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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

RE: Transmittal No. 40 -- 2012 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filing

The accompanying tariff material, issued by the Consolidated Communications Companies (CCC; FRN #0010-1553-98), consisting of Consolidated Communications of Texas Company (CCTX) d/b/a Consolidated Communications and Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend Company (CCFB) d/b/a Consolidated Communications, and bearing Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Access Service, is sent to you for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

The filing, to become effective July 9, 2012, consists of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheet:

39th Revised Page 0-1

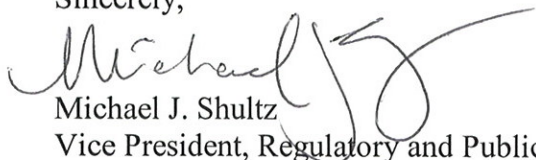
This filing is made in compliance with the F.C.C.'s Order In the Matter of July 3, 2012 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings, DA 12-1037, released July 2, 2012. This filing advances the effective date of material introducing Access Recovery Charge (ARC) rates originally filed under Transmittal Nos. 38 and 39 from July 3, 2012 to July 2, 2012. This filing then suspends the effective date of the ARC rates for a period of one day until July 3, 2012.

Consolidated Communications Companies', as indicated on the 39th Revised Page 0-1, is issuing Supplement No. 2 for this purpose.

In compliance with Section 61.14 of the Commission's Rules, the transmittal, associated files, required form 159 and \$845.00 filing fee are being transmitted electronically today via the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System.

All petitions, correspondence and inquiries in connection with this filing should be addressed to Scott Kitchen at 350 S Loop 336 W, Conroe, TX 77304, telephone 936-521-7736 or scott.kitchen@consolidated.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Shultz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael J. Shultz
Vice President, Regulatory and Public Policy

Attachments