

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

Consolidated Communications Companies submits herewith its Description and Justification (D&J) in support of its Tariff FCC No. 6 filed under Transmittal No. 65. In this Transmittal, Consolidated Communications issues an original tariff which will cancel and replace the existing Tariff FCC No. 2 issued by Olsen Thielen & Co., LTD.

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.

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 Commissions' rules and is made under authority of Special Permission No. 16-005.

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