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ORDER NO. 2 ADDRESSING SUFFICIENCY OF APPLICATION AND NOTICE, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This Order addresses Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) Staff's recommendation on the sufficiency of the application and notice.

I. Commission Staff Recommendation on Sufficiency of Application and Notice

On July 11, 2016, Commission Staff filed a response to Order No. 1 regarding sufficiency of the application and notice. Commission Staff determined that Big Bend Telephone Company's (Big Bend) application is sufficient and satisfies the requirements of 16 TAC § 22.73 and 16 TAC § 26.406. Commission Staff recommends that no additional notice beyond *Texas Register* notice is required. Consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, Big Bend's application and notice are deemed sufficient.

II. Establishing Procedural Schedule.

Commission Staff's proposed procedural schedule is adopted and shall apply to this proceeding as follows:

DATE	EVENT
Deadline to intervene	August 1, 2016
Deadline for intervenor comments on the merits or request for a hearing	August 15, 2016
Deadline for Commission Staff to request a hearing on the merits or recommendation on final disposition, if no request for a hearing	September 6, 2016

Deadline for Big Bend to request a hearing; deadline for Big Bend's response to intervenors' comments on the merits and Commission Staff's recommendation.	September 26, 2016
If no disputed issues, deadline for parties to file joint proposed order, including findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs	

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 13th day of July 2016.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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