

CONSORTIA CONSULTING  
TARIFF FCC NO. 1

ANNUAL INTERSTATE FILING

Transmittal No. 5

Issued: June 16, 2009

Effective: July 1, 2009

**DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION**

Consortia Consulting, Inc. ("Consortia"), hereby submits its Description and Justification for the changes proposed under Transmittal No. 5 to the Consortia Consulting Tariff FCC No. 1. With this filing, Consortia proposes to make changes to the issuing carriers of the tariff. Beresford Municipal Telephone Company, McCook Cooperative Telephone Company and Western Telephone Company will be removed from Consortia Consulting Tariff FCC No. 1, will rejoin the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") traffic sensitive pool effective July 1, 2009, and become issuing carriers in NECA's Tariff FCC No. 5.

Consortia also proposes with this filing to add West River Telecommunications Cooperative ("WRT") to Consortia Consulting Tariff FCC No. 1. WRT will exit the GVNW Inc./Management Tariff FCC No. 2 as an issuing carrier effective July 1, 2009.

WRT is filing rates under Section 61.39 of the Commission's rules. The year 2007 and 2008 cost studies for WRT, prepared in accordance with Part 36 and Part 69 rules, were used to determine access revenue requirements. Revenue shifts prescribed by the MAG Order<sup>1</sup> were accomplished within the cost study calculations and are therefore integrated into the revenue requirements used to develop the access rates.

Historical costs and demand were used in developing the proposed access rates for WRT. WRT believes the proposed rates to be just and reasonable. In accordance with Section 61.39, detailed cost support has not been submitted with this filing but will be made available to interested parties upon reasonable request.

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<sup>1</sup> Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers, *Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 01-304, released November 8, 2001.