

# **DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION**

## **CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES (CCC)**

**Comprised of: Fort Bend Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications and TXU Communications Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications**

**Transmittal No. 1, April 14, 2004**

### **Description**

This filing cancels TXU Communications Companies (TXUCC) Tariff FCC No. 1 and replaces it with Consolidated Communications Companies Tariff FCC No. 1. Consolidated Communications, Inc. purchased TXUCC, with the closing occurring on April 14, 2004, the date of this filing. This is a name change only.

There are no material changes in the TXUCC Tariff FCC No. 1. The name of the issuing carrier has been changed, the page numbers modified so that all pages are original pages, and the change designators on the right hand side of the pages have been eliminated. Other than these administrative changes, the new tariff is identical to the TXUCC tariff it superceded, with no changes in substance or location.

The Consolidated Communications Companies are comprised of Fort Bend Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications and TXU Communications Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications.

Additionally, the Title page of the old tariff has been issued as a 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Title page, canceling the entire tariff on the effective date of the new tariff – 15 days after the filing date, or April 29, 2004. Supplement No. 1 is also being filed to highlight the tariff cancellation.

### **Justification**

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companies' customers, and the Commission staff by re-issuing a single tariff, identical in all material respects to the superceded tariff.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.

CCC will be notifying customers of the purchase using bill inserts and media announcements. Thus, there is no need for separate customer notification for the tariff change.