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This filing is made pursuant to
Section 204 (a) (3) of the
Communications Act and
becomes effective in 15 days.

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

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

The accompanying tariff material, issued by the Consolidated Communications Companies (CCC; FRN # 0010-1553-98), consisting of Consolidated Communications of Texas (CCTX) d/b/a/ Consolidated Communications and Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend (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 Communication Act of 1934 as amended. This material, scheduled to become effective January 1, 2013, consists of the tariff page as indicated on the following check sheet:

41st Revised Page 0-1
28th Revised Page 0-5
35th Revised Page 0-6

The purpose of this filing is to decrease the FUSC Surcharge Factor from 17.4 % to 16.1% for the first quarter of 2013 per FCC Order published December 12, 2012 in DA 12-2014.

This transmittal letter and the supporting documents are being electronically filed today via the Federal Communications Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (EFTS).

Payment in the amount of \$845.00 along with Form 159 are being transmitted electronically via EFTS simultaneous with this filing.

All petitions, correspondence and inquiries in connection with this filing should be addressed to me at wendy.williams@consolidated.com or 936-633-6657.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wendy Williams
Regulatory Relations Specialist