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December 29, 2003

Ms. Cathy Hightower - Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission Of Texas
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78071

Re: Project No. 28690 - *2003 Annual Report Regarding the Use Of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB)*

Dear Ms. Hightower:

On behalf of La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc. (La Ward), and pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.80, I have attached for filing an original and three (3) copies of La Ward's annual report of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) for the period of October 1, 2002, through September 30, 2003.

Each vendor La Ward used between October 1, 2002, and September 30, 2003, was mailed a Business Certification form. The expenditures for goods and services were totaled by vendor from La Ward's general ledger. The expenditures were categorized and reported on the Small Utilities HUB Use Report based on the vendor's completion and return of the Business Certification form. The expenditures associated with vendors who did not return the form are listed as Total Unknown Status Procurement on the forms. Purchases from companies within the state of Texas and those outside Texas are shown on separate reports.

Any questions may be directed to Steve Sewell at 830-895-7248.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Rinehart
Authorized Representative for
La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.

Attachment

cc: Ms. Terri Parker, General Manager
La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.

SMALL UTILITIES HUB USE REPORT (Texas purchases)

Utility: La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.

	Construction MBE Exp	Commodities MBE Exp	Other Services MBE Exp	Professional MBE Exp	Major Equipment MBE Exp	Other MBE Exp	Total HUB MBE Exp
African-American							
Male	0	0	2,233	0	0	0	2,233
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	2,233	0	0	0	2,233
Asian American							
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic American							
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Native American							
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MBE Total	13,509	8,681	3,392	1,832	0	699	28,113
Non-Minority Females							
Total MBE & WBE Procurement	13,509	8,681	5,625	1,832	0	699	30,346
Total Unknown Status Procurement (1)	299,716	28,230	17,326	196,275	12,407	71,816	625,770
Total Non-Fuel Procurement (2)							

(1) Vendors for whom HUB status is not directly known	656,116
(2) Expenditures for goods and services not including wages, benefits, and other non-negotiable goods and services such as taxes and postage	
Total Fuel and Purchased Power Equipment (electric only)	Total Utility Purchases
Total Non-Fuel, Fuel, and Purchased Power procurement	N/A
	N/A

Reporting Period: Oct. 1, 2002 through Sept. 30, 2003

Reporting Date: December 26, 2003

Address: P.O. Box 246

City: La Ward, TX 77970

Contact person: Terri Parker, General Manager

SMALL UTILITIES HUB USE REPORT (Purchases outside Texas)

Utility: La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.

	Construction MBE Exp	Commodities MBE Exp	Other Services MBE Exp	Professional MBE Exp	Major Equipment MBE Exp	Other MBE Exp	Total HUB MBE Exp
African-American							
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian American							
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic American							
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Native American							
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MBE Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Minority Females	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total MBE & WBE Procurement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Unknown Status Procurement (1)	350,944	11,523	4,404	53,968	239,224	32,660	692,723
Total Non-Fuel Procurement (2)							
							692,723
							Total Utility Purchases
							N/A
							N/A

Total Fuel and Purchased Power Equipment (electric only)
Total Non-Fuel, Fuel, and Purchased Power procurement

(1) Vendors for whom HUB status is not directly known (2) Expenditures for goods and services not including wages, benefits, and other non-negotiable goods and services such as taxes and postage

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To be filed by a utility which has more than 1,000 customers in a state other than Texas, or which purchases more than 10% of its goods and services from vendors not located in Texas