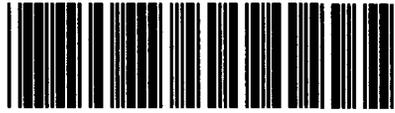


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2009 CERTIFICATION PROCESS,  
APPROVAL OF AFFIDAVITS FOR STATE CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE ETC  
STATUS TO RECEIVE FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) initiated this proceeding in response to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) *Report and Order* adopting a state certification process.<sup>1</sup> The FCC's *Report and Order* required states to establish an annual certification process for rural and non-rural carriers receiving high-cost funds from the federal universal service fund.

In accordance with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act (FTA),<sup>2</sup> carriers must use federal universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support was intended." The FCC concluded that the state should certify that all federal high-cost funds flowing to carriers within the state are being used in a manner consistent with FTA § 254(e). The Commission is required to file such annual certification with the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)

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<sup>1</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service and Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, 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. 00-2256, FCC 01-157 (May 23, 2001).

<sup>2</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.).

on or before October 1 of each year. Absent such certification, carriers will not receive federal universal service support.<sup>3</sup>

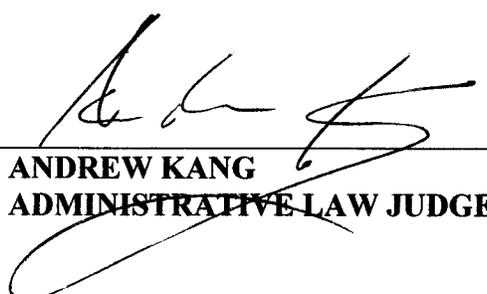
The presiding officer issued Order No. 25 establishing a procedural schedule for the 2009 certification process. Notice was published in the *Texas Register* on August 7, 2009. Ninety-two (92) carriers have filed affidavits with the Commission as identified on the attached list of carriers.

On September 14, 2009, the Commission Staff (Staff) filed its recommendation and summary of affidavits in response to Order No. 25. Staff recommended approval of the attached list of companies filing affidavits consistent with the FCC's requirements and recommended submission of this list to the FCC by October 1, 2009, as required by the FCC's *Report and Order*.

Pursuant to the FCC's May 23, 2001, *Report and Order*, and consistent with Staff's recommendation, the attached list of ninety-two (92) carriers whose annual affidavits have been received and who meet the criteria established by FTA § 254(e), are certified by the Commission as eligible to receive federal universal service support for the year 2009.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

  
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**ANDREW KANG**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

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<sup>3</sup> As determined for non-rural carriers *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Ninth Report and Order and Eighteenth Order on Reconsideration, FCC 99-306 (Nov. 2, 1999) (*Ninth Report and Order*).

**TEXAS CARRIERS FILING AFFIDAVITS IN 2009**

	CARRIER	Study Area Code
1.	Alenco Communications, Inc.	442090
2.	AMA TechTel Communications (Rural and NR)	449020
3.	Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc.	442039
4.	Blossom Telephone Company	442038
5.	Border to Border Communications, Inc.	442073
6.	Brazoria Telephone Company	442040
7.	Brazos Telecommunications, Inc. (CLEC)	442041
8.	Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442041
9.	Cameron Telephone Company	440425
10.	Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442046
11.	Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442052
12.	CenturyTel of Lake Dallas, Inc.	442101
13.	CenturyTel of Northwest Louisiana, Inc.	270431
14.	CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc.	442117
15.	CenturyTel of San Marcos, Inc.	442140
16.	Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442057
17.	Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442059
18.	Comanche County Telephone Company, Inc.	442060
19.	Community Telephone Company, Inc.	442061
20.	Connexions Telcom f/k/a FEC Communications (Rural and NR)	449009
21.	Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend (f/k/a Fort Bend Telephone)	442072

22.	Consolidated Communications of Texas Co. (f/k/a Lufkin Conroe Telephone f/k/a TXU Telephone)	442109
23.	Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442065
24.	Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CLEC Rural & NR)	449004
25.	Dell Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442066
26.	Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442068
27.	Electra Telephone Company	442069
28.	Embarq (United Telephone Company of Texas d/b/a)	442084
29.	ENMR Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442262
30.	Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442070
31.	ETS Telephone Company f/k/a Kingsgate	442091
32.	Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442071
33.	Ganado Telephone Company Inc.	442076
34.	GCEC Telecom (CLEC) (NR)	449012
35.	Grande Communications Networks, Inc. (CLEC)	449015
36.	Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442083
37.	Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442086
38.	Industry Telephone Company	442093
39.	La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.	442103
40.	Lake Livingston Telephone Company	442104
41.	Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	492264
42.	Lipan Telephone Company	442105
43.	Livingston Telephone Company, Inc.	442107
44.	Mid-Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442112

45.	Nortex Communications (f/k/a Muenster)	442116
46.	North Texas Telephone Co.	442043
47.	NTS Communications (CLEC) (NR)	449024
48.	NTS Telephone Company LLC (d/b/a NTS of Levelland) (CLEC) (NR)	449052
49.	Panhandle Telecommunications Systems, Inc. (d/b/a PTCI) (CLEC)	449019
50.	Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (d/b/a PTCI)	432016
51.	Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442130
52.	Poke Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442131
53.	Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.	442134
54.	Sage Telecom of Texas, L.P. (CLEC) (NR)	449010
55.	Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442141
56.	Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CLEC)	449006
57.	Smartcom Telephone L.L.C. (CLEC) (NR)	449027
58.	South Plains Telephone Cooperative., Inc.	442143
59.	Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative., Inc.	401724
60.	Southwest Texas Telephone Company	442135
61.	Tatum Telephone Co., Inc.	442150
62.	Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442151
63.	Texas Windstream, Inc. f/k/a Texas Alltel, Inc.	442153
64.	USFon (CLEC) (NR)	449053
65.	Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442159
66.	Verizon Southwest (NR)	442080 & 442154

67.	VTX Telecom, LP (CLEC) (NR)	449050
68.	Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442168
69.	West Plains Telecommunications, Inc.	442071
70.	West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442166
71.	Windstream Communications Kerrville, L.L.C.	442097
72.	Windstream Communications of the Southwest f/k/a Valor	441163
73.	Windstream Sugar Land, Inc.	442147
74.	W.T. Services, Inc.	449001
75.	XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	442170
76.	XIT Telecommunication & Technology, Ltd. (CLEC)	449002
77.	Alltel Communications	449034
78.	Caprock Cellular L.P.	449032
79.	CGKC&H #1 Rural Limited Partnership d/b/a Five Star Wireless (Rural and Non-Rural)	449046
80.	CGKC&H #2 Rural Limited Partnership d/b/a West Central Wireless & Right Wireless	449043
81.	CT Cube	449018
82.	DialToneServices, L.P. (DTS) (Rural and NR)	449030
83.	Etex Communications, L.P. d/b/a Etex Wireless	449041
84.	Mid-Tex Cellular, Ltd.	449026
85.	New Cingular Wireless PCS (Rural and NR)	449022
86.	Nexus Communications, Inc.	449038
87.	Plateau Telecommunications, Inc.	449037
88.	Sprint Nextel Corporation f/k/a Sprint Corp.	449017
89.	Texas RSA 1 Limited Partnership d/b/a XIT Wireless	449031

90.	Texas RSA 7B3, LP d/b/a Peoples Wireless	449048
91.	WWC Texas RSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Alltel Communications (Rural and NR)	449003
92.	Worldcall Interconnect	449055

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