

PROJECT NO. 21174

RULEMAKING TO ADDRESS § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
COA/SPCOA SWITCHED ACCESS §
RATES § OF TEXAS

**ORDER ESTABLISHING WEIGHTED STATEWIDE AVERAGE
COMPOSITE USAGE SENSITIVE INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS RATES AND
EXTENDING TIMELINE FOR COMPLIANCE SUBMISSIONS**

This project resulted in adoption of P.U.C. Substantive R. 26.223 which became effective on July 30, 2000. The Commission is required to establish weighted statewide average composite usage sensitive intrastate switched access rates within 60 days of the effective date of the rule based upon the submission of CCN holders' compliance filings.¹ Under this rule, usage sensitive weighted statewide average composite originating and terminating rates must be calculated for the following elements: Carrier Common Line (CCL), Local Switching (LS), Switched Transport (TR), Tandem Switching (TS), and Tandem Switched Transport (TST). At the October 19, 2000 Open Meeting, the Commission approved the following statewide average intrastate switched access rates based upon the submission of appropriate data from all CCN holders in Texas:

Originating CCL	.0158320
Originating Local Switching	.0091050
Originating Transport	.0007821
Originating Tandem Switching	Included in Transport rate (Not Applicable)
Originating Tandem Switched Transport	Included in Transport rate (Not Applicable)
Terminating CCL	.0192778
Terminating Local Switching	.0091050
Terminating Transport	.0007826
Terminating Tandem Switching	Included in Transport rate (Not Applicable)
Terminating Tandem Switched Transport	Included in Transport rate (Not applicable)

¹ See P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.223(d).

The Commission concludes that these statewide average rates most closely adhere to the mandates and intent of P.U.C. Subst. R. 26.223.

The Commission staff requested a waiver of the sixty (60) day deadline² for establishing statewide average rates on the grounds that there were delays in receiving and interpreting appropriate data from the telecommunications companies. These delays caused unavoidable delay in the final computations of statewide average rates. The Commission finds good cause to grant a waiver of the sixty (60) day deadline.³

COA and SPCOA holders are required to submit compliance filings delineating their selection of one of the options detailed in Subst. R. 26.223(g)(1). These filings are required to be made in accordance with the schedule set forth therein. For the reasons discussed in this order, the Commission finds good cause to extend the deadline⁴ for COA/SPCOA holders' compliance submissions by twenty (20) days from the time periods mandated in Subst R. 26.223(g)(1). All such compliance submissions should be filed under Project No. 21174.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 27th day of October, 2000.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

PAT WOOD, III, CHAIRMAN

JUDY WALSH, COMMISSIONER

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² See *Id.* R. 26.223(d).

³ See *Id.* R. 26.3

⁴ *Id.*