

PROJECT NO. 24481

DESIGNATION OF COMMON  
CARRIERS AS ELIGIBLE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
CARRIERS TO RECEIVE FEDERAL  
UNIVERSAL FUNDS

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS

**ORDER NO. 51  
2017 CERTIFICATION PROCESS, APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVITS FOR STATE  
CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE ETC STATUS TO RECEIVE FEDERAL  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

In accordance with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act (FTA),<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 26.418(k) (TAC) the Commission annually certifies that all federal high-cost support provided to carriers in Texas will be used only for "the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended."<sup>2</sup> The Commission must file its 2017 certifications with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) by October 1 each year in order for ETCs to receive federal high-cost support. Without certification, carriers will not receive federal high-cost support.

On July 27, 2017, Order No. 49 was issued, establishing a procedural schedule for the 2017 certification process. Order No. 50, issued on July 31, 2017, provided clarification of the deadline for filing affidavits. Notice was published in the *Texas Register* on August 11, 2017. A total of eighty-nine (89) carriers, shown on the attached list, filed affidavits.

On September 19, 2017, Commission Staff filed its recommendation and summary of the eighty-nine affidavits that were timely filed. Commission Staff recommended approval of the attached list of eighty-nine carriers filing affidavits consistent with the FCC's requirements.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, and consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, the Commission certifies these carriers, whose annual affidavits have been

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<sup>1</sup> 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.).

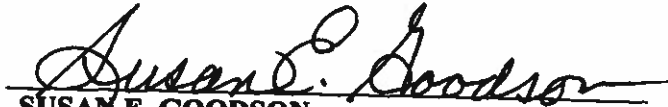
<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313(a), (c) and 54.314(a), (c).

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received and who meet the criteria under FTA § 254(e), as eligible to receive federal universal service support.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

  
SUSAN E. GOODSON  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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## ATTACHMENT A

## TEXAS CARRIERS FILING AFFIDAVITS IN 2017

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18	Century Telephone-Port Aransas, Inc. d/b/a/ CenturyLink	442117	R	ILEC
19	Century Telephone-San Marcos, Inc. d/b/a Century Link	442140	R	ILEC

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20	CGKC&H #2 Rural Partnership d/b/a West Central Wireless & d/b/a Right Wireless	449043	B	CMRS
21	Coleman County Telephone Coop.	442057	R	ILEC
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36	ETS Telephone Company d/b/a EnTouch	442091	R	ILEC
37	Five Area Telephone Coop., Inc.	442071	R	ILEC
38	Frontier Communications Corporation	442080 & 442154	N	ILEC
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50	Mid Plains Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.	442112	R	ILEC
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70	Texas 10, LLC d/b/a Cellular One	449067, 448001, 448002, 448003, 448004, 448005, 448006, 448007, 448008, 448009, 448010, 448011, 448012, 448013, 448014, 448015, 448016, 448017, 448018, 448019, 448020, 448021, 448022, 448023, 448024, 448025, 448026, 448027, 448028, 448029, 448030, 448031, 448032, 448033, 448034, 448035, 448036, 448037, 448038, 448039, 448040, 448041 & 448042	B	CMRS
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71	T-Mobile West LLC	449066, 448051, 448052, 448053, 448054, 448055, 448056 & 448057	B	CMRS
72	Texas RSA 15B2 L.P. d/b/a Five Star Wireless and d/b/a Right Wireless	449046	B	CMRS
73	Texas RSA 7B3, L.P. d/b/a Peoples Wireless Services	449048	R	CMRS
74	Texas Windstream	442153	R	ILEC
75	Totecom Communications, LLC	442060	R	ILEC
76	USFon	449053	N	CLEC
77	Valley Telephone Coop., Inc.	442159	R	ILEC
78	VTX Telecom, L.P.	449050	N	CLEC
79	Web Fire Communications, LLC	449076	N	CLEC
80	Wes-Tex Telephone Coop., Inc.	442168	R	ILEC
81	West Plains Telecommunications, Inc.	442071	R	ILEC
82	West Texas Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.	442166	R	ILEC
83	Windstream Communications Kerrville (f/k/a/ Kerrville Telephone Co.)	442097	R	ILEC
84	Windstream Communications of the Southwest	441163	R	ILEC
85	Windstream Communications Sugarland	442147	R	ILEC
86	Worldcall Interconnect	449055	N	CMRS
87	W.T. Services, Inc.	449001	B	CLEC
88	XIT Rural Telephone Coop.	442170	R	ILEC
89	XIT Telecommunication & Technology, Ltd.	449002	B	CLEC

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 49**

Based on the attached letter of Pam Whittington, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas finds the affidavits of the eighty-nine companies listed in the attached chart to be compliant.

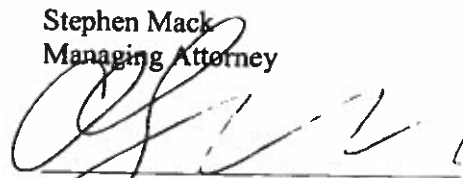
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Respectfully Submitted,

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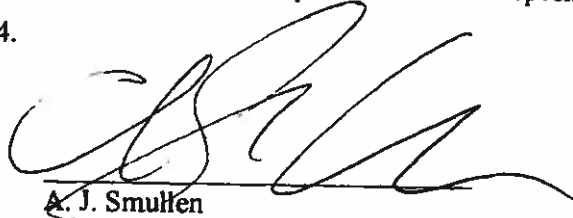
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record September 19, 2017, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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Commissioner

**Brandy Marty Marquez**  
Commissioner

**Brian H. Lloyd**  
Executive Director



**Greg Abbott**  
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## ***Public Utility Commission of Texas***

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September 19, 2017

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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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To the Filing Representatives:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314<sup>1</sup>, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the telecommunications carriers<sup>2</sup> listed below are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The PUCT certifies for the carriers listed below all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within Texas was used in the preceding calendar year (2016) and will be used

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<sup>1</sup> See Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) *Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in CC Docket No. 96-45, and *Report and Order* in CC Docket No. 00-256 (May 23, 2001).

<sup>2</sup> This list includes each carrier's study code, if available, assigned by the National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA).

in the coming calendar year (2018) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.<sup>3</sup>

The rural and non-rural carriers certified by the Texas PUC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 are identified in Attachment A.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Pam Whittington  
Division Director

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<sup>3</sup> 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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