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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

Consolidated Communications Companies Application No. 2

RE: Consolidated Communications Companies' Base Tariff Filing of Tariff  
FCC No. 1 on August 18, 2004, with Rates Effective August 14, 2004 with  
its Revised Annual Filing

This application for special permission requests waiver of the requirement of Sections 61.16 and 61.15(d) of Part 61 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules in connection with the proposed submission of Consolidated Communications Companies, FRN #0010-1553-98, Tariff FCC No. 1 Base Tariff Filing on August 18, 2004.

Waiver of Section 61.16 is requested in order to file a revised Base Tariff at a time other than the first 5 business days of the month. Consolidated Communications Companies filed extensive rate revisions associated with its Annual Filing on July 30, 2004 (effective August 14, 2004) and filed a Base Tariff earlier than the required dates in order to incorporate these changes and make it easier for customers to reference its rates. This filing also incorporates filings that became effective in July 2004.

Waiver of Section 61.15(d) is requested to give Special Permission after-the-fact of the actual filing of the Base Tariff on August 18, 2004. The Consolidated Communications Companies believe that a grant of the requested waivers is in the public interest due to the extensive changes required with its Annual Filing which justified early filing of the Base Tariff, including extensively revised rates.

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The original letter of application, along with F.C.C. Form 159 and filing fees in the amount of \$720, 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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