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

This Order administratively adopts city-preferred access line rates for certain Texas municipalities (Cities). Pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.467(h),¹ 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.² This Order is issued under that authority.

Commission staff notified Texas municipalities of their options to revise rates pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.467(h) and required cities to respond by October 10, 2003. The following table contains the list of city-preferred rates for Texas municipalities that responded timely. All the requested rates are at or below the Commission-approved maximum access line rates.³ These city-preferred rates shall be applied prospectively and shall be implemented by certificated telecommunications providers (CTPs) no later than January 1, 2004.

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

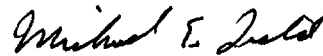
² See Order Delegating Authority to Staff to Approve Revised Access Line Rates and Lifeline Exemption Status Changes, Project No. 24640 (Oct. 23, 2001).

³ See Order setting CPI-Adjusted Maximum Access Line Rates For Year 2003, Project No. 24640, (Mar. 24, 2003).

Municipality	2003 Maximum Rates			2004 City Preferred Rates		
	Residential	Non Residential	Point-to-Point	Residential	Non Residential	Point-to-Point
City of La Vernia	\$0.40	\$0.90	\$1.36	\$0.40	\$0.90	\$1.36
City of Dumas	\$1.10	\$3.45	\$49.65	\$ 0.66	\$1.38	\$1.94
City of Laredo	\$2.31	\$4.59	\$5.29	\$2.31	\$4.59	\$5.29
City of Weslaco	\$0.80	\$1.18	\$3.62	\$0.80	\$1.18	\$3.62

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 23rd day of October 2003.

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