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SMARTCOM TELEPHONE, LLC

December 26, 2008

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Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records Clerk 1701 N Congress Ave Austin, TX 78711

Re: Project 30240 – Workforce Diversity Reports Project 30238 – Historical Underutilized Business Report

Dear Sir/Madam,

Smartcom Telephone, LLC is a small Competitive Local Exchange Carrier based in McAllen, Texas. We have fewer than 16 full-time employees and as such are requesting an exemption from the reporting requirements as defined in PUC Subst. R. 26.85(i).

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My direct line is 956 213-1165.

Sincerely,

Howard L. Hawbaker Director of Operations

