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under Section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act**

Consolidated Communications Companies  
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**FRN: 0010155398**  
**TRANSMITTAL No. 80**

Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554  
ATTN: Wireline Competition Bureau

The accompanying tariff material, issued by Consolidated Communications Companies (CCC - FRN 0010155398) and bearing FCC Tariff Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 - Access Service, effective March 31, 2018 is sent to you in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

This filing reduces the second quarter 2018 universal service fund (USF) contribution factor to 18.4 percent, pursuant to Public Notice, DA 18-234, CC Docket 96-45, released March 9, 2018.

This material is being filed on fifteen (15) days' notice and scheduled to become effective on March 31, 2018, consisting of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheets:

Tariff FCC No. 1, Access Service	71 <sup>st</sup> Revised Page 0-1
Tariff FCC No. 2, Access Service	29 <sup>th</sup> Revised Page 0-1
Tariff FCC No. 3, Access Service	12 <sup>th</sup> Revised Page 1
Tariff FCC No. 4, Access Service	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised Page 1.2
Tariff FCC No. 6, Access Service	10 <sup>th</sup> Revised Page 1

This transmittal letter and associated attachments are being filed electronically today via the Federal Communications Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS). Payment in the amount of \$925.00 has been electronically transmitted to the U.S. Bank in St. Louis, Missouri in accordance with the fee program procedures.

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Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to Sthomas@tminc.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Sharon Thomas

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Enclosures

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