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Consolidated Communications Companies
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Portland, ME 04103

Application for Special Permission 9
FRN: 0010155398

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 16, 2019 Consolidated Communications Companies filed a revision to FCC Tariff No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and under Transmittal Letter 95 increasing the Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge. This filing was submitted on fifteen (15) days' notice with an effective date of October 1, 2019.

In FCC Tariff No. 7, the Primary Residence Subscriber and Single Line Business Subscriber line rate was increased to \$2.06 for both. This rate should have been revised to separate the rate between Primary Subscriber Line and to increase the Single Line Business Subscriber to \$2.18.

Application is hereby made by Consolidated Communications Companies for Special Permission to waive the requirements of CFR Title 47, Sections 61.58 to increase the Single Line Business Subscriber monthly rate to \$2.18 on less than fifteen (15) days' notice. Waiver of Section 61.59 is requested to allow Consolidated Communications Companies to revise a tariff page which has not been in effect for more thirty (30) days.

Payment was electronically transmitted to the U.S. Bank in St. Louis Missouri in accordance with the fee and program procedures.

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 / Illustrative Tariff Page
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Exhibit A

FCC Tariff No. 7 – Illustrative Tariff Page

ACCESS SERVICE

31. The FairPoint Telephone Companies Rates and Charges (Cont'd)31.4 End User Access Service (Cont'd)31.4.17 Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge - Primary Residence Subscriber, Primary Residence Centrex Subscriber, Single Line Business Subscriber, and Multi-line Payphone Subscriber

		<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
	Individual line or trunk, each		
(A)	Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont		
	(1) Primary Residence Subscriber	\$2.06 (S)*	(T)
	(2) Single Line Business Subscriber	\$2.18 (I)	(T)
	(3) Multiline Payphone Subscriber	\$2.85 (S)*	(T)

31.4.18 Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge - Non-Primary Residence Subscriber and Non-Primary Residence Centrex Subscriber

	Individual line or trunk, each	
(A)	Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont	\$2.06 (S)*

31.4.19 Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge - BRI ISDN Subscriber

	ISDN Basic Service, each	
(A)	Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont	\$4.48 (S)*

31.4.20 Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge - PRI ISDN Subscriber

	Digital Transport Facility provided as ISDN Primary Service, each	
(A)	Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont	\$41.43 (S)*

31.4.21 Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge - Multiline Business Subscriber (non-PBX)

	Individual line or trunk, each	
(A)	Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont	\$4.59 (S)*

*(S) - Reissued Material. Original effective date October 1, 2019.

Issued under Special Permission Number 19-____

Transmittal No. 97

Issued: September 20, 2019

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Vice President - Regulatory
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