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Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 M. Congress Avenue
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RE: Project No. 30240 – Annual Progress Reports of Five-Year Plan to Enhance Supplier and Workforce Diversity – 2014 Report

Dear Filing Clerk:

On behalf of Web Fire Communications and pursuant to P.U.C SUBST.R.26.85(e), enclosed for filing in the above-referenced project is an original and three (3) copies of the Annual Progress Report on the Five-Year Plan to Enhance Supplier and Workforce Diversity.

Consistent with §26.85(e), copies of this report are also being provided to (1) Governor; (2) Lieutenant Governor; (3) Speaker of the House; (4) Texas Legislative Black Caucus; (5) Mexican-American Legislative Caucus; and (6) the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus.

Any questions may be directed to Retta Collins at rcollins@wf.net.

Sincerely,

Retta Collins, Compliance officer
Web Fire Communications

Cc:w/attachment The Governor of the State of Texas
 The Lt. Governor of the State of Texas
 The Speaker of the House of Representatives
 The House Legislative Black Caucus
 The Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus
 The House Mexican American Legislative Caucus

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WORKFORCE AND SUPPLIER DIVERSITY FORM

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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.

WORKFORCE AND SUPPLIER DIVERSITY FORM **HUB/SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL COMPANY PROCUREMENT**

Actual % = [Total HUB(1) procurement + Total Small Business(2) procurement]/Total Company procurement	Actual % for Previous FY	Actual % for Current FY	Percentage Change
Construction Contracts (3)			%
Commodities Contracts (4)			%
Other Services (5)			%
Professional Services Contracts (6)			%
Major Equipment (7)			%
Other (8)			%

(1) **HUB** -- Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 481.191(4), HUB means: (A) a corporation formed for the purpose of making a profit in which at least 51 percent of all classes of the shares of stock or other equitable securities is owned by one or more persons who are members of certain groups, including black Americans, Hispanic Americans, women, Asian Pacific Americans, and American Indians; (B) a sole proprietorship formed for the purpose of making a profit that is 100 percent owned, operated, and controlled by a person described by Paragraph (A) of this subdivision; (C) a partnership formed for the purpose of making a profit in which 51 percent of the assets and interest in the partnership is owned by one or more persons described by Paragraph (A) of this subdivision. Those persons must have proportionate interest and demonstrate active participation in the control, operation, and management of the partnership's affairs; or (D) a joint venture in which each entity in the joint venture is a historically underutilized business under this subdivision.

(2) **Small Business** -- Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 481.191(6), Small Business means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other legal entity that: (A) is domiciled in this state; (B) is formed to make a profit; (C) is independently owned and operated; and (D) employs fewer than 100 full-time employees.

(3) **Construction** -- Construction done by general contractors and special trade contractors which includes new work, additions, alterations, reconstruction, installations, repairs, remodeling, renovating, and repair of office buildings. Heavy construction other than buildings such as pipelines, communication and power lines, sewer and water mains, asphalt and concrete construction of roads, trenching, cable laying, conduit construction, land clearing and leveling.

(4) **Commodities** -- All materials, goods or tangibles purchased to conduct business, not including fuel or purchased power contracts and major equipment purchases and rentals.

(5) **Others Services** -- All specialty work, special circumstances that required contract labor, special consultants or other non-defined services. Examples include audio/visual, staffing services, landscaping, forestry, tree trimming, art and decorative services, janitorial, travel/lodging, automotive repair, and photography.

(6) **Professional Services** -- Contracted professional services which include legal, consulting, health, engineering, accounting, advertising/marketing, architectural, real estate, computer services, research and analysis, education/training, insurance, surveying services, weather services, environmental, financial, etc.

(7) **Major Equipment** -- Includes all major equipment purchases and rentals including but not limited to transmission and distribution equipment, power plant equipment, substation equipment, heavy construction equipment, fleet requirements, etc.

(8) **Other** -- Any commodity or service not covered by the above categories.

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COMPANY INITIATIVES**

(1) Describe the specific initiatives, programs, and activities undertaken under the plan during the preceding year:

During the preceding year at Web Fire Communications, Inc.'s (Web Fire or Company) has continued to maintain its commitment to employ a diverse workforce with emphasis placed on recruiting, training and employing individuals, including women and minorities with the education and skill-sets needed from within the community.

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- (2) Make an assessment of the success of each of the specific initiatives, programs, and activities listed above:**

Web Fire has been successful in meeting its commitment to employing a diverse workforce and in the utilization of small and historically underutilized businesses for the procurement for goods and services.

- (3) 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:**

Web Fire has been founded and organized to provide specialized telecommunications services to a small Texas service area. As citizens living and as a business operating within the communities we serve, the management and employees of Web Fire continue to seek opportunities to make progress in the areas of diversifying the work force and utilizing the products and services of small and historically underutilized businesses while also employing and purchasing within the communities we serve at every opportunity.

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(4) State the specific progress made under the plan filed by the utility:

Web Fie has been successful in maintaining a diverse workforce. It has continued to recruit from qualified local applicant pool within the constraint of the Company's low turnover rate throughout 2014.