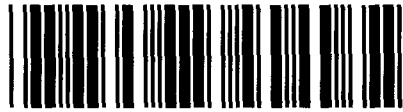


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**APPLICATION OF COMMUNITY §
TELEPHONE COMPANY TO AMEND §
A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE §
AND NECESSITY FOR A MINOR §
BOUNDARY CHANGE IN THE JOY §
EXCHANGE IN JACK COUNTY §**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

STAFF’S APPLICATION AND NOTICE SUFFICIENCY RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Commission Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this response to Order No. 1, Staff’s Application and Notice Sufficiency Recommendation. Staff recommends that the application and notice be found sufficient. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On January 26, 2018, Community Telephone Company (CTC) filed an application to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in Jack County, Texas. Pursuant to Public Utility Regulatory Act §§ 54.053-54.054 (PURA)¹ and 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 26.101(e), CTC seeks a minor boundary amendment to provide service to customers in a small area outside of CTC’s current certificated service areas Jack County.

In Order No. 1, issued February 2, 2018, Staff was given a deadline of February 26, 2018, to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of both the application and notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. QUALIFICATION AS MINOR BOUNDARY CHANGE

Staff recommends that this application qualifies as a minor boundary change and should therefore be processed as such pursuant to 16 TAC § 26.101(e).

III. APPLICATION SUFFICIENCY RECOMMENDATION

After reviewing the application filed in this docket, Staff has determined that CTC has provided all information required by the application and 16 TAC § 26.101(e)(2). Accordingly, Staff recommends that the application be found sufficient and complete for further review. This

¹ Public Utility Regulatory Act, Tex. Util. Code §§ 11.001-58.303 (West 2016 & Supp. 2017), §§ 59.001-66.017 (West 2007 & Supp. 2017) (PURA).

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recommendation does not address the merits of the application; such a recommendation will be filed according to the procedural schedule established in Order No. 1.

IV. NOTICE SUFFICIENCY RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.52(b), CTC is exempt from the notice requirements for telephone licensing proceedings because this proceeding is a minor boundary change. However, 16 TAC § 22.55 notes that the presiding officer may require a party to provide reasonable notice to affected persons. As indicated in the Acknowledgment of Receipt filed on February 2, 2018, notice of this proceeding will be published in the *Texas Register* on February 16, 2018. Staff recommends that such notice via the *Texas Register* be deemed reasonable and that no additional notice be required.

V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons specified above, Staff respectfully recommends that CTC's application be processed as a minor boundary change pursuant to 16 TAC § 26.101(e) and that both the application and notice be found sufficient.

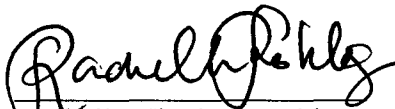
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Respectfully Submitted,

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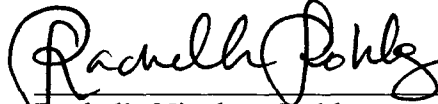


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on February 26, 2018, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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Rachelle Nicolette Robles