

**PROJECT NO. 24640**

**ISSUES RELATED TO ANNUAL § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
REVISIONS TO ACCESS LINE RATES §  
FOR TEXAS MUNICIPALITIES § OF TEXAS**

**ORDER APPROVING YEAR-END REVISIONS TO ACCESS LINE RATES  
PURSUANT TO P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.467(h)**

**I. Introduction**

This order administratively adopts city-preferred access line rates for certain Texas municipalities (Cities). Pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.467(h),<sup>1</sup> Texas cities are allowed to annually revise their access line rates. The rates may be revised either by changing the allocation, or adjusting (increasing or decreasing) access line rates to be at or below the Commission-established maximum rates. A municipality may also choose to exempt lifeline customers or beneficiaries of similar low income assistance programs from payment of access line fees. On October 23, 2001, the Commission delegated authority to Commission Staff to administratively approve requests by municipalities for revisions in access line rates pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.467(h), provided such revised rates are equal to or below the Commission approved maximum-access line rates.<sup>2</sup> This order is issued under that authority.

Commission staff notified Cities of their options to revise rates pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. § 26.467(h) and required Cities to respond by September 1, 2005. The following table contains the list of city-preferred rates for the Cities that responded timely. All requested rates are at or below the Commission-approved maximum access line rates.<sup>3</sup> These city-preferred rates shall be applied prospectively and shall be implemented by certificated telecommunications providers no later than January 1, 2006.

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<sup>1</sup> P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.467 relating to Rates, Allocation, Compensation, Adjustments and Reporting.

<sup>2</sup> *Order Delegating Authority to Staff to Approve Revised Access Line Rates and Lifeline Exemption Status Changes*, Project No. 24640 (October 23, 2001).

<sup>3</sup> *Order Setting CPI-Adjusted Maximum Access Line Rates for Year 2005*, Project No. 24640, (March 24, 2005).

Municipality	2005 Maximum Rates			2006 City Preferred Rates		
	Residential	Non-Residential	Point-to-Point	Residential	Non-Residential	Point-to-Point
<b>City of Bovina</b>	\$1.41	\$3.23	\$4.92	\$1.41	\$3.23	\$4.92
<b>City of Mason</b>	\$ 1.32	\$ 3.68	\$ 24.30	\$ 1.32	\$ 3.68	\$ 5.00
<b>City of Rockport</b>	\$ 1.44	\$ 3.31	\$ 5.02	\$ 1.44	\$ 3.31	\$ 5.02
<b>Village of Pleak</b>	\$ .89	\$ 2.03	\$ 3.06	\$ .89	\$ 2.03	\$ 3.06

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2005.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

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