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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL
OF REVISED AND NEW DEPRECIATION RATES**

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<p>Notice is given to the public of the filing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas of an application on August 15, 2013, for approval of revised and new depreciation rates pursuant to Sections 52.252 and 53.056 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act, TEX. UTIL. CODE ANN. (Vernon 2007 & Supp. 2012). A summary of the application follows.

<p>Docket Title and Number: Application of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Approval of Revised and New Depreciation Rates Pursuant to P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.206, Docket Number 41766.

<p>The Application: West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (West Texas Rural) filed an application to revise the depreciation rate for Account 2122.00 – Furniture Office Equipment and stated that the revised rate is comparable to a rate already approved by the Commission for another similar company in *Application of Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for an Increase in Certain Depreciation Rates*, Docket No. 18599, Order (May 26, 1998) for the same category of equipment.

West Texas Rural also seeks adoption of new depreciation rates for Account 2423.03 – Buried Cable – Non-Metallic (Fiber Optic) and Account 2423.05 – Buried Cable Drops (Fiber Optic). West Texas Rural stated that the depreciation parameters used to determine the rates for these accounts have been previously reviewed and approved by the Commission in a similar proceeding, *Application of XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Approval of Revised Depreciation Rates Pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 26.206*, Docket No. 36367, Notice of Approval (Jan. 26, 2009) and are similar to those expected by West Texas Rural for purposes of adding outside plant infrastructure for underground fiber optic cable.

West Texas Rural stated that this application will not cause it to seek a rate increase. West Texas Rural requests an effective date of September 30, 2013.

<p> Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or by phone at (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephone (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1. All comments should reference Docket Number 41766.



**ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
ON THE 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2013**

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