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Application for Special Permission 8
FRN: 0010155398

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554
ATTN: Wireline Competition Bureau

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's *Report and Order, Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (FCC 18-146), the following companies are voluntarily electing to convert their regulated business data services ("BDS") from rate-of-return regulation to price cap regulation:

Consolidated Communications of Colorado Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications (formerly Big Sandy Telecom, Inc. and Columbine Acquisition Corp. d/b/a Columbine); Consolidated Communications of Kansas Company (formerly Sunflower Telephone Company, Inc. and Bluestem Telephone Company); Consolidated Communications of Florida Company (formerly GTC, Inc.); Consolidated Communications of Central Illinois Company (formerly El Paso Telephone Company, C-R Telephone Company and Odin Telephone Exchange, Inc.); Consolidated Communications of Maine Company (formerly Community Service Telephone Company); Consolidated Communications of Missouri Company (formerly FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.); Taconic Telephone Corp.; Chautauqua & Erie Tel. Corp.; Berkshire Telephone Corporation; Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC (formerly Orwell Telephone Company, Germantown Independent Tel. Co. and Columbus Grove Telephone Company); Consolidated Communications of Oklahoma Company (formerly Chouteau Telephone Company); Bentleyville Communications Corporation; Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company; and Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC (formerly YCOM Network, Inc. and Ellensburg Telephone Company). These companies are all subsidiaries of Consolidated Communications and are all issuing carriers in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 5 ("NECA Tariff FCC No. 5").

To accomplish this BDS regulatory conversion, the companies referenced above will file a new tariff, Consolidated Communications Companies Tariff FCC No. 9, with an effective date of July 2, 2019, to govern the provision of Special Access Services (BDS) and related services, including certain end user surcharges and special construction services. The terms and conditions for the services contained in Tariff FCC No. 9 will generally mirror the terms and conditions currently contained in NECA Tariff FCC No. 5 for those same services.

Pursuant to Sections 61.151 through 61.153 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§61.151-61.153, and as discussed below, Consolidated Communications hereby requests special permission, under which the Commission would grant a limited waiver to the extent required of Sections 61.52(a)(1) and 61.74 of its rules, 47 C.F.R. §§61.52(a)(1) and 61.74, in connection with Consolidated Communications' issuance of its new tariff, Tariff FCC No. 9.

Consolidated Communications requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. §61.52(a)(1) of the Commission's rules to permit it to place the name "The Consolidated Communications Companies" on each tariff sheet. Section 61.52(b)(1) requires the carrier to put the name of the issuing carrier in the upper left-hand corner of each tariff page. However, the number of issuing carriers of this tariff makes it impractical to list the company names on each tariff page. A similar waiver was requested and granted with respect to the carrier name used on Tariff FCC No. 1 and 2 (now Tariff FCC Nos 7 and 8), issued by the Consolidated Communications Companies for the operations of its subsidiaries. A sample Title Page and Original Page 1 are provided as Attachment A to this letter.

Consolidated Communications requests a waiver of Section 61.74 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §61.74, to permit it to reference other tariffs, technical documents and certain other documents or instruments that are currently referenced in NECA Tariff FCC No. 5. Section 61.74(a) prohibits a tariff from referencing any other tariff publication or other document or instrument, with certain exceptions that are set forth in Section 61.74 (b)-(e) of the rules. NECA Tariff FCC No. 5 currently contains references to other NECA FCC tariffs, technical publications, and other documents that may not precisely fit the description of a "technical publication" as set forth in Section 61.74(e) of the FCC rules. Where applicable, the same references will be included in the proposed Consolidated Communications Companies' tariff. Accordingly, Consolidated Communications seeks a waiver of Section 61.74 of the Commission's rules, to allow it to carry over the references that are contained in the NECA Tariff FCC No. 5. An example of tariff pages containing such references is included in Attachment B to this letter.

