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December 10, 2015

Ms. Anne Bowen Filing Clerk Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 N. Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701

RE:

Project No. 30240 – Annual Progress Report on Five-Year Plan to Enhance Supplier and Workforce Diversity for Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Ms. Bowen:

Pursuant to §26.85(e), enclosed for filing are four (4) copies of the Annual Progress Report on the implementation of the Five-Year Plan to Enhance Supplier and Workforce Diversity. This filing is being made in Project 30240 as the project designated for this 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) Chair-Texas Legislative Black Caucus; (5) Mexican American Legislative Caucus (6) Senate Hispanic Caucus.

We have included an extra copy of the transmittal letter and request that you please file-date stamp this copy and return to us for our files. If you have any questions concerning this report, please call (325) 348-3124.

Sincerely,

General Manager

cc w/ attachment

The Honorable Greg Abbott
The Honorable Dan Patrick
The Honorable Joe Straus
The Honorable Sylvester Turner
The Honorable Sylvia Garcia

The Honorable Trey Martinez-Fischer



WORKFORCE AND SUPPLIER DIVERSITY FORM WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

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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.

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

- 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. 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 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 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 (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
- (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.
- concrete construction of roads, trenching, cable laying, conduit construction, land clearing and leveling. 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 (3) Construction -- Construction done by general contractors and special trade contractors which includes new work, additions, alterations, reconstruction, installations, repairs,
- 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.
- equipment, heavy construction equipment, fleet requirements, etc. (7) Major Equipment -- Includes all major equipment purchases and rentals including but not limited to transmission and distribution equipment, power plant equipment, substation
- (8) Other -- Any commodity or service not covered by the above categories.

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

The Fiber to the home Santa Anna and Santa Anna South is complete. We are nearing completion on the Santa Anna North, Lake Coleman and Burkett. With the completion over ½ of our customers will be serve with fiber. We are trying to give our customer the best service we can at the lowest rate we can. We offer different internet speed packages, No Installation fee for Internet. One Bill, One call, added ACH (check by phone) for added convenient. We have a bilingual customer service representative to help service Latin-American customers more efficiently.

We deployed "700 frequency" Internet in unserved area and are now serving some customer that hadn't had internet.

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With the fiber we offer different speeds, so customer have more options. Our customers uses our ACH, Credit Card, epmt payment. Customer Service with one call for both phone and Internet with one payment also make customers happy.

The 700 signal wasn't as strong as we thought it was going to be, so we are still working on it.

(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:

We are continuing the FTTH (Fiber to the Home) project that we believe will contribute and add additional traffic business to our small town. CCTC is a small cooperative in a small rural area with very little turn over.

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

We added new technology to help serve our customers in rural area. CCTC has a very high percentage of small business owners. There are some items we used that are specialty item we can only get from certain vendors. We have a large vendor count, so we use different diversified vendors. We always looking for ways to improve our services and increasing our customer's satisfaction. We offer bi-lingual customer service.