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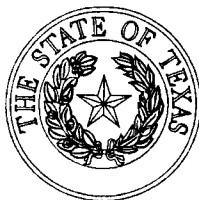
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Legal Division
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RE: Tariff Control No. 44997 – Application of Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to Withdraw Services Pursuant To 16 TAC § 26.208(H)

**NOTICE DOCKETING AND SUSPENDING;
REQUIRING COMMENTS AND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On July 31, 2015, pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 26.208(h) (TAC), Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Mid-Plains) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to withdraw certain optional operator services from its member service offerings. Mid-Plains proposes to discontinue the following services: Collect Call, Bill to Third Number, Bill to Credit Card, Line Status Verification/Busy Line Verification, and Busy Line Interrupt.

Docketing and Suspending. Pursuant to 16 TAC § 26.208(h), when a DCTU seeks to withdraw a tariffed service, the application shall be docketed to allow adequate time for review and completion of notice. This proceeding is hereby DOCKETED. In accordance with 16 TAC § 26.208(g), the operation of the proposed rate schedule is automatically SUSPENDED to a date 120 days after the applicant has filed all of its direct testimony and exhibits, or 155 days after the effective date, whichever is later.



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Requiring Comments and Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule. On or before **August 14, 2015**, Commission Staff shall file a recommendation regarding the sufficiency of Mid-Plains' application and the proposed notice. Additionally, the parties shall file a proposed joint procedural schedule including, but not limited to, 1) a deadline for notice and affidavits of completion of notice; 2) an intervention deadline; 3) a discovery deadline; 4) a deadline for referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings, if necessary; and 5) a deadline for Staff's final recommendation or stipulation resolving any or all issues, including an agreed proposed order with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs.

Notice of this proceeding will be published in the *Texas Register* once an intervention deadline is established.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS on this the 4th day of August 2015.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



STEPHANIE FRAZELL
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE