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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR  
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
CARRIER AND ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER

<p>Notice is given to the public of an application filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas on August 10, 2010, for designation as an eligible telecommunications provider (ETP) and eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) pursuant to P.U.C. Substantive Rules 26.417 and 26.418, respectively.

<p>Docket Title and Number: Application of Texas Hearing Services Corporation d/b/a Texas Hearing and Telephone for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.418 and Eligible Telecommunications Provider Pursuant to P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.417. Docket Number 38544.

<p>The Application: Texas Hearing and Telephone (Texas Hearing) requests ETC/ETP designation to be eligible for federal and state universal service funds to assist it in providing universal service in Texas. Pursuant to P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.418 and P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.417, the commission, designates qualifying common carriers as ETCs and ETPs for service areas designated by the commission. Texas Hearing seeks ETC/ETP designation in the entire service areas of AT&T Texas and Verizon Southwest. The company holds Service Provider Certificate of Operating Authority Number 60858.

<p>Persons wishing to intervene or comment on the action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas by mail at P. O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or by phone at (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is September 16, 2010. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) (800) 735-2989. All comments should reference Docket Number 38544.