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**NOTICE OF WEST PLAINS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR
TEXAS UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND
ELECTION UNDER 16 TAC § 26.407**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

COMMISSION STAFF'S AMENDED FINAL RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest and files this Amended Final Recommendation, and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On December 14, 2018, West Plains Telecommunications, Inc. (West Plains) filed its written notice of election under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 26.407. On February 14, 2019, West Plains filed its annual report, indicating its reported rate of return as -2.53 percent.¹

Pursuant to 16 TAC § 26.407(f)(1)(B), Commission Staff must file a final recommendation on the reported or staff adjusted rate of return within 90 days after the annual report was filed. West Plains filed its annual report on February 14, 2019. Consequently, 90 days after February 14, 2019, is May 15, 2019. On May 21, 2019, the administrative law judge issued Order No. 2, extending the deadline to file a final recommendation until May 24, 2019. On May 23, 2019, Staff filed its final recommendation.

II. AMENDED FINAL RECOMMENDATION

Staff files this amended recommendation in order to correct errata in the memorandum attached to the final recommendation filed on May 23, 2019. A redlined version of the amended memorandum is filed separately with confidential status. This correction does not change Staff's ultimate recommendation that the Commission issue an order determining West Plains' earned rate of return as the rate of return recommended by Staff and categorizing West Plains into

¹ West Plains Annual Report for Small ILECs General Question #11.

Category 1.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order determining West Plains' earned rate of return as the rate of return recommended by Staff and categorizing West Plains into Category 1.

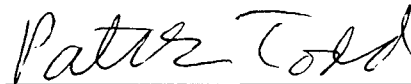
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Respectfully Submitted,

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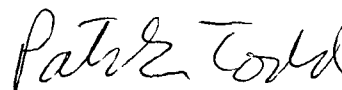


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