

PROJECT NO. 24481

DESIGNATION OF COMMON
CARRIERS AS ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIERS TO RECEIVE FEDERAL
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ORDER NO. 55
2019 CERTIFICATION OF CARRIERS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE
FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT

In accordance with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act (FTA),¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 26.418(k) 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.”² The Commission must file the 2019 certifications with the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company by October 1 each year in order for eligible telecommunications carriers to receive federal high-cost support.

In Order No. 54 issued on July 12, 2019, the administrative law judge (ALJ) established a procedural schedule for the 2019 certification process. The ALJ ordered each carrier to file by September 1, 2019, a sworn affidavit certifying that the carrier complied with federal requirements for receiving federal high-cost support in the 2018 calendar year and will comply with the federal requirement in the 2019 calendar year.

On September 19, 2019, Commission Staff filed a list of 88 carriers who timely filed the affidavits required under 16 TAC § 26.418(k).

The Commission certifies the carriers listed in Attachment A to this Order only used support during 2018 and will only use support in 2020 for the provision, maintenance, and

¹ Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (codified in scattered sections of 47 U.S.C.A.) (2016).

² 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a).

upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended, and are eligible to receive federal high-cost support under FTA § 254(e).

Signed at Austin, Texas the 30th day of September 2019.

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HUNTER BURKHALTER
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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	CARRIER	STUDY AREA CODE	RURAL, NON- RURAL OR BOTH	CARRIER TYPE
1	Alenco Communications, Inc.	442090	R	ILEC
2	AMA TechTel Communications	449020	B	CLEC
3	Big Bend Telecom, Ltd	446149, 446350, 446351, 446352 & 446353	N	CLEC
4	Big Bend Telephone Co., Inc.	442039	R	ILEC
5	Blossom Telephone Company	442038	R	ILEC
6	Border to Border Communications, Inc.	442073	R	ILEC
7	Brazoria Telephone Co.	442040	R	ILEC
8	Brazos Telecommunications, Inc.	442041	R	ILEC
9	Brazos Telephone Coop., Inc.	442041	R	ILEC
10	Cameron Telephone Company, LLC	440425	R	ILEC
11	Cap Rock Telephone Coop., Inc.	442046	R	ILEC
12	Central Telephone Co. of Texas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink	442114	R	ILEC
13	Century Link – United Telephone Company of Texas Inc. d/b/a Century Link	442084	R	ILEC
14	Central Texas Telephone Coop., Inc.	442052	R	ILEC
15	CenturyTel of Lake Dallas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink	442101	R	ILEC
16	CenturyLink of Louisiana L.L.C. d/b/a CenturyLink (f/k/a Century Telephone-NW Louisiana, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink)	270434	R	ILEC
17	CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink	442117	R	ILEC

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18	CenturyTel of San Marcos, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink	442140	R	ILEC
19	CGKC&H #2 Rural Limited Partnership d/b/a West Central Wireless & d/b/a Right Wireless	449043	B	CMRS
20	Coleman County Telephone Coop., Inc.	442057	R	ILEC
21	Colorado Valley Telephone Coop., Inc.	442059	R	ILEC
22	Community Telephone Co.	442061	R	ILEC
23	Consolidated Communications of Texas Company (Fort Bend)	442072	R	ILEC
24	Consolidated Communications of Texas Company	442109	R	ILEC
25	CT Cube L.P. d/b/a Central Wireless dba Right Wireless	449018	B	CMRS
26	Cumby Telephone Coop., Inc.	442065	R	ILEC
27	Cumby Telephone Coop., Inc. CLEC	449004	B	CLEC
28	Dell Telephone Coop., Inc.	442066	R	ILEC
29	DTS - Dialtone Services, L.P.	449030	B	CMRS/MSS
30	Eastex Telephone Coop., Inc.	442068	R	ILEC
31	Electra Telephone Co.	442069	R	ILEC
32	ENMR Telephone Coop.	442262	R	ILEC
33	ETEX Telephone Coop., Inc.	442070	R	ILEC
34	ETS Telephone Company d/b/a EnTouch Systems	442091	R	ILEC
35	Evolve Cellular, Inc.	449055	N	CMRS
36	Five Area Telephone Coop., Inc.	442071	R	ILEC
37	Frontier Southwest Incorporated d/b/a Frontier Communications of Texas	442080 & 442154	N	ILEC
38	Ganado Telephone Co., Inc. dba YK Communications	442076	R	ILEC
39	Cutter Communications d/b/a Grayson Collin Communications	449012	N	CLEC

