

PROJECT NO. 24640

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

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

This Order establishes the fee per access line rates for the City of Hideaway, Texas. This Order is necessary because the City of Hideaway 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 April 6, 2001, the Commission delegated authority to Staff to administratively approve access line rates for newly incorporated cities that use either the statewide average rates of the dominant certificated telecommunications provider 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 On February 7, 2003, the Commission delegated authority to Staff to administratively approve access line rates for newly participating cities under similar circumstances.³ This Order is issued under this authority.

Staff calculated maximum fee per access line rates for the City of Hideaway using statewide average rates for the dominant carrier, which is SBC Texas. The City of Hideaway has elected to adopt rates less than those maximum rates (city-preferred rates). Accordingly, maximum and city-preferred fee per access line rates for the City of Hideaway are shown in the table below. These rates shall be applied prospectively from the date of this Order and shall be implemented no later than November 1, 2003.

¹ *Issues Relating to Access Line Reporting and Compensation Pursuant to P.U.C. Subst. R. 26.465 and 26.467, Project No. 23379, Open Meeting Tr. at 41-43 (April 6, 2001).*

² *Issues Related to Annual Revisions to Access Line Rates for Texas Municipalities, Project No. 24640, Order Delegating Authority to Staff to Approve Revised Access Line Rates and Lifeline Exemption Status Changes (October 23, 2001).*

³ *Project No. 24640, Order Delegating Authority to Staff to Approve Access Line Rates and Lifeline Exemption Status Changes for Newly Participating Cities (February 7, 2003).*

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City of Hideaway	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Maximum Access Line Rates	\$1.20	\$2.75	\$4.18
City-Preferred Access Line Rates	\$0.30	\$0.69	\$0.82

ISSUED IN AUSTIN, TEXAS on the 13th day of August 2003.

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