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Surviving Corporation, namely, Continental Telephone Company of South Carolina, without further act or deed and the title to any real estate or any interest therein vested in the Constituent Corporations shall not revert or be in any way impaired by reason of this merger; and the Surviving Corporation shall thenceforth be responsible and liable for all of the liabilities, obligations and penalties of each of the Constituent Corporations; and any claim existing or action or proceeding, civil or criminal, pending by or against any of said Constituent Corporation may be prosecuted as if such merger had not taken place, or the Surviving Corporation may be substituted in its place, and any judgment rendered against any of such corporation may thenceforth be enforced against the Surviving Corporation; and neither the rights of creditors nor any liens upon the property of any Constituent Corporation shall be impaired by said merger.

VIII.

Upon the merger becoming effective, the assets and liabilities of the Merged Corporation shall be recorded on the books of the Surviving Corporation at the amounts at which they are carried on the books of the Merged Corporation immediately prior to the merger; and the earned surplus of the Surviving Corporation shall be the combined earned surplus of the Merged Corporation and the Surviving Corporation; and there shall be made such other appropriate entries consistent with generally accepted accounting principles as may be required.

IX.

If at any time the Surviving Corporation shall consider or be advised that any further assignments or assurances in law or any other things are necessary or desirable to vest in said corporation, according to the terms