

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

Consolidated Communications Companies submits herewith its Description and Justification (D&J) in support of its Tariffs FCC No. 3, FCC No. 4, and FCC No. 5 filed under Transmittal No. 63. In this Transmittal, Consolidated Communications issues new access tariffs which cancel and replace existing tariffs issued by carriers participating in the new tariffs.

Consolidated Communications Companies Tariff FCC No. 3 with issuing carrier Consolidated Communications of Illinois Company (CCIL) will replace Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company Tariff FCC No. 2. Consolidated Communications Companies Tariff FCC No. 5 with issuing carrier being Consolidated Communications of Illinois Company (CCIL) will replace Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company Tariff FCC No. 3, Special Construction. Consolidated Communications Companies Tariff FCC No. 4 with issuing carrier being Consolidated Communications of California Company (CCCA) will replace SureWest Telephone Tariff FCC No.1. Tariff material reflecting the cancellation of the existing tariffs effective January 1, 2016, is included with this transmittal.

Organizational / clean up changes have been made to the tariffs, but no other substantive changes to regulations are being made. Tariff material reflecting the cancellation of the existing tariffs effective January 1, 2016, is included with this filing.

This filing relies on waivers of §61.52(a)(1), 61.54(b)(2), 61.54(c)(4), 61.54(i), 61.59 and 61.74 of the Commissions' rules and is made under authority of Special Permission No. 15-020.

Also included under this Transmittal in a second set of check sheets included, you will find rate changes to the quarterly USF factor for FCC Tariffs Nos. 1,2, 3 and 4.

This filing is being made on a 15 days' notice under Section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.