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**Consolidated Communications offers HD programming through its Digital TV
12-channel package to feature Big Ten Network in HD**

MATTOON - Consolidated Communications is bringing an even sharper image to its Digital TV subscribers through high-definition (HD) programming. The provider announced today it will begin offering a 12-channel HD package to subscribers on Aug. 14.

Doug Abolt, director of Product Marketing, said Consolidated's Digital TV HD package will feature five local network channels along with ESPN, Discovery, TNT, Universal HD, HD Net HD Net Movies and, coming at the end of August, the Big Ten Network. The 12-channel HD subscription package is \$9.95 per month.

"Our HD package takes our existing all-digital service to the next level with lifelike picture quality paired with clear digital sound," Abolt said. "We're especially excited to feature the Big Ten Network in our HD line up as soon as the network launches in late August."

Existing customers of Consolidated's Digital TV can receive a free HD upgrade and sign up for the HD subscription channels now by contacting Consolidated Communications Customer Service at 1-800-553-9981.

Founded in 1894, Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc., (NASDAQ: CNSL) is a family of companies providing advanced voice, data, and video services to both business and residential customers. Services include local and long distance, high-speed Internet, digital TV, private line, carrier services, wireless phone and VoIP. Serving markets in Illinois and Texas, Consolidated Communications operates the 14th largest independent local telephone company in the nation. Its related businesses complement its core telecommunications business and include directory services, business systems, retail and operator services, call completion services, and fully-integrated telemarketing and fulfillment services. Additional information about Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. and its products and service is available at www.consolidated.com.