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RE: Project No. 30240 – Annual Progress Report - Enhance Supplier and Workforce Diversity for Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ILEC/CLEC and Santa Rosa Communications

Dear Filing Clerk:

Pursuant to §26.85(e), enclosed for filing are four (4) copies of the Annual Progress Report on the implementation of the Yearly Plan to Enhance Supplier and Workforce Diversity. This filing is being made in Project 30240 as the project designated for the report.

Consistent with the requirements of the approved rule, copies of this report are also being provided to: (1) The Governor; (2) Lieutenant Governor; (3) Speaker of the House; (4) Legislative Black Caucus; (5) Mexican American Legislative Caucus and Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus, (6) Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus.

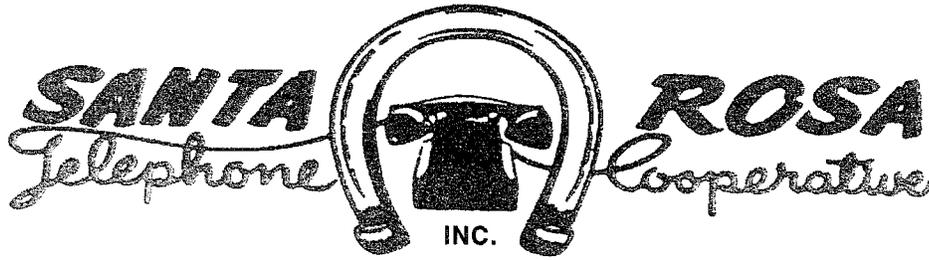
If you have any questions concerning this report, Jason Tole is serving as our contact person and may be contacted at 940-886-2217.

Sincerely,

Jason Tole,
Chief Financial Officer

Cc w/attachment The Governor's Office
 The Lt. Governor's Office
 The Speaker's Office
 The Texas Legislative Black Caucus
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Describe the specific initiatives, programs, and activities undertaken under the plan during the preceding year:

Standing true to our mission statement, "It shall be the aim of Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to provide dependable area-wide telephone service on the Cooperative plan and at the lowest cost consistent with sound economy and good management." Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative has remained committed to increasing the work opportunities for small and historical underutilized businesses.

Staying compliant to the Public Utility Regulatory Act Section 52.25(b) and Public Utility Commission Project No. 30240, Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; has hereby completed its yearly plan to enhance workforce and diversity. While utilizing the workforce and small and historical underutilized businesses in our community and outlying communities, Santa Rosa has continued to, remain committed to our plan and communities.

Make an assessment of the success of each of the specific initiatives, programs, and activities listed above:

Santa Rosa continues to use resources, such as local, county, state and educational organizations, to recruit new employees. Santa Rosa strives to recruit and train persons, with skills to enhance our cooperative and our community.

Serving rural areas as Santa Rosa Telephone does, utilizing historical/ underutilized businesses (HUBs) are a must for our cooperative. As much as possible Santa Rosa purchases merchandise from within the communities it serves. There are those times although, that rural areas cannot provide telecommunication equipment and products; therefore, Santa Rosa does have to purchase products outside our service area. When having to purchase out side the service area, Santa Rosa Telephone tries to always consider the qualifications of the business, from which it is purchasing.

The following exhibits include information that is currently reported and on file with the appropriate state and federal agency. Exhibit one (1) constitutes the current status of Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative's workforce diversity. This report is reported to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and/or Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Exhibit two (2) outlines the procurement amounts expended with businesses meeting the definitions or certified by the state of historically underutilized businesses (HUBs) and businesses that are non-HUB businesses, but meet the definition of small business as defined in the Texas Government Code. Exhibit three (3) includes figures as reported to the Public Utility Commission of Texas. A copy of the official HUB report is attached for your reference.

With a workforce, diverse in men and women from our community and surrounding communities, Santa Rosa contributes its success to utilizing and supporting small and underutilized businesses within the communities.

Describe the initiatives, programs, and activities the utility will pursue during the next year to increase the diversity of its workforce and contracting opportunities for small and historically underutilized businesses:

By identifying local organizations with small business membership; as well as, continued involvement in local, county, state, and educational organizations in our area, and continuing to be an active member within the communities serviced by Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Santa Rosa will continue to enhance employment and purchasing opportunities.

As a group and individually Santa Rosa's directors, management and employees are dedicated to contributing to our communities both by business and personal efforts. A continued goal of Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative is to always assist the historically and underutilized businesses in our area.

State the specific progress made under the plan filed by the utility:

Santa Rosa has seen progress by being able to hire and train local individuals and assisting in the increase of the rural economy both locally and within the surrounding area. Santa Rosa has as well been able to bring persons from larger cities to the rural area and back home to work, this also contributing to the growth of rural America.

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WORKFORCE DIVERSITY
 Santa Rosa Telephone Coop., Inc.

Occupational Categories	NUMBER OF TEXAS FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES FOR REPORTING YEAR												
	Combined Total	Company Totals		Caucasian		African American		Hispanic		Asian		American Indian	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Officials and Managers	10	9	1	7	1				2				
Professionals	0	0	0										
Technicians	0	0	0										
Sales Workers	0	0	0										
Office and Clerical	26	7	19	5	15			2	4				
Craft Workers (Skilled)	22	21	1	18	1			3					
Operatives (Semi-skilled)	0	0	0										
Laborers (Unskilled)	0	0	0										
Service Workers	0	0	0										
Previous Year Totals	53	34	19	29	15	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
This Year Totals	58	37	21	30	17	0	0	7	4	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Double-click on embedded Excel chart to open. Click on a cell or use arrow keys to select an occupational category and ethnic group to update workforce diversity numbers. Do not enter information in Combined Total and Company Totals columns or the This Year Totals row as these will update automatically. Cells left blank will be counted as zero. Click anywhere outside of chart to exit.

