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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service;*
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commission Secretary:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen (15) copies of Comments filed by this office on behalf of the Texas Advisory Commission on State Emergency Communications ("TX-ACSEC"). Please distribute the filing as appropriate, and file mark the extra copy and return it in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Thank you for your attention in this matter

Sincerely,

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Before the
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Federal-State Joint Board on § CC Docket No. 96-45
Universal Service §

To: The Commission

**COMMENTS OF THE TEXAS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON STATE
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

NOW COMES THE TEXAS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON STATE
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS (TX-ACSEC), by and through the Office of the
Attorney General of Texas, and submits these COMMENTS in response to the Federal
Communications Commission's (Commission) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking [NPRM] in
CC Docket No. 96-45, released March 8, 1996

In the NPRM, the Commission sought comments on whether specific
telecommunications services, with respect to rural, insular, and high cost areas, should be
included among the core services receiving universal service support. One of those services
is access to 9-1-1 emergency services. NPRM at p. 12. The Commission invited specific
comment "on whether we should include access to enhance 911 services among the services
that should receive universal service support in the event we include basic 911 service in
that group." NPRM at p. 15. TX-ACSEC has a few comments.

TX-ACSEC applauds the Commission's concern and attention to the issue of 9-1-1 in
rural, high cost areas. TX-ACSEC would note, however, that many states, such as Texas,
already have separate dedicated funding for basic and enhanced 9-1-1 emergency services

that includes the rural, high costs areas. 9-1-1 implementation is essentially a local issue because it involves the coordination of both the local telephone companies and the local governments that provide the emergency response services. Universal service fund support for 9-1-1 should be appropriately coordinated with the existing state funding mechanisms and the local governments involved in providing the emergency service.

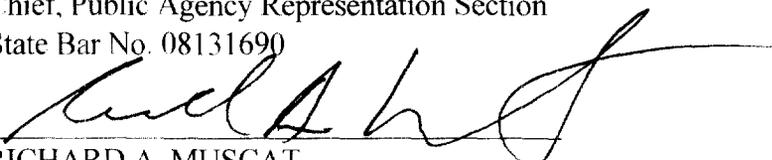
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