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

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
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**ORDER ADMINISTRATIVELY ESTABLISHING ACCESS LINE RATES  
FOR THE VILLAGE OF VOLENTE**

This Order establishes the fee per access line rates for the Village of Volente, Texas (City). This Order is necessary because the City 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 (CTP) or the rates of a similarly sized municipality in the same or an adjacent county to establish their maximum access line rates.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> On February 7, 2003, the Commission delegated authority to Staff to administratively approve access line rates for newly participating cities under similar circumstances.<sup>3</sup> This Order is issued under this authority.

Staff calculated maximum fee per access line rates for the City using statewide average rates for the dominant carrier, which is SBC Texas. The City has elected to adopt its maximum rates as its city-preferred rates. Accordingly, maximum fee per access line rates for the City 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 May 1, 2004.

<sup>1</sup> Open Meeting Tr. at 41-43 (April 6, 2001).

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

<b>Village of Volente</b>	<b>Category 1</b>	<b>Category 2</b>	<b>Category 3</b>
Maximum Access Line Rates	<b>\$1.23</b>	<b>\$2.83</b>	<b>\$4.31</b>

ISSUED IN AUSTIN, TEXAS ON THE 2nd DAY OF February 2004.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**



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**MICHAEL FIELD**  
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<sup>3</sup> Order Delegating Authority to Staff to Approve Access Line Rates and Lifeline Exemption Status Changes for Newly Participating Municipalities (February 7, 2003).