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**ORDER NO. 41  
2014 CERTIFICATION PROCESS, APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVITS FOR STATE  
CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE ETC STATUS TO RECEIVE FEDERAL  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

Pursuant to § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act (FTA),<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.418(j) the Public Utility Commission of Texas (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 2014 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 30, 2014, Order No. 40 established a procedural schedule for the 2014 certification process. Notice was published in the *Texas Register* on August 15, 2014. Eighty-four carriers timely filed affidavits with the Commission, and an additional two carriers late filed affidavits. A total of eighty-six carriers, shown on the attached list, filed affidavits.

On September 19, 2014, Commission Staff filed its recommendation and summary of the eighty-four affidavits that were timely filed. On September 26, 2014, Commission Staff filed a

<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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supplemental recommendation and summary to include the two late-filed affidavits. Staff recommended approval of the attached list of eighty-six carriers filing affidavits consistent with the FCC's requirements.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, and consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, the Commission certifies these carriers, whose annual affidavits have been received and who meet the criteria under FTA § 254(e), as eligible to receive federal universal service support.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

  
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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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## TEXAS CARRIERS FILING AFFIDAVITS IN 2014

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5	Border to Border Communications	442073	R	ILEC
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14	Century Telephone-NW Louisiana, Inc.	270431	R	ILEC
15	Century Telephone-Port Aransas, Inc. d/b/a/ CenturyLink	442117	R	ILEC
16	Century Telephone-San Marcos, Inc. d/b/a Century Link	442140	R	ILEC
17	CGKC&H #2 L.P. d/b/a West Central Wireless & d/b/a Right Wireless	449043	B	CMRS
18	Coleman County Telephone Coop.	442057	R	ILEC
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28	DTS - Dialtone Services (MSS)	449030	B	CMRS/MSS
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32	ETEX Telephone Coop., Inc.	442070	R	ILEC
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34	Five Area Telephone Coop., Inc.	442071	R	ILEC
35	Ganado Telephone Co., Inc.	442076	R	ILEC
36	GCEC Technologies	449012	N	CLEC
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66	Texas 10, LLC d/b/a Cellular One	499067 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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67	T-Mobile West LLC	449066	B	CMRS
68	Texas RSA 15B2 L.P. d/b/a Five Star Wireless and d/b/a Right Wireless (CGKC&H #1)	449046	B	CMRS
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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. § 54.314<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 (2013) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2015) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.<sup>3</sup>

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The rural and non-rural carriers certified by the Texas PUC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 are as follows:

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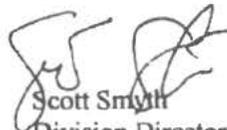
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Respectfully submitted,



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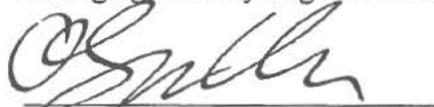
Based on the attached memorandum of James Kelsaw, Staff recommends approval of the late filed affidavits of the listed companies, transmittal of such approvals to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) by October 1, 2014, and certification of these companies as eligible to receive federal high-cost support.

Dated: September 26, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

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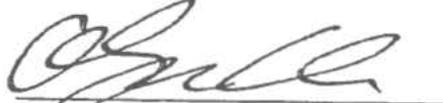


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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on September 26, 2014, in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

  
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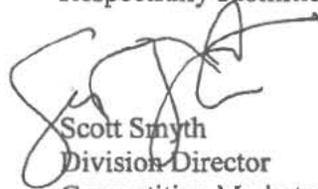
The two carriers that filed affidavits late and are hereby certified by the Texas PUC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 are as follows:

**TEXAS CARRIERS PROVIDING LATE-FILED AFFIDAVITS IN 2014**

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