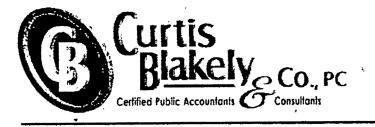


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October 14, 2016

'Ms. Tracie Lowrey. Commission Filing Clerk Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 North Congress Avenue P. O. Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326

Re: Project Number 30240 2016 Annual Progress Report on Five-Year Plan to Enhance Supplier and Workforce Diversity

Dear Ms. Lowrey:

Blossom Telephone Company, Inc. has 12 employees. Per PUC guidelines, companies with less than 16 employees can request a waiver not to file the Workforce Diversity filing that is due by December 30, 2016. Please accept this waiver request we are filing on behalf of our client. Blossom Telephone Company: Inc., due to the fact they have less than 16 employees.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other matter, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

CURTIS BLAKELY & CO., P.C.

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Charles A. Albert, CPA

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