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**ORDER NO. 48
SUPPLEMENTAL 2016 APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVITS
FOR STATE CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE ETC STATUS
TO RECEIVE FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

On September 26, 2016, the Public Utility Commission of Texas issued Order No. 47 certifying ninety Texas carriers, whose annual affidavits had been received and who meet the criteria under FTA¹ § 254(e), as eligible to receive federal universal service support.

On September 30, 2016, Commission Staff filed a supplemental response to Order No. 46 and on October 5, 2016, a second supplemental response to Order No. 46. Commission Staff requests the addition of Skybeam, LLC to the list of certified carriers. Commission Staff filed a corrected list of Texas Carriers filing Affidavits in 2016. A total of ninety-one carriers are now shown as having filed affidavits.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Commission certifies Skybeam, LLC whose affidavit was received on September 27, 2016 and who meets the criteria under FTA § 254(e) as eligible to receive federal universal service support.

¹ Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) (codified in scattered sections of 15 and 47 U.S.C.).

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SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 18th day of October 2016.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



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17	Century Telephone-NW Louisiana, Inc.	270431	R	ILEC
18	Century Telephone-Port Aransas, Inc. d/b/a/ CenturyLink	442117	R	ILEC
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73	Texas RSA 15B2 L.P. d/b/a Five Star Wireless and d/b/a Right Wireless	449046	B	CMRS
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**COMMISSION STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL
RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 46**

Based on the attached letter of Scott Smyth, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas recommends approval of the late filed affidavit by Skybeam, LLC. Transmittal of such approval is sent to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) by October 1, 2016 and certification of these companies as eligible to receive federal high-cost support.

Date: September 30, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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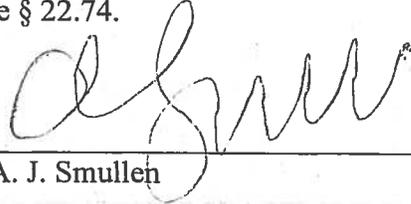
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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on September 30, 2016 in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual State Certification of Federal High-Cost Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

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SUPPLEMENTAL ETC FILING FOR LATE-FILED AFFIDAVIT

To the Filing Representatives:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314¹, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the telecommunications carrier² listed below is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

On September 27, 2016, Skybeam, LLC ("Skybeam" or the "Company") filed a late-filled affidavit for Texas study area codes (SACs) 446119 and 446139, certifying that the Company

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would use the funds received in 2015 and the funds that it will receive in 2017 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

The PUCT certifies for the Skybeam SACs listed below that all federal high-cost support provided to the Company within Texas was used in the preceding calendar year (2014) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2016) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.³

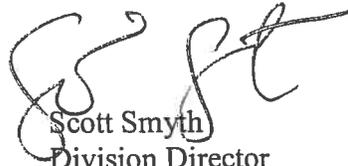
Skybeam filed its affidavit late and is hereby certified by the Texas PUC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 as follows:

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If you have any questions regarding this compliance filing, please contact James Kelsaw at 512-936-7338 in our Competitive Markets Division.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Smyth
Division Director
Competitive Markets Division

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a) – “Certification. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program just file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.”

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL
RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 46**

Based on the attached letter of Scott Smyth, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas corrects its recommendation of approval of the late filed affidavit by Skybeam, LLC. Staff's previous filing referenced funds used in 2014 and that would be used in 2016, but Staff should have referenced years 2015 and 2016.

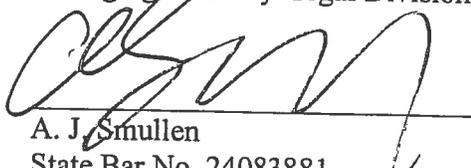
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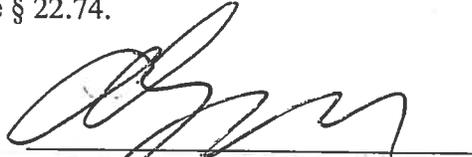


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CORRECTION TO SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 ETC FILING FOR LATE-FILED AFFIDAVIT

To the Filing Representatives:

On September 28, 2016, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) filed a letter certifying Skybeam, LLC as eligible to receive federal high-cost support. However, the PUC inadvertently certified that the high-cost support funds provided to Skybeam, LLC was used in the preceding calendar year 2014 and would be used in the coming calendar year 2016. This letter clarifies that the high-cost support provided to Skybeam, LLC within Texas was used in the preceding calendar year (2015) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2017) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.



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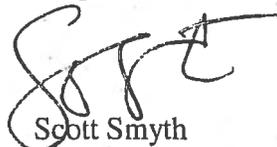
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