

**DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES (CCC)
CONSISTING OF CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF TEXAS (CCTX)
AND CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF FORT BEND (CCFB)
d/b/a CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS**

CCC TARIFF FCC No. 1

TRANSMITTAL No. 17, October 1, 2007

DESCRIPTION

Consolidated Communications continues to expand the broadband penetration in its service areas. During the time period between October 16, 2007 and December 31, 2007, the Telephone Company will apply an \$8.95 credit for the first six (6) months when the customer commits to a one-year contract for Wholesale and/or Stand Alone Wholesale Digital Subscriber Line services. If the DSL line is disconnected for any reason prior to the end of the 12-month minimum commitment period, the Telephone Company will bill the customer an amount equal to the difference between what the customer would have paid for Wholesale DSL and/or Stand Alone Wholesale DSL service and what he/she was billed under the promotion, along with any termination fees.

The cost support for Wholesale DSL was filed in Consolidated Communications Transmittal No. 16, and remains valid. The promotional rate is above the LRIC for the service.

JUSTIFICATION

In the Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Congress in Section 706(a) charges the Commission with “encourag[ing] the deployment on a reasonable and timely basis of advanced telecommunications capability” – broadband – “to all Americans.” This tariff filing does that by promoting the increased broadband penetration in Consolidated Communications’ service areas. CCC believes that the offering of an alternative to the existing DSL service at a discounted rates is a necessary step to respond to current market conditions. CCC also believes that the decline in monthly per unit revenues will be more than offset by an increase in demand that the lower rates will generate through wholesale channels.

This promotion is expected to generate new Wholesale DSL customers; most of whom will retain their service after the promotional period ends, thus furthering the Commission’s broadband goals along with the Company’s goal of increasing its ADSL penetration.