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This filing is made pursuant to
Section 204(a)(3) of the
Communications Act and
becomes effective in 15 days.

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

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

RE: Transmittal No. 71 - 2017 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filing

The accompanying tariff material, issued by Consolidated Communications Companies (CCC; FRN #0010-1553-98), consisting of Consolidated Communications of Texas Company (CCTX) and Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend Company (CCFB) bearing F.C.C. Tariff No. 1 Access Service, and Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania (CCPA) bearing Tariff F.C.C. No. 2 Access Service, Consolidated Communications of Illinois (CCIL) bearing F.C.C. Tariff No. 3, Consolidated Communications of California (CCCA) bearing F.C.C. Tariff No. 4 and Consolidated Communications of Minnesota (CCMN) bearing F.C.C. Tariff No. 6 is sent to you for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. The proposed effective date of July 1, 2017, is fifteen days after the filing date, in accordance with Section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Order DA 17-258, In the Matter of July 1, 2017 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings.

In addition to the Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings, this filing proposes to change CCC Price Cap carrier language and rate structure for Terminating Switched Access MOU rates. Terminating rates will be split into two parts: "Tandem to End Office" and "Tandem to 3rd Party," done so to comply with Step 6 of the FCC 11-161 ICC/USF transformation order.

Further, this filing makes necessary administrative updates to CCPA Tariff No. 2 to remove references to the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Access Service Tariff F.C.C. No 5, replacing those references with CCCA Tariff No. 4. CCPA withdrew from the NECA administered pools effective August 1, 2012.

Lastly, this filing adjusts the FUSC Surcharge Factor from 17.4 % to 17.1% for the third quarter of 2017 per FCC Order, released June 13, 2017 in DA 17-580.

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The filing, to become effective July 1, 2017, consists of tariff pages as indicated on the check sheets attached.

In compliance with Section 61.14 of the Commission's Rules, the transmittal, associated files, required form 159 and \$925.00 filing fee are being transmitted electronically today via the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System.

All petitions, correspondence and inquiries in connection with this filing should be addressed to Scott Kitchen at 350 S Loop 336 W, Conroe, TX 77304, telephone 936-521-7736 or scott.kitchen@consolidated.com.

Sincerely,

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Attachments