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Ms. Deven Reeves
Central Records Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Docket No. 30240; *Annual Progress Report on Five-Year Plan to Enhance Supplier and Workforce Diversity – Telephone*

Dear Ms. Reeves:

In compliance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.85, I am submitting two (2) copies of Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s ("Eastex") Workforce Diversity Report for filing in the above-referenced proceeding. Pursuant to the Commission's procedural rules, Eastex is submitting the attached Workforce Diversity Report confidentially because it contains information regarding its workforce and historically underutilized businesses 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 552.104 and 552.110 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 because it would give advantage to Eastex's competitors and is therefore exempt from disclosure.

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

Please file-stamp the additional copies and return them to me. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (903) 854-1290 or at wes@eastex.com.

Very truly yours,

Wes Robinson
Director of Regulatory Affairs

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