

PROJECT NO. 24640

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

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS

**ORDER SETTING CPI-ADJUSTED CITY-PREFERRED  
ACCESS LINE RATES FOR YEAR 2013**

This Order approves city-preferred access line rates for the Year 2013. Pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.467(j) and TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE § 283.055(g), Texas cities are allowed to annually revise their access line rates by an amount equal to one-half the annual change in the most recent consumer price index (CPI). For the year 2012 this amount equals 1.06%.

On March 1, 2013, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) issued an Order<sup>1</sup> approving a 1.06% increase in maximum access line rates for Texas cities with Commission-approved rates. However, since several cities adopt less than maximum rates, the Commission also ordered that:

- A municipality whose 2012 city-preferred access line rate(s) is below its 2012 CPI-adjusted maximum access line rates will remain at its 2012 city-preferred rate(s) unless it provides notification to the Commission of its desired rates no later than April 30, 2013.
- For a municipality whose 2012 city-preferred access line rate(s) is equal to its 2012 CPI-adjusted maximum access line rate(s), the new 2013 city-preferred access line rate will be set equal to the new 2013 CPI-adjusted maximum access line rate(s) unless the municipality provides a notification to the Commission of its desired rate(s) no later than April 30, 2013.

In response to that Order, several cities responded to the Commission either by affirming the Commission's default rates or by declining the default rates and choosing different rates.

<sup>1</sup> *Issues Related to Annual Revisions to Access Line Rates for Texas Municipalities, Order Setting CPI-Adjusted Maximum Access Line Rates for Year 2013 (Mar. 1, 2013).*

On October 23, 2001, the Commission issued an order delegating authority to Staff to administratively approve revisions to access line rates.<sup>2</sup> This Order is being issued pursuant to that authority.

***Ordering Provision***

Attachment A contains the year 2013 city-preferred access line rates incorporating any adjustments requested by the cities. These rates are approved and shall be implemented prospectively no later than July 1, 2013.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 8th day of May 2013.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

  
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<sup>2</sup> Order Delegating Authority to Staff to Approve Revised Access Line Rates and Lifeline Exemption Status Changes, Docket No. 24640 (Oct. 23, 2001).