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40	Grande Communications Network, LLC	449015	B	CLEC
41	Guadalupe Valley Telephone Coop.	442083	R	ILEC
42	Hill Country Telephone Coop., Inc.	442086	R	ILEC
43	Industry Telephone Co.	442093	R	ILEC
44	La Ward Telephone Exchange Inc.	442103	R	ILEC
45	Lake Livingston Telephone Co.	442104	R	ILEC
46	Leaco Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.	492264	R	ILEC
47	Lipan Telephone Co., Inc.	442105	R	ILEC
48	Livingston Telephone Co.	442107	R	ILEC
49	Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.	442112	R	ILEC
50	Mid-Tex Cellular, Ltd.	449026	B	CMRS
51	New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility	449022	B	CMRS
52	Nortex Communications	442116	R	ILEC
53	North Texas Telephone Company	442043	R	ILEC
54	NTS Communications, Inc.	449024	N	CLEC
55	NTS Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a NTS of Levelland	449052	B	CLEC
56	Panhandle Telephone Coop., Inc.	432016	R	ILEC
57	Peoples Telephone Coop., Inc. d/b/a Peoples	442130	R	ILEC
58	Poka Lambro Telephone Coop., Inc.	442131	R	ILEC
59	PTCI (f/k/a Panhandle Telecommunications Systems, Inc.)	449019	R	CLEC
60	Riviera Telephone Co., Inc.	442134	R	ILEC
61	Santa Rosa Telephone Coop., Inc.	442141	R	ILEC
62	Santa Rosa Telephone Coop., Inc. - CLEC	449006	R	CLEC
63	Skybeam, LLC	446119 & 446139	R	CMRS
64	South Plains Telephone Coop., Inc.	442143	R	ILEC
65	Southwest Arkansas Telephone Coop., Inc.	401724	R	ILEC

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66	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas	445216	N	ILEC
67	Southwest Texas Telephone Co.	442135	R	ILEC
68	Tatum Telephone Co.	442150	R	ILEC
69	Taylor Telephone Coop., Inc.	442151	R	ILEC
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,	B	CMRS

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		448040, 448041 & 448042		
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.L.C.d/b/a Peoples	449048	R	CMRS
74	Texas Windstream, LLC	442153	R	ILEC
75	Totalcom Communications, LLC	442060	R	ILEC
76	USFon, Inc.	449053	N	CLEC
77	Valley Telephone Coop., Inc.	442159	R	ILEC
78	VTX Communications, LLC	449050	N	CLEC
79	Web Fire Communications, Inc.	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

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83	Windstream Communications Kerrville LLC	442097	R	ILEC
84	Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP d/b/a Windstream Communications Southwest	441163	R	ILEC
85	Windstream Sugar Land, LLC	442147	R	ILEC
86	W.T. Services, Inc.	449001	B	CLEC
87	XIT Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.	442170	R	ILEC
88	XIT Telecommunication & Technology, Ltd.	449002	B	CLEC

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COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 54

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

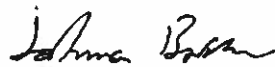
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Respectfully Submitted,

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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, 2019, in accordance with 16 TAC § 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

To the Filing Representatives:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314¹, 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 carriers² 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 (2018) and will be used

¹ 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).

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



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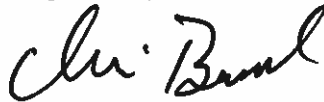
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in the coming calendar year (2020) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.³

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 Customer Protection Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Burch".

Chris Burch
Division Director

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a) – “Certification. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must 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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