement.
- Q: Where and when is the annual meeting of North Pittsburgh shareholders?
- A: The annual meeting will be held at Regional Learning Alliance at Cranberry Woods, 850 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania 16066 on November 13, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., local time.
- Q: Who can vote at the annual meeting?
- A: You can vote at the annual meeting if you owned shares of North Pittsburgh common stock at the close of business on October 8, 2007, the record date for the annual meeting.
- Q: What vote of North Pittsburgh shareholders is required to approve and adopt the Merger Agreement?
- A: To approve and adopt the Merger Agreement, holders of a majority of the votes cast at the annual meeting must vote their shares **FOR** the approval and adoption of the Merger Agreement. Because the required vote of North Pittsburgh shareholders is based upon the number of votes cast, rather than upon the number of shares of North Pittsburgh common stock outstanding, any shares for which a holder does not submit a proxy or vote in person at the annual meeting, including abstentions and broker non-votes, will have no impact on the vote for the proposal to approve and adopt the Merger Agreement.
- Q: How does the Board of Directors of North Pittsburgh recommend that I vote on the Merger Agreement?

A:

The North Pittsburgh Board of Directors has determined that the Merger Agreement is advisable and in the best interests of North Pittsburgh and its shareholders and recommends that North Pittsburgh shareholders vote **FOR** the approval and adoption of the Merger Agreement.

Q: What do I need to do now to vote on the Merger Agreement?

A: If you are a shareholder of record, after carefully reading and considering the information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus, please complete, date and sign your proxy card and return it in the envelope provided, or vote by telephone or over the Internet, as soon as possible, so that your shares may be represented at the annual meeting. If you properly return or submit your proxy but do not indicate how you wish to vote, North Pittsburgh will count your proxy as a vote **FOR** the approval and adoption of the Merger Agreement and **FOR** the election of each of the persons nominated by the North Pittsburgh Board of Directors for election as directors of North Pittsburgh.

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Q: If my North Pittsburgh shares are held in street name by my broker, will my broker vote my shares for me?

A: Your broker will vote your North Pittsburgh shares on the proposal to approve and adopt the Merger Agreement only if you provide instructions to your broker on how to vote. You should follow the directions provided by your broker regarding how to instruct your broker to vote your shares. Without instructions, your shares will not be voted on, and will have no effect on the vote for, the proposal to approve and adopt the Merger Agreement. However, brokers have discretionary authority to vote shares held in street name with respect to the election of directors.

Q: Can I change my vote after I have delivered my proxy?

A: Yes. You can change your vote before the annual meeting. If you are a shareholder of record, you may change your proxy voting instructions prior to commencement of the annual meeting by granting a new, later dated proxy (by mail, by phone or over the Internet), as described under The Annual Meeting Voting of Proxies on page 19. You may also revoke a proxy by submitting a notice of revocation to the Secretary of North Pittsburgh at the address set forth under The Annual Meeting Changing Your Vote on page 20 prior to the commencement of the annual meeting. If you attend in person and wish to vote in person at the annual meeting, you will be given an opportunity to revoke your proxy during the meeting before the voting commences.

If your shares are held in street name, you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your broker or other nominee holder in accordance with the procedures established by it. Please contact your broker or other nominee and follow its directions in order to change your vote.

Q: Should I send in my stock certificates with my proxy card?

A: Please DO NOT send your North Pittsburgh stock certificates with your proxy card.

If you wish to make an election with respect to your North Pittsburgh shares, then, prior to the election deadline, you should send your completed, signed form of election (together with your North Pittsburgh stock certificates or a guarantee of delivery) to the exchange agent as described in the form of election. If your shares are held in street name , you should follow your broker s or other nominee s instructions for making an election with respect to your shares.

If you make no election with respect to your North Pittsburgh shares, after the completion of the Merger you will receive a letter of transmittal for you to use in surrendering any North Pittsburgh stock certificates you have at that time.

Q: Is the Merger expected to be taxable to me?

