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

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

**RE: Special Permission Application No. 7**

Consolidated Communications Companies (Consolidated), a holding company owning multiple incumbent local exchange carrier subsidiaries, would like to consolidate with the rest of its companies the interstate tariff currently issued by its subsidiaries under the Olsen Thielen & Co., LTD, Tariff F.C.C. No. 2.

To accomplish this, Consolidated proposes to cancel the existing tariff issued by Olsen Thielen and at the same time, issue a new tariff entitled Consolidated Communications Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 6 with the three issuing carriers Consolidated Communications of Minnesota (CCMN), Consolidated Communications of Mid-Comm (CCMC), and Consolidated Communications of Iowa Company (CCIA) listed in the new tariff. The proposed new tariff will continue to refer to the NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.

Pursuant to § 61.17 of the Commission's rules, and as discussed below, application is hereby made by the Consolidated, for Special Permission under which the Commission would grant a limited waiver, to the extent required, of §§ 61.52(a)(1), 61.54(b)(2), 61.54(c)(4), 61.54(i), 61.59 and 61.74 of its rules in connection with Consolidated's issuance of its new tariff.

Consolidated requests waiver of § 61.52(a)(1) to permit it to place the name "Consolidated Communications Companies" on each tariff sheet and waiver of §61.54(b)(2) to permit it to place the name "Consolidated Communications Companies" on the title page of the tariff. Consolidated intends to include the exact legal names of the issuing carriers covered by its tariff on the Title page.

Consolidated requests waivers of §§ 61.54(c)(4) and 61.54(i) of the Commission's rules to permit Consolidated not to have to use margin coding or other notations to show text changes, or moved material as would otherwise be required by these rules. All such changes will be non-substantive changes made to reflect organizational changes in the tariffs.



Consolidated requests waiver of § 61.59 of the Commission's rules so that it may make tariff filings affecting the Consolidated tariff during the review period and for 30 days following the tariff's effective date. However, no filing made during the review period will have an effective date prior to the effective date of the new tariff. This waiver would permit Consolidated to make filings that would otherwise be permitted or required, but for the 30 day minimum effective period required by § 61.59.

Finally, Consolidated requests waiver of § 61.74 of the Commission's rules to permit it to continue to reference in the new tariff the same cross references to which the Commission has previously granted a waiver or waivers of this rule, and which are not currently allowed by § 61.74.

Consolidated proposes no new material or substantive changes to content of its tariffs.

See attached illustrative tariff pages for each proposed new tariff.

In accordance with Section 61.13, this application for special permission and associated attachments are being electronically filed today via the Federal Communications Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS) and payment in the amount of \$910.00 along with Form 159 are being transmitted electronically via ETFS simultaneous with this filing.

All petitions, correspondence and inquiries in connection with this filing should be addressed to me at 350 S Loop 336 W, Conroe, TX 77304, telephone 936-521-7736.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott Kitchen

Scott Kitchen  
Director, Regulatory Compliance

Attachments