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NOTICE OF ETEX TELEPHONE §  
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR TEXAS §  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND §  
ELECTION UNDER 16 TAC § 26.407 §

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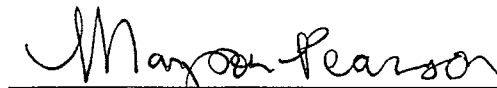
This Order address the sufficiency of the application and notice of Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Texas Universal Service Fund Election. The administrative law judge deems the application sufficient.

On June 28, 2019, Commission Staff filed its amended final recommendation recommending that the Commission issue an order determining Etex's earned rate of return as the rate of return recommended by Commission Staff and categorizing Etex into Category 1. Under 28 TAC §26.407(h)(3), each small incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) that files a contested case proceeding will provide notice as required by §22.55 and at a minimum publish in the *Texas Register* and that each category 1 small ILEC that files an application must provide notice to its customers that the company may be required to increase its rates as part of the adjustment to have its annual Small and Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Universal Service Plan support increased.

On or before September 4, 2019, Commission Staff must file a recommendation regarding the sufficiency of notice.

Signed at Austin Texas the 21st day of August 2019.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**



**MAYSON PEARSON  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**