A: Generally, yes. The receipt of the merger consideration for North Pittsburgh common stock pursuant to the Merger will be a taxable transaction for United States federal income tax purposes. In general, you will recognize capital gain or loss as a result of the Merger equal to the difference, if any, between (i) the sum of the cash, if any, and the fair market value of shares of Consolidated common stock, if any, that you receive and (ii) your adjusted tax basis in the North Pittsburgh shares surrendered pursuant to the Merger. You should read The Merger Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences beginning on page 53 for a more complete discussion of United States federal income tax consequences of the Merger. Tax matters can be complicated, and the tax consequences of the Merger to you will depend on your particular tax situation. You should consult your tax

advisor to determine the tax consequences of the Merger to you.

Q: When do you expect the Merger to be completed?

A: We are working to complete the Merger as quickly as possible. If the Merger Agreement is approved and adopted by North Pittsburgh shareholders, and the other conditions to completion of the Merger are satisfied or waived, it is anticipated that the Merger will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2007 or the first quarter of 2008. However, it is possible that factors outside our control could require us to complete the Merger at a later time or not complete it at all.

Q: Can I dissent and require appraisal of my shares?

A: No. North Pittsburgh shareholders have no dissenters rights under Pennsylvania law in connection with the Merger. See The Merger Dissenters Rights on page 57.

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Q: Who can help answer my questions?

A: If you have any questions about the Merger or the annual meeting, or if you need additional copies of this proxy statement/prospectus, the enclosed proxy card or the form of election which will be sent to you separately, you should contact:

MacKenzie Partners, Inc. 105 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016 E-mail: proxy@mackenziepartners.com Call Collect: (212) 929-5500 or

Toll-Free (800) 322-2885

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SUMMARY OF THE MERGER

This summary highlights selected information from this proxy statement/prospectus and may not contain all the information that is important to you. To understand the Merger fully and for a more complete description of the legal terms of the Merger, you should carefully read this entire proxy statement/prospectus and the other documents to which we refer you, including, in particular, the copies of the Merger Agreement and the opinion of Evercore Group L.L.C. that are attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annexes I and II, respectively. See also Where You Can Find More Information on page 136. We have included page references to direct you to a more complete description of the topics presented in this summary.

General

What North Pittsburgh Shareholders Will Receive in the Merger (page 47)

At the effective time of the Merger, each issued and outstanding share of North Pittsburgh common stock (other than shares held in North Pittsburgh s treasury or owned by any North Pittsburgh subsidiary, Consolidated, Merger Sub or any other Consolidated subsidiary) will converted into the right to receive, at the holder s election, either (i) \$25.00 in cash, without interest (the cash consideration), or (ii) 1.1061947 shares of Consolidated common stock (including cash in lieu of any fractional share, the stock consideration), subject to proration to ensure that 80% of the North Pittsburgh shares are converted in the Merger into the right to receive cash and 20% of the North Pittsburgh shares are converted in the Merger into the right to receive Consolidated common stock. The exchange ratio for the stock consideration is fixed and will not be adjusted to reflect any changes in the price of Consolidated common stock prior to the effective time of the Merger.

In this proxy statement/prospectus, when we refer to the term Merger Consideration with respect to a given share of North Pittsburgh common stock, we mean either the cash consideration (with respect to a share of North Pittsburgh common stock representing the right to receive the cash consideration) or the stock consideration (with respect to a share of North Pittsburgh common stock representing the right to receive the stock consideration).

Ownership of Consolidated Following the Merger (page 47)

Based on the number of shares of North Pittsburgh common stock and Consolidated common stock outstanding on the record date, we anticipate that, immediately following the Merger, North Pittsburgh shareholders who receive stock consideration in the Merger will own in the aggregate approximately 11.27% of the outstanding shares of Consolidated common stock.

Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences (page 53)

The receipt of the Merger Consideration by a shareholder in exchange for shares of North Pittsburgh common stock pursuant to the Merger will be a taxable transaction for United States federal income tax purposes. In general, a shareholder who receives consideration in exchange for shares pursuant to the Merger will recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes equal to the difference, if any, between (i