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**Via ETFS Filing**

**This material is filed on 15 days' notice  
under Section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act**

Consolidated Communications Companies  
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**FRN: 0010155398**  
**TRANSMITTAL No. 85**

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

The accompanying tariff material, issued by Consolidated Communications Companies ("Consolidated Communications") and bearing FCC Tariff Number 7, is sent to you in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

The FCC Registration Number for Consolidated is 0010155398. Consolidated Communications is issuing this filing on behalf of issuing carriers with the following FRN's:

- Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC – FRN # 0016-0226-18
- Telephone Operating Company of Vermont, LLC – FRN # 0017-5513-59

This material is being filed on fifteen (15) days' notice and scheduled to become effective on September 1, 2018, consisting of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheet:

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This filing includes revisions to change the applicability of the Service Discount Plan and Commitment Discount Plan for Special Access Services. Upon the effective date, the Service Discount Plan and Commitment Discount Plan would be available only for Special Access service elements to which non-competitive rates apply, and would no longer be available to elements to which competitive rates apply. Section 32 of the tariff is also amended to remove expired Contract Tariff Options.

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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Petitions pertaining to this filing may be served in person or by facsimile to:

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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@inteserra.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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