



DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

CONSISTING OF

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF TEXAS COMPANY (CCTX)

AND

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF FORT BEND COMPANY (CCFB)

INTERSTATE ACCESS SERVICES

**CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES
TARIFF FCC No. 1**

RATE FILING CORRECTIONS

TRANSMITTAL No. 56

October 1, 2014

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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Introduction

The Consolidated Communications Companies, consisting of Consolidated Communications of Texas Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications and Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications, hereby provide a Description and Justification for its correction of certain rates in its F.C.C. Tariff No. 1 . Because of oversight, CCC did not apply an originating / terminating traffic split to its End Office Common Trunk Port, Information Surcharge, and Dedicated Trunk Port Rates. CCC did lower the terminating rates in its July and September Access filings, and only submits corrections to originating rates for End Office Common Trunk Port and Information Surcharge rates. CCC now establishes new originating and terminating dedicated trunk port rates based on the methodology described in Section 2. Any impact to previous filings is de minimis and will not materially impact overall compensation due CCC.

SECTION 2 OVERVIEW OF FILING PACKAGE

Tariff Support Material

CCC is providing support to split its dedicated trunk port rate between originating and terminating usage. Consistent with the TRP documents, CCC used fiscal year 2011 MOU to determine the split. CCC determined the baseline rates for originating and terminating elements, and then decreased them accordingly based on rules pursuant to the FCC ICC Transformation Order.

In addition to the description and justification contained in this volume, the following information is submitted to provide specific support data at the proposed tariff level of detail for the Consolidated local operating companies.

Description and Justification

Exhibit 1 – Dedicated Trunk Port Calculation

Exhibit 1 - CCTX

Dedicated Trunk Port Calculation

Consolidated Communications of Texas Company
Support for revision to Dedicated Trunk Port Rates
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Total Intrastate and Interstate

CCL Terminating 203,285,361
CCL Originating 75,613,466

CCL Total 278,898,827

Terminating % 0.73

Rate prior to 2014 reduction \$1.03

% Originating 27%
% Terminating 73%

Originating Rate \$ 0.28 Originating Trunk Port Rate to be revised
Terminating Rate \$ 0.75

Total Orig/Term Rate \$ 1.03

Initial Composite Terminating End Office Access Rate 0.002563675 Per most recent Access Reduction Form
2014 Interstate Target Composite Terminating EO Access Rate 0.00194245 Per most recent Access Reduction Form

| 12/29/2011 Intrastate Rates (A) | 7/2/2013 Intrastate Rates (B) | 12/29/2011 Interstate Rates (C) | Interstate Demand (D) | Interstate Demand (E) | Interstate Price Out (F)=C*D (G)=B*E | Interstate Price Out Rate (H)=Input (I)=H*D (J)=J*E | Proposed Interstate Price Out Rate (K)=J*E | Intrastate Price Out Revenue |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------------------|
| | 0.75 \$ | 0.75 \$ | 0.75 | 483 | 288 \$ | 362 \$ | 216 | \$0.57 \$ |
| | | | | | | | | 275 \$ |
| | | | | | | | | 0.57 \$ |
| | | | | | | | | 164 |

Terminating Rate - Reduced per revised AR Form

\$0.57 Terminating Trunk Port Rate to be revised

Revised Total Trunk Port Rate -

\$ 0.85 should be combined billed rate

Exhibit 1 - CCFB

Dedicated Trunk Port Calculation

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Total Intrastate and Interstate

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| CCL Terminating | 57,486,610 |
| CCL Originating | 23,633,792 |
| CCL Total | 81,120,402 |
| Terminating % | 0.71 |

Rate prior to 2014 reduction

| | |
|---------------|--------|
| | \$0.42 |
| % Originating | 29% |
| % Terminating | 71% |

Originating Rate

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| Terminating Rate | \$ 0.12 |
| | \$ 0.30 |

Total Orig/Term Rate

| | |
|--|---------|
| | \$ 0.42 |
|--|---------|

Initial Composite Terminating End Office Access Rate

0.001584564 Per most recent Access Reduction Form

2014 Interstate Target Composite Terminating EO Access Rate

0.001289709 Per most recent Access Reduction Form

| 12/29/2011 Intrastate Rates (A) | 7/2/2013 Intrastate Rates (B) | 12/29/2011 Interstate Rates (C) | Interstate Oct '10 - Sep '11 Demand (D) | Intrastate Oct '10 - Sep '11 Demand (E) | Interstate PriceOut (F)=C*D | Intrastate PriceOut (G)=B*E | Proposed Interstate Rate (H)=Input | Proposed Interstate Price Out Revenue (I)=H*D | Proposed Intrastate Rate (J)=MIN (H)or(B) | Intrastate Price Out Revenue (K)=J*E |
|--|--|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | 0.30 \$ | 0.30 \$ | 385 | 555 \$ | 115 \$ | 165 | \$0.24 \$ | 93 \$ | 0.24 \$ | 134 |

\$

Terminating Rate - Reduced per revised AR Form

\$ 0.24 Terminating Trunk Port Rate to be revised

Revised Total Trunk Port Rate -

\$ 0.36 should be combined billed rate