

PROJECT NO. 24640

**ISSUES RELATED TO
ESTABLISHMENT OF, AND ANNUAL
REVISIONS TO, ACCESS LINE RATES
FOR TEXAS MUNICIPALITIES**

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**REVISED ORDER SETTING CPI-ADJUSTED CITY-PREFERRED
ACCESS LINE RATES FOR YEAR 2012**

This revised Order¹ approves city-preferred access line rates for the Year 2012. Pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.467(j) and TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE § 283.055(g), Texas cities are allowed to annually revise their access line rates by an amount equal to one-half the annual change in the most recent consumer price index (CPI). For the year 2011 this amount equals 1.72%.

On March 15, 2012, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) issued an Order² approving a 1.72% increase in maximum access line rates for Texas cities with Commission-approved rates. However, since several cities adopt less than maximum rates, the Commission also ordered that:

- A municipality whose 2011 city-preferred access line rate(s) is below its 2011 CPI-adjusted maximum access line rates will remain at its 2011 city-preferred rate(s) unless it provides notification to the Commission of its desired rates no later than April 30, 2012.
- For a municipality whose 2011 city-preferred access line rate(s) is equal to its 2011 CPI-adjusted maximum access line rate(s), the new 2012 city-preferred access line rate will be set equal to the new 2012 CPI-adjusted maximum access line rate(s) unless the municipality provides a notification to the Commission of its desired rate(s) no later than April 30, 2012.

¹ This filing includes a revised Attachment A showing corrected 2012 rates for certain cities, towns, and villages.

² *Issues Related to Annual Revisions to Access Line Rates for Texas Municipalities*, Order Setting CPI-Adjusted Maximum Access Line Rates for Year 2012 (Mar. 15, 2012).

In response to that Order, several cities responded to the Commission either by affirming the Commission's default rates or by declining the default rates and choosing different rates.

On October 23, 2001, the Commission issued an order delegating authority to Staff to administratively approve revisions to access line rates.³ This Order is being issued pursuant to that authority.

Ordering Provision

Revised Attachment A⁴ contains the year 2012 city-preferred access line rates incorporating any adjustments requested by the cities. These rates are approved and shall be implemented prospectively no later than July 1, 2012.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 17th day of May 2012.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS


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³ *Order Delegating Authority to Staff to Approve Revised Access Line Rates and Lifeline Exemption Status Changes*, Docket No. 24640 (Oct. 23, 2001).

⁴ Revised rates are reflected for the following entities: Cities of Abbott, Alton, Appleby, Aurora, Bailey, Balch Springs, Bardwell, Barstow, Beach City, Beasley, Blum, Brazos Bend, Briaroaks, Bridgeport, Brookside Village, Carthage, Cashion Community, Clarksville, Clear Lake Shores, Clifton, Columbus, Crawford, Daisetta, Danbury, Denver City, Dumas, Emory, Encinal, Fairfield, Fairview/New Fairview, Floydada, Forney, Giddings, Glen Rose, Golinda, Groom, Gruver, Hallettsville, Haslet, Hedley, Hideaway, Hill Country Village, Holliday, Honey Grove, Hughes Springs, Ingleside on the Bay, Jefferson, Joaquin, Joshua, Junction, Kress, Lakeside, Lampasas, League City, Liberty, Lindale, Llano, Lowry Crossing, Lumberton, Lytle, Mason, Meadowlakes, Memphis, Mertzon, Miami, Midway, Mobeetie, Morgans Point, Morton, Mount Vernon, Newark, Newton, Normangee, Novice, Palacios, Paradise, Point Comfort, Port Lavaca, Portland, Putnam, Quinlan, Quitman, Raymondville, Red Lick, Rio Bravo, Rio Vista, Rising Star, Rochester, Roscoe, Rose Hill Acres, Rule, Rusk, Saint Hedwig, Sansom Park, Seagraves, Shepherd, Shiner, Simonton, Sinton, Smiley, Sonora, Spofford, Star Harbor, Stephenville, Streetman, Taylor Lake Village, Tehuacana, Terrell Hills, Throckmorton, Timpson, Tulia, Uncertain, Van. Waelder, Wake Village, Wells, Weslaco, Whiteface, Whitesboro, and Wilson; Town of Pecos City, Quintana, Springlake, Thompsons, Van Horn, and Westover Hills; Village of Bee Cave and Village of Laguna Vista.