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June 16, 2004

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

RE: Transmittal No. 3 -- 2004 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filing

The accompanying tariff material, issued by the Consolidated Communications Companies (CCC; FRN #0010-1553-98), consisting of Consolidated Communications of Texas Company (CCTX) f/k/a TXU Communications Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications and Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend Company (CCFB) f/k/a Fort Bend Telephone Company d/b/a Consolidated Communications, and bearing Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Access Service, is sent to you for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. The proposed effective date of July 1, 2004, is fifteen days after the filing date, in accordance with Section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Order DA 04-1049, In the Matter of July 1, 2004 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings.

This filing is made in compliance with the F.C.C.'s Orders DA 04-1049 in WCB/Pricing 04-18, In the Matter of July 1, 2004 Annual Access Charge Tariff Filings; and DA 04-1048 in WCB/Pricing 04-15, In the Matter of Material to be Filed in Support of 2004 Annual Access Tariff Filings; both released April 19, 2004. These Orders established procedures for the 2004 filing of annual access charges tariffs, Tariff Review Plans, Section 61.38 cost support and additional supporting documents by all incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs).

The rationale and explanation of the revised rates, Tariff Review Plans (TRPs), and supporting data for both CCTX and CCFB are found in the Description and Justification attached to this filing. The revised tariff pages, the TRPs and the supporting data are being filed as part of this transmittal. The required Certification is provided at the end of the filing package.

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This transmittal letter and the supporting documents are being electronically filed today via the Federal Communications Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (EFTS).

In accordance with Section 61.32 of the Commission's Rules, the original of this transmittal letter, 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 petitions, correspondence and inquiries in connection with this filing should be addressed to me at 300 Decker Drive, Irving, TX 75062-8136, telephone 214-774-3272 and facsimile 214-774-3240.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Shultz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael J. Shultz

Vice President, Regulatory and Public Policy

Attachments