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<b>INVESTIGATION OF METHODS TO</b>	)	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>IMPROVE ELECTRIC AND TELECOM</b>	)	
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WILL</b>	)	<b>OF TEXAS</b>
<b>MINIMIZE LONG TERM OUTAGES</b>	)	
<b>AND RESTORATION COSTS</b>	)	

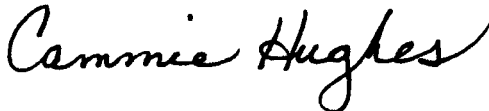
**COMMENTS OF  
TEXAS STATEWIDE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.**

Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (TSTCI) files these comments regarding the Commission Staff's recommendations contained in the draft Staff Report that was released on July 3, 2006. TSTCI is an organization representing 39 small, rural incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs). Please see "Attachment I" for a list of TSTCI member companies.

TSTCI has reviewed Staff's revised recommendations and appreciates the Staff's efforts to minimize long term outages and restoration costs associated with Gulf Coast hurricanes. However, TSTCI still has concerns with many of the July 3, 2006 recommendations, primarily because TSTCI believes that the cost of the recommendations far outweigh the potential benefits. TSTCI's concerns are generally expressed in its comments submitted on June 23, 2006. Instead of re-iterating those concerns, TSTCI will be filing expanded comments later during the rulemaking.

TSTCI appreciates this opportunity to file comments and looks forward to working with Staff on these issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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Authorized Representative

**TEXAS STATEWIDE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.**

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Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc.  
Brazos Telecommunications, Inc.  
Brazos Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Cameron Telephone Company  
Cap Rock Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Central Texas Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Coleman County Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Colorado Valley Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Comanche County Telephone Company, Inc.  
Community Telephone Company, Inc.  
Cumby Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Dell Telephone Coop., Inc.  
E.N.M.R. Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Eastex Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Electra Telephone Company  
Etex Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Five Area Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Ganado Telephone Company, Inc.  
Industry Telephone Company, Inc.  
La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.  
Lake Livingston Telephone Company  
Lipan Telephone Company  
Livingston Telephone Company  
Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Nortex Communications, Inc.  
North Texas Telephone Company  
Panhandle Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Peoples Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Poka Lambro Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.  
Santa Rosa Telephone Coop., Inc.  
South Plains Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Tatum Telephone Company  
Taylor Telephone Coop., Inc.  
Wes-Tex Telephone Coop., Inc.  
West Plains Telecommunications, Inc.  
West Texas Rural Tel. Coop., Inc.  
XIT Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.