



DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

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INTERSTATE ACCESS SERVICES

TARIFF FCC No. 4

(Consolidated Communications of California Company)

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## **SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

### **Introduction**

The Consolidated Communications Companies, hereby provide a Description and Justification for its limited Tariff Review Plan revisions to F.C.C. Tariff No. 4 (Consolidated Communications of California Company, f/k/a SureWest Telephone) along with supporting documentation proposed under transmittal 77 of the Consolidated Communications Companies.

This information is being filed in accordance with the Commission's 2017 Notice for Procedures for the filing of Access Charge Revisions and Tariff Review Plans subject to new requirements established in the Business Data Services (Special Access) Proceeding released October 13, 2017 (DA 17-1009).

### **Description of Consolidated Communications of California Telephone Operations**

Consolidated Communications of California (CCCA, formerly SWTC) provides local service, toll, private line services, access services, DSL, CLASS services, and other modern telecommunications services to its customers. Effective July 2, 2013, SWTC is a price cap company pursuant to FCC Order DA 13-1253<sup>1</sup> that fall under Sections 61.41 through 61.49 of the Commission's Rules and relevant Commission Orders.<sup>2</sup> They provide local service, toll, private line services, access services, DSL, CLASS services, and other modern telecommunications services to their customers.

Consolidated Communications of California is a Roseville, CA based telecommunications company founded in 1914 by William Doyle as the Roseville Telephone Company; SureWest Telephone became the official name in 2003. SureWest Telephone changed its name to Consolidated Communications of California Company on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. As an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) operating solely in California, Consolidated Communications of California serving territory represents 83 square contiguous miles and includes the communities of Roseville, Citrus Heights, Granite Bay, Rocklin, and Antelope, all located in the greater Sacramento, California region. There, Consolidated Communications of California ILEC provides basic telephone services serving approximately 38,000 local access lines as of March 1, 2017. With the purchase of WINfirst in 2002 by SureWest Telephone's holding company, SureWest Communications, service was extended and continues to grow in the greater Sacramento region by the Consolidated Communications affiliate, Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) serving the communities of Sacramento, Carmichael, Elk Grove, and Lincoln. Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services (CLEC) services provided are

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<sup>1</sup> See, Order, SureWest Telephone Petition for Conversion from Rate-of-Return to Price Cap Regulation and for Limited Waiver Relief (DA 13-1253, WC Docket No. 13-71)

<sup>2</sup> See, Order, In the Matter of Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment, released October 13, 2017, DA 17-1009 ("2017 BDS Filing Order").

telephone, Voice over IP, DSL (15 Mbit/s/1 Mbit/s, 10 Mbit/s/768 kbit/s, 6 Mbit/s/768 kbit/s, 3 Mbit/s/768 kbit/s, 1 Mbit/s/128 kbit/s), FTTH for competitive local exchange carrier areas up to 50 Mbit/s data both ways, IPTV in HD for copper customers with a bonded DSL modem, and IPTV in HD for FTTH customers. In 2008, SureWest Communications acquired Everest Communications in Kansas and Missouri. Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services now operates in California, Kansas, and Missouri.

On July 2, 2012, SureWest Communications was acquired by Consolidated Communications Holding, Inc. and SureWest Telephone became a subsidiary of a Price Cap Holding Company and subsequently renamed Consolidated Communications of California Company.

### **Removal of Tariff Language and Rates for All Services Deemed Competitive**

In this filing, the Study Area for Consolidated Communications of California Company is situated entirely in competitive counties. Therefore, CCCA will remove any references to Special Access Services and its Special Access Tariff Section 7 and corresponding rates and charges in Section 17.2 in its entirety.