

PROJECT NO. 24640

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

**ORDER ADMINISTRATIVELY ESTABLISHING ACCESS LINE RATES
FOR THE CITY OF PEÑITAS AND THE CITY OF SCURRY**

This Order establishes the fee per access line rates for the City of Peñitas (Peñitas) and the City of Scurry (Scurry). This Order is necessary because Peñitas and Scurry did not initially participate in the process of establishing fee per access line rates under TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE Chapter 283, but now elect to set such rates. On January 30, 2003, the Commission delegated authority to Commission Staff (Staff) to administratively approve access line rates for newly participating 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 This Order is issued under that authority. Staff calculated the maximum fee per access line rates for the Peñitas using the CPI-adjusted statewide average rates for the dominant carrier, which is AT&T Texas (f/k/a SBC Texas). For the City of Scurry, Texas Alltel is the dominant carrier and its CPI-adjusted statewide average rates were used to calculate the maximum fee per access line rates for Scurry. Both Peñitas and Scurry have elected to adopt the maximum rates as their city-preferred rates.

Accordingly, the maximum fee per access line rates for Peñitas and Scurry 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 July 1, 2006.

¹ Open Meeting Tr. At 125-128 (Jan. 30, 2003).

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

	Maximum and City Preferred Access Line Rates		
	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
City of Peñitas	\$1.41	\$3.23	\$4.92
City of Scurry	\$0.39	\$0.88	\$1.34

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the _____ day of April 2006.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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