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2013 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),¹ 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.”² The Commission must file its 2013 certifications with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) by December 16, 2013.³ Without certification, carriers will not receive federal high-cost support.

On September 2, 2013, Order No. 38 established a procedural schedule for the 2013 certification process. Notice was published in the *Texas Register* on September 13, 2013. Eighty-seven carriers timely filed affidavits with the Commission, and an additional three carriers late filed affidavits. A total of ninety carriers, shown on the attached list, filed affidavits.

On November 13, 2013, Commission Staff filed its recommendation and summary of the eighty-seven affidavits that were timely filed. On November 26, 2013, Commission Staff filed a

¹ 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.).

² 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313(a), (c) and 54.314(a), (c).

³ *In the Matter of the Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 11-42, Public Notice (rel. Aug. 6, 2013).

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supplemental recommendation and summary to include the three late-filed affidavits. Staff recommended approval of the attached list of ninety 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 6th day of December 2013.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



**SUSAN E. GOODSON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

TEXAS CARRIERS FILING AFFIDAVITS IN 2013

	CARRIER	STUDY AREA CODE	RURAL, NON- RURAL OR BOTH	CARRIER TYPE
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3	Big Bend Telephone Co., Inc.	442039	R	ILEC
4	Blossom Telephone Co., Inc.	442038	R	ILEC
5	Border to Border Communications	442073	R	ILEC
6	Brazoria Telephone Co.	442040	R	ILEC
7	Brazos Telecommunications, Inc.	442041	R	ILEC
8	Brazos Telephone Coop., Inc.	442041	R	ILEC
9	Cameron Telephone Co.	440425	R	ILEC
10	Cap Rock Telephone Coop.	442046	R	ILEC
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12	Central Telephone Company of Texas d/b/a CenturyLink	442114	R	ILEC
13	Century Telephone-Lake Dallas, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink	442101	R	ILEC
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
19	Colorado Valley Telephone Coop., Inc.	442059	R	ILEC
20	Community Telephone Co.	442061	R	ILEC
21	ConNEXTions Telcom (f/k/a FEC Communications, LLP)	449009	B	CLEC
22	Consolidated Communications (f/k/a Fort Bend)	442072	R	ILEC
23	Consolidated Communications of Texas (f/k/a Lufkin Conroe)	442109	R	ILEC
24	CT Cube L.P. (d/b/a West Central Wireless and d/b/a Right Wireless)	449018	B	CMRS
25	Cumby Telephone Coop., Inc.	442065	R	ILEC
26	Cumby Telephone Coop., Inc. CLEC	449004	B	CLEC
27	Dell Telephone Coop., Inc.	442066	R	ILEC
28	DTS - Dialtone Services (MSS)	449030	B	CMRS/MSS

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30	Electra Telephone Co.	442069	R	ILEC
31	ENMR Telephone Coop., Inc.	442262	R	ILEC
32	ETEX Telephone Coop., Inc.	442070	R	ILEC
33	ETS Telephone Company d/b/a EnTouch (f/k/a Kingsgate)	442091	R	ILEC
34	Five Area Telephone Coop., Inc.	442071	R	ILEC
35	Ganado Telephone Co., Inc.	442076	R	ILEC
36	GCEC Technologies	449012	N	CLEC
37	Grande Communications Network, Inc.	449015	R	CLEC
38	Guadalupe Valley Telephone Coop.	442083	R	ILEC
39	Hill Country Telephone Coop.	442086	R	ILEC
40	Industry Telephone Co.	442093	R	ILEC
41	La Ward Telephone Exchange	442103	R	ILEC
42	Lake Livingston Telephone Co.	442104	R	ILEC
43	Leaco Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.	492264	R	ILEC
44	Lipan Telephone Co.	442105	R	ILEC
45	Livingston Telephone Co.	442107	R	ILEC
46	Mid Plains Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.	442112	R	ILEC
47	Mid-Tex Cellular, Ltd.	449026	B	CMRS
48	New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (f/k/a Dobson Cellular)	449022	B	CMRS
49	Nexus Communications, Inc.	449038	N	CLEC
50	Nortex Communications (f/k/a Muenster)	442116	R	ILEC
51	North Texas Telephone Company	442043	R	ILEC
52	NTS Communications, Inc	449024	N	CLEC
53	NTS Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a NTS of Levelland	449052	B	CLEC
54	Panhandle Telephone Coop., Inc.	432016	R	ILEC
55	Peoples Telephone Coop., Inc.	442130	R	ILEC
56	Plateau Telecom (Texas RSA 3 Ltd. Partnership)	449037	R	CMRS
57	Poka Lambro Telephone Co., Inc.	442131	R	ILEC
58	PTCI (f/k/a Panhandle Telecommunications Systems, Inc.)	449019	R	CLEC
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61	Santa Rosa Telephone Coop., Inc. - CLEC	449006	R	CLEC
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66	Taylor Telephone Coop., Inc.	442151	R	ILEC
67	Telenational Communications, Inc.	449040	R	CLEC
68	Texas 10, LLC d/b/a Cellular One	499067	B	CMRS
69	Texas Hearing Services Corp. d/b/a Texas Hearing & Telephone	449062	N	CLEC
70	T-Mobile West LLC	449066	B	CMRS
71	Texas RSA 15B2 L.P. d/b/a Five Star Wireless and d/b/a Right Wireless (CGKC&H #1)	449046	B	CMRS
72	Texas RSA 7B3, L.P. d/b/a Peoples Wireless Services	449048	R	CMRS
73	Texas Windstream (f/k/a Texas Alltel, Inc.)	442153	R	ILEC
74	Totecom Communications, LLC (f/k/a Comanche County Telephone)	442060	R	ILEC
75	United Telephone Co. (Sprint/United) d/b/a CenturyLink (f/k/a Embarq f/k/a United Telephone)	442084	R	ILEC
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79	VTX Telecom, L.P.	449050	N	CLEC
80	Web Fire Communications, Inc.	449076	N	CLEC
81	Wes-Tex Telephone Coop., Inc.	442168	R	ILEC
82	West Plains Telecommunications, Inc.	442071	R	ILEC
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87	Worldcall Interconnect	449055	N	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. § 54.314¹, 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 (2012) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2014) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.³

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

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

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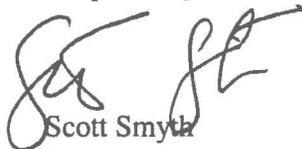
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Respectfully submitted,



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Memorandum

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TO: Central Records Filing Clerk

FROM: Liz Kayser, Competitive Markets Division

DATE: November 26, 2013

RE: **Project No. 24481** – *Designation of Common Carriers as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) to Receive Federal Universal Fund Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Fourteenth Report and Order Adopting a State Certification Process*

The Annual State Certification of Federal High-Cost Support for ETCs filed in this docket on November 13, 2013 has been revised to include companies that filed corrected affidavits after that date. The revised certification letter is attached to this memorandum to be filed in Project No. 24481.

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P.U.C.T. Project No. 24481

SUPPLEMENTAL ETC FILING FOR LATE-FILED AFFIDAVITS

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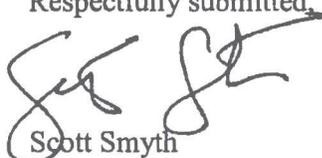
The three carriers that filed affidavits late and are hereby certified by the Texas PUC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 are as follows:

TEXAS CARRIERS PROVIDING LATE-FILED AFFIDAVITS IN 2013

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