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**Transmittal No. 65**

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

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

The accompanying tariff material, issued by Consolidated Communications Companies, and bearing FCC No. 6 with issuing carriers Consolidated Communications of Minnesota (CCMN), Consolidated Communications of Mid-Comm (CCMC), and Consolidated Communications of Iowa Company (CCIA), is sent to you for filing in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This original tariff is scheduled to become effective on May 21, 2016.

The issuing of this original tariff will cancel and replace the existing Tariff FCC No. 2 issued by Olsen Thielen & Co., LTD. No other changes are being made to rates or regulations within this tariff. Tariff material reflecting the cancellation of the existing tariffs effective May 21, 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 Commission's rules and is made under authority of Special Permission No. 16-005.

In accordance the Commission's fee filing requirements, a filing fee 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