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APPLICATION OF HILL COUNTRY	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.	§	
TO ADJUST HIGH COST SUPPORT	§	OF TEXAS
UNDER 16 TAC § 26.407(h)	§	

COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this request for extension. In support thereof, Staff would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On December 11, 2019, Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc (HCTC) filed an application to adjust the high cost support it receives from the Texas Universal Service Fund (TUSF) small and rural incumbent local exchange company universal service plan (high cost support) without effect to its current rates. HCTC requests a high cost support adjustment increase of \$1,558,642 to its annual high cost support under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 26.407(h).

On December 13, 2019, the Commission Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 1, establishing a deadline of January 10, 2020, for Staff to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of HCTC's application and notice and propose a procedural schedule for processing this case. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. In order to allow for further analysis of the application, Staff respectfully requests that the deadline to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of HCTC's application and notice and propose a procedural schedule for processing, be extended to January 17, 2020.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests an order consistent with the foregoing request.

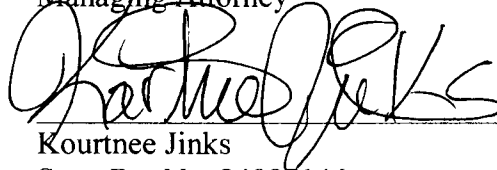
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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on January 9, 2020, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.


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