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Re: Docket No. 30240 - Annual Progress Report on Five-Year Plan to Enhance Supplier and

Workforce Diversity-Telephone

Dear Filing Clerk:

On behalf of Wes-Tex Telecommunications, Ltd. d/b/a Westex Telecom ("Westex Telecom"), I am submitting an original and two (2) copies of Westex Telecom's Workforce and Supplier Diversity Report ("Workforce Diversity") pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.85 for filing in the above-referenced proceeding. Westex Telecom is a limited partnership with no employees and is operated by the staff of Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Please refer to the annual report filed by Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Pursuant to the Commission's procedural rules, Westex Telecom is filing its Workforce Diversity confidentially because it contains information regarding its workforce and historically underutilized business that is not publicly available from any other source. Such information is proprietary and competitively sensitive information that is protected from public disclosure under Sections 552.128 and 552.264 of the Texas Public Information Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 552.001 - .353 (Vernon 2004 and Supp. 2009) or any other provision which may apply. If such information is divulged, it would cause competitive disadvantage and harm to Westex Telecom and is therefore exempt from disclosure.

Please file-stamp the additional copies and return them to me by way of the courier. Any questions or comments may be directed to me at the above-listed address and telephone number.

Sincerely,

Cindy Neugebauer

Authorized Representative for

Wes-Tex Telecommunications, Ltd.

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