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The Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas will hold a workshop on Thursday, June 7, 2012, to discuss changes to P.U.C. Substantive Rule §26.403 relating to Texas High Cost Universal Service Plan (THCUSP). The proposed changes to P.U.C. Substantive Rule §26.403 are pursuant to the direction of the Commission at the Open Meeting of January 26, 2012 in Project No. 39939. A draft rule illustrating such potential changes will be filed in the commission's Central Records office on or about Thursday, May 24, 2012 in Project No. 40342.

Parties should note that the draft illustrative rule will contain changes pertaining to phasing down of TUSF support in areas containing an unaffiliated, unsubsidized competitor, and a placeholder section pertaining to standards of proof for providers of last resort to demonstrate need for support in order to be financially able to meet such provider of last resort obligations. The purpose of the workshop will only be to discuss those potential standards of proof.

The workshop will begin at 9:30 A.M., in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, located on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701. Project Number 40342, *Rulemaking Proceeding to Amend Subst. R. §26.403 Relating to the Texas High Cost Universal Service Plan* has been established for this proceeding. Interested parties who wish to have proposals regarding standards of proof discussed at the workshop must file 16 copies of such proposals with Central Records no later than 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 24, 2012. Parties who wish to respond to other parties' initial filed proposals or to comments made by other parties at the workshop may do so by filing 16 copies of such comments with Central Records no later than 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 14, 2012. Comments should be limited to no more than ten pages.

Questions concerning the workshop or this notice should be referred to Mark Bryant, Competitive Markets Division, at (512) 936-7279 or at [mark.bryant@puc.state.tx.us](mailto:mark.bryant@puc.state.tx.us). Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136.

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