

NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.

BUSINESS DATA SERVICES ACCESS SERVICE

TARIFF F.C.C. No. 6

TRANSMITTAL NO. 1659

**DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) hereby files revisions to its Tariff F.C.C. No. 6 Business Data Services (BDS) made under authority of Special Permission No. 22-001 of the Federal Communications Commission, to reflect the acquisition of Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC (SACs 300604, 300618 and 300649) by Hanson Communications, Inc., a current participant in NECA's F.C.C. No. 6.<sup>1</sup> The study area names have been changed to Hanson Communications of Ohio, LLC. Consolidated Communications filed revisions to its Tariff F.C.C. No. 9 to remove these three study areas from its tariff on March 17, 2022, for effect on April 1, 2022, the effective date of the acquisition.<sup>2</sup>

**II. PROPOSED RATES**

NECA is filing the revisions herein to incorporate BDS rates for Hanson Communications of Ohio, LLC (SACs 300604, 300618 and 300649). The proposed rates are the

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<sup>1</sup> *Domestic 214 Application Granted for the Acquisition of Assets of Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC by Hanson Communications of Ohio, LLC*, WC Docket No. 21-399, Public Notice, DA 21-1591 (rel. Dec. 16, 2021).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Sharon Thomas, Consultant, Inteserra, to Secretary, FCC, Transmittal No. 116 (March 17, 2022).

rates in effect on March 31, 2022, in Consolidated Communications Tariff F.C.C. No. 9 for Consolidated Communications of Ohio Company, LLC. The currently effective rates will continue to be charged from NECA's Tariff F.C.C. No 6.

Coincident with this filing, NECA is filing revisions under Transmittal No. 1658 to reflect the addition of Common Line rates for Hanson Communications of Ohio, LLC, as these rates were also removed from Consolidated's Tariff F.C.C. No. 9 with an effective date of April 1, 2022.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

The proposed rates for Hanson Communications of Ohio, LLC are filed in compliance with the Commission's rules and requirements and should be allowed to become effective on April 1, 2022, the scheduled date.