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RE: Project No. 30240– P.U.C. Subst. R. § 26.85 Annual Report on Workforce Diversity and Other Business Practices

Teleport Communications Houston, Inc (Teleport) is a "telecommunications utility" as that term is used in Public Utility Regulatory Act § 52.256. However, Teleport has fewer than sixteen employees in the state of Texas. Therefore, in accordance with P.U.C. Subst. R. § 26.85(i), Teleport requests a waiver of the requirement to file the aforementioned report.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, you may contact me at (512) 457-2270.

Sincerely,

Emily Steele