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December 17, 2004

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

Re: Project No. 30238 - *2004 Annual Report Regarding the Use Of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB)*

Dear Filing Clerk:

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 (HUBs) for the period of October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2004.

Each vendor La Ward used between October 1, 2003, and September 30, 2004, 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,

James A. Miller  
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 | Commodities | Other Services | Professional | Major Equipment | Other   | Total HUB               |
|--|--------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|
|  | MBE Exp      | MBE Exp     | MBE Exp        | MBE Exp      | MBE Exp         | MBE Exp | 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               | 236     | 236                     |
| Female   | 0            | 0           | 0              | 0            | 0               | 0       | 0                       |
| Total  | 0            | 0           | 0              | 0            | 0               | 236     | 236                     |
| Native American  |              |             |                |              |                 |         |                         |
| Male   | 0            | 0           | 0              | 0            | 0               | 0       | 0                       |
| Female   | 0            | 0           | 585            | 0            | 0               | 0       | 585                     |
| Total  | 0            | 0           | 585            | 0            | 0               | 0       | 585                     |
| MBE Total  | 0            | 0           | 585            | 0            | 0               | 236     | 820                     |
| Non-Minority Females                                     | 0            | 11,349      | 2,795          | 1,679        | 0               | 2,845   | 18,668                  |
| Total MBE & WBE Procurement                              | 0            | 11,349      | 3,379          | 1,679        | 0               | 3,080   | 19,487                  |
| Total Unknown Status Procurement (1)                     | 3,570        | 24,140      | 16,977         | 463,298      | 258             | 91,412  | 599,655                 |
| Total Non-Fuel Procurement (2)                           |              |             |                |              |                 |         |                         |
|  |              |             |                |              |                 |         | 619,142                 |
| 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, 2003 through Sept. 30, 2004

Reporting Date: December 30, 2004

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 | Commodities | Other Services | Professional | Major Equipment | Other   | Total HUB |
|--|--------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------|-----------|
|  | MBE Exp      | MBE Exp     | MBE Exp        | MBE Exp      | MBE Exp         | MBE Exp | 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)                     | 807,736      | 1,199       | 0              | 54,463       | 542,953         | 39,180  | 1,445,531 |
| Total Non-Fuel Procurement (2)                           |              |             |                |              |                 |         |           |
| Total Fuel and Purchased Power Equipment (electric only) |              |             |                |              |                 |         | 1,445,531 |
| Total Non-Fuel, Fuel, and Purchased Power procurement    |              |             |                |              |                 |         | N/A       |
| Total Utility Purchases                                  |              |             |                |              |                 |         | N/A       |

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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