

PROJECT NO. 24640

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

**ORDER ADMINISTRATIVELY ESTABLISHING ACCESS LINE RATES
FOR THE CITY OF HOWARD**

This Order establishes the fee per access line rates for the City of Howard, Texas (City). This Order is necessary because the City did not initially participate in the process of establishing fee per access line rates under TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE Ch. 283, but now elects to set such rates. On January 30, 2003, the Commission delegated authority to Staff to administratively approve access line rates for newly participating cities that use either the statewide average rates of the dominant certificated telecommunications provider (CTP) or the rates of a similarly sized municipality in the same or an adjacent county to establish their maximum access line rates.¹ On October 23, 2001, the Commission delegated authority to Staff to administratively approve requests by municipalities for revisions in access line rates, provided such revised rates are equal to or below the Commission-approved maximum access line rates.² This Order is issued under that authority. Staff calculated maximum fee per access line rates for the City using statewide average rates for the dominant carrier, which is SBC Texas. The City has elected to adopt its maximum rates as its city-preferred rates. Accordingly, the maximum fee per access line rates for the City is shown in the table below. These rates shall be applied prospectively from the date of this Order and shall be implemented no later than July 1, 2004.

¹Open Meeting Tr. At 125-128 (Jan. 30, 2003).

²Order Delegating Authority to Staff to Approve Revised Access Line Rates and Lifeline Exemption Status Changes (October 23, 2001).

City of Howard	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Maximum and City Preferred Access Line Rates	\$1.32	\$3.05	\$4.64

ISSUED IN AUSTIN, TEXAS ON THE ____ DAY OF _____ 2004.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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