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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

Consolidated Communications Companies Application No. 1

RE: Proposed Consolidated Communications Companies adoption and re-issuance of TXU Communications Companies Access Service Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 with no change in substance or location of the tariff provisions.

This application for special permission requests waiver of the requirement of Sections 61.52(b) and 61.74 of Part 61 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules in connection with the proposed submission of Consolidated Communications Companies (CCC -- FRN #0010-1553-98 which was retained from TXU Communications Companies) Access Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, or any successor tariff. As a result of the purchase of TXU Communications Companies (TXUCC), CCC will be adopting and re-issuing TXUCC's interstate access tariff in its entirety with no substance or location changes other than page numbering, elimination of change designators, and changing the company name. This is being accomplished pursuant to Section 61.171 of the Commission's rules.

Waiver of Section 61.52(b) is requested in order to file a consolidated tariff on behalf of TXU Communications Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications and Fort Bend Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications, as affiliates of the Consolidated Communications Companies (CCC). In lieu of the requirements of the waived rules, the name and address of each issuing carrier will be set forth in full on the title page of CCC Tariff F.C.C No. 1, or any successor tariff.

Waiver of Section 61.74 is requested to allow CCC Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, or any successor tariff, to continue to reference NECA Tariff 5 for the Federal Universal Service charge and ISDN Line Ports (Section 3, 17 and 18), End User Access Service (Section 4, 17 and 18) and the Special Access Surcharge (Sections 7, 17 and 18).

Simultaneously with the effective date of the new tariff and under the same Transmittal, TXUCC will also issue a revised Title Page and Supplement No. 1, canceling TXUCC Tariff F.C.C. No. 1.

The Consolidated Communications Companies believe that a grant of the requested waivers is in the public interest in that the proposed tariff, CCC Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, will carry forward the rates found in the existing TXUCC Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. Granting this application will reduce the administrative burden of the companies, the companies' customers, and the Commission staff by re-issuing a single tariff, identical in all material respects to the superceded tariff. Finally, re-issuance of the companies' interstate access service tariff is required by Section 61.171 of the Commission's rules, due to the change in both the carrier name and operating control.

This Application letter and the illustrative CCC Tariff FCC No. 1 Title Page and TXUCC Tariff FCC No. 1 Title Page and Supplement No. 1 are being filed electronically today via the Federal Communications Commission's Electronic Tariff filing System (ETFS).

The original letter of application, along with F.C.C. Form 159 and filing fees in the amount of \$695, is concurrently being delivered to the wholesale Lockbox Shift supervisor – Mellon Bank, pursuant to Section 61.32(b) of the Commission's Rules. Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this application by the Mellon Bank is requested. A duplicate copy of the application is provided for this purpose.

All correspondence and inquiries in connection with this filing should be addressed to me at 300 Decker Drive, Irving, TX 75062, (214) 774-3272.

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Attachments