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RE: *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45*

TPUC Project No. 25787 - *FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant to FTA '96 § 214(e) (2)*

Docket No. 38684 – *Application of Texas Hearing Services Corporation d/b/a Texas Hearing and Telephone for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and Eligible Telecommunications Provider*

ETC Designation of Texas Hearing Services Corporation d/b/a Texas Hearing and Telephone

Pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.201-54.203, the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) has granted eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation to Texas Hearing Services d/b/a Texas Hearing and Telephone (Texas Hearing or the Company). The attached Order, TPUC Docket No. 38684, issued on May 2, 2011, grants Texas Hearing ETC designation to include the wire centers of the non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs), AT&T Texas and

Verizon Southwest. Though the Order granting ETC designation to Texas Hearing was issued on May 2, 2011, the Company failed to meet the requirements of 47 C.F.R. 54.313(d)(3)(vi) by providing an initial affidavit within 60 days of the effective date of the carrier's designation as an ETC. Texas Hearing filed its initial affidavit on November 14, 2011. Additionally, Texas Hearing failed to file its annual affidavit by October 1st as required by C.F.R. 54.313(d)(3)(i) and to date, remains unfiled.

Attached for your information is the affidavit of Brooks Rule, President of Texas Hearing, which attests to the company's intent to use the federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, and for provision of the designated services as required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.101. This document is forwarded to your attention pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313-54.314 for the purpose of calculating federal universal service support for Texas Hearing and to serve as initial certification by the TPUC that Texas Hearing will use the FUSF support consistent with §§ 54.313 and 54.314 of the Federal rules. If you require any additional information please contact me at (512)-936-7390.

Sincerely,



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