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**DOCKET NO. 49009**

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

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**ORDER NO. 3**

**RECLASSIFYING FROM DOCKET TO PROJECT AND CLOSING PROJECT**

This Order addresses the 2017 annual report filed by West Plains Telecommunications, Inc. on February 14, 2019. On July 12, 2019, Commission Staff filed its amended final recommendation recommending that the Commission issue an order determining West Plains' earned rate of return as the rate of return recommended by Commission Staff and categorizing West Plains into Category 1. Under 16 TAC § 26.407(f), Commission Staff must review the annual report, adjust for information filed by the utility, if necessary, and file a memorandum for the Commission's consideration regarding *its* determination of the appropriate earned rate of return. Under §26.407(f), Commission Staff determines the appropriate earned rate of return and an order from the administrative law judge is unnecessary.

Further, the ALJ has determined that this docket should be reclassified as a project. Accordingly, the ALJ orders Central Records to reclassify this docket as a project. Docket Management will take no further action on this project and it is now closed.

Signed at Austin Texas the 16th day of October 2019.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**



**MAYSON PEARSON  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**