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**ORDER ADMINISTRATIVELY ESTABLISHING ACCESS LINE RATES
FOR THE CITY OF NOONDAY AND THE CITY OF SANDY POINT**

This Order establishes the fee per access line rates for the City of Noonday and the City of Sandy Point, Texas (Cities). This Order is necessary because the Cities did not initially participate in the process of establishing fee per access line rates under TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE Ch. 283, but now elect 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 (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 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 Cities using statewide average rates for the dominant carrier, which is SBC Texas. The City of Noonday has elected to adopt rates less than those maximum rates (city-preferred rates), whereas the City of Sandy Point will be using its maximum rates. Accordingly, maximum and city-preferred fee per access line rates

¹ Open Meeting Tr. at 41-43 (April 6, 2001).

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

³ Order Delegating Authority to Staff to Approve Access Line Rates and Lifeline Exemption Status Changes for Newly Participating Municipalities (February 7, 2003).

for each of the Cities 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 December 1, 2003.

City of Noonday	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Maximum Access Line Rates	\$1.25	\$2.87	\$4.31
City-Preferred Access Line Rates	\$0.76	\$1.90	\$3.77

City of Sandy Point	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Maximum Access Line Rates	\$1.24	\$2.84	\$4.19

ISSUED IN AUSTIN, TEXAS on the 18th day of September 2003.

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