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

- *Consolidated Communications of Colorado Company* - FRN 0002147098 (formerly Columbine Telecom Company; formerly Big Sandy Telecom, Inc.)
- *Consolidated Communications of Kansas Company* – FRNs 0003723236 (formerly Sunflower Telephone Co.; formerly Bluestem Telephone Company)
- *Consolidated Communications of Florida Company* - FRN 0001824606 (formerly GTC, Inc.)
- *Consolidated Communications of Central Illinois Company* – FRN 0003723525 (formerly Odin Telephone Exchange, Inc., C-R Telephone Company, and El Paso Telephone Company)
- *Consolidated Communications of Maine Company* – FRN 0003708229 (formerly Community Service Telephone Company)
- *Consolidated Communications of Missouri Company* – FRN 0014710388 (formerly FairPoint Communications Missouri)
- *Taconic Telephone Company* – FRN 0003772753
- *Chautauqua & Erie Tel* – FRN 0004331682
- *Berkshire Telephone Corporation* – FRN 0004491544
- *Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC* – FRN 0002946879 (formerly Orwell Telephone Company, Germantown Independent Telephone Company and Columbus Grove Telephone Company)
- *Consolidated Communications of Oklahoma Company* – FRN 0003723517 (formerly Chouteau Telephone Company)
- *Bentleyville Communications Corporation* – FRN 0003774965
- *Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company* – FRN 0004367678
- *Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC* – FRN 0001581297 (formerly Ellensburg Telephone Company, and YCOM Networks, Inc.)

Payment in the amount of \$960.00 has been electronically transmitted to the U.S. Bank in St. Louis, Missouri in accordance with the fee program procedures. This transmittal letter and associated attachments are being filed electronically today via the Federal Communications Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS).

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

Ms. Barbara Galardo, Director Regulatory
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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,

/s/Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas
Consultant

Enclosures

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Exhibit A

Sample Title Page and Page 1



ACCESS SERVICE

ISSUING CARRIERS

ACCESS SERVICE

Regulations, Rates and Charges
applying to the provision of Access Services
within a Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) or
equivalent Market Area for connection to interstate
communications facilities for Interstate Customers within
the operating territories of the following Issuing Carriers:

Consolidated Communications of Colorado Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications
(formerly Big Sandy Telecom, Inc. and Columbine Acquisition Corp. d/b/a Columbine)

Consolidated Communications of Kansas Company
(formerly Sunflower Telephone Company, Inc. and Bluestem Telephone Company)

Consolidated Communications of Florida Company (formerly GTC, Inc.)

Consolidated Communications of Central Illinois Company
(formerly El Paso Telephone Company, C-R Telephone Company and Odin Telephone Exchange, Inc.)

Consolidated Communications of Maine Company (formerly Community Service Telephone Company)

Consolidated Communications of Missouri Company
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Columbus Grove Telephone Company)

Consolidated Communications of Oklahoma Company (formerly Chouteau Telephone Company)

Bentleyville Communications Corporation

Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company

Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC
(formerly YCOM Network, Inc. and Ellensburg Telephone Company)

Access Services are provided by means of wire, fiber optics, radio or any other suitable technology or a
combination thereof.

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CHECK SHEET

The Title Page and Pages 1 through 17-71 inclusive of this tariff are effective as of the date shown.

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Exhibit B

References to Other Tariffs and to technical documents and certain other documents or instruments
that are currently referenced in NECA Tariff FCC No. 5

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REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

Whenever reference is made in this tariff to other tariffs of the Telephone Company, the reference is to the tariffs in force as of the effective date of this tariff, and to amendments thereto and successive issues thereof.

The following tariffs are referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from the Federal Communications Commission's commercial contractor:

National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.
Wire Center Information
Tariff F.C.C. No. 4

REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

The following technical publications are referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from Telcordia Technologies, Inc. dba iconectiv (formerly Bell Communications Research, Inc. – Bellcore), 100 Somerset Corporate Blvd., Bridgewater, N.J. 08807. (<http://telecom-info.telcordia.com>).

Technical Reference:

GR-253-CORE Issue 5 Synchronous Optical Network (SONET)
Transport Systems: Common Generic Criteria
Issued: October, 2009

GR-1374-CORE Issue 1 SONET Inter-Carrier Interface Physical
Layer Generic Criteria for Carriers
Issued: December 1994

PUB 62310 (MDP-326-726) Digital Data System Channel Interface
Specification
Issued: September 1983

TR-NPL-000258 Compatibility Information for Feature Group D Switched Access Service
Issued: October 1985

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