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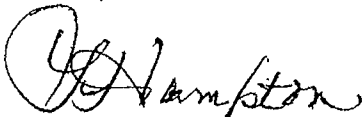
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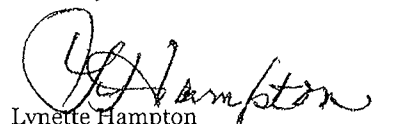
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DOCKET NO. 50208

APPLICATION OF PEOPLES
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
TO ADJUST HIGH COST SUPPORT
UNDER 16 TAC § 26.407(h)

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NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice of Approval addresses the application of Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for an adjustment to the annual high-cost support it receives from the small and rural incumbent local exchange company universal service plan (high-cost support) in accordance with 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 26.407 without effect to its current rates. The Commission approves the application.

I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

Applicant

1. Peoples Telephone is a non-profit telephone cooperative corporation registered with the Texas secretary of state on June 2, 1950, under file number 10329901.
2. Peoples Telephone provides telecommunication services under certificate of convenience and necessity number 40067.

Application

3. On November 6, 2019, Peoples Telephone filed the application at issue in this docket to adjust the high-cost support it receives under 16 TAC § 26.404 in accordance with 16 TAC § 26.407 without effect to its current rates. Peoples Telephone seeks an annual high-cost support increase of \$806,347 above the \$2,015,868 received for the consecutive 12 months ending June 1, 2019, or an increase of \$67,195 per month, for a new annualized amount of \$2,822,215.
4. With its application filed on November 6, 2019, Peoples Telephone included: (a) its 2017 annual report and the complete set of documents and workpapers that Peoples Telephone submitted with its 2017 annual report; (b) the responses to Commission Staff's

request for information, submitted in the course of Commission Staff's review of Peoples Telephone's 2017 annual report in Project No. 49005;¹ (c) Peoples Telephone's request to increase its high-cost support; (d) Commission Staff's amended final recommendation in Project No. 49005; and (e) the testimonies and workpapers of Scott Thompson, Chief Financial Officer of Peoples Telephone and Chad Duval, partner of Moss Adams LLP, in support of Peoples Telephone's request to increase its high-cost support.

5. In Order No. 2 filed on November 21, 2019, the administrative law judge (ALJ) found the application sufficient for further review.²

Eligibility—Project No. 49005

6. On December 14, 2018, Peoples Telephone opted to have its high-cost support determined under 16 TAC § 26.407(d) in Project No. 49005.
7. On February 14, 2019, Peoples Telephone filed its 2017 annual report under 16 TAC § 26.407(e) in Project No. 49005.
8. In its amended final recommendation filed on July 2, 2019 in Project No. 49005, Commission Staff classified Peoples Telephone as an under-earning small incumbent local exchange company (category 1 small ILEC).
9. Peoples Telephone is eligible for a high-cost support adjustment as a category 1 small ILEC with a 2017 Commission Staff-adjusted rate of return of -20.38%, which is more than three percentage points below the 9.75% rate of return set forth in PURA³ § 56.032(a)(1).

Rate of Return

10. The minimum reasonable rate of return for a category 1 small ILEC is 6.75%, as provided by 16 TAC § 26.407(c)(2) and (3).
11. Peoples Telephone's requested increase of \$806,347 in high-cost support will result in a projected of return that remains below 6.75%, increasing only to a projected approximate -.09% rate of return for the company by the year 2021.

¹ Notice of Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Texas Universal Service Fund Election Under 16 TAC § 26.407, Project No. 49005, Order No. 3, Reclassifying from Docket to Project and Closing Project (Oct. 16, 2019).

² Although the order was titled, "Order No. 2," it was the third order filed in this Docket.

³ Public Utility Regulatory Act. Tex. Util. Code §§ 11 001–66.016.

12. Peoples Telephone's requested increase of \$806,347 in high-cost support is 140% of the \$2,015,868 in high-cost support it received for the consecutive 12 months ending June 1, 2019.

Notice

13. Notice of the application appeared in the November 22, 2019, issue of the *Texas Register*.
14. On December 18, 2019, Peoples Telephone filed the affidavit of Gena Von Reyn, Director of Regulatory for Peoples Telephone, attesting that a copy of the application was delivered to the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) on November 8, 2019, and to Peoples Telephone customers via bill message included in the December 1, 2019 bills.
15. In Order No. 5 filed on February 13, 2020, the ALJ found the notice sufficient.

Evidentiary Record

16. On January 31, 2020, Peoples Telephone and Commission Staff filed a motion to admit evidence.
17. In Order No. 6 filed on March 2, 2020, the ALJ admitted the following evidence into the record: (a) Peoples Telephone's application and attachments, partially under confidential seal, filed on November 6, 2019; (b) *Texas Register* acknowledgement of publication filed on November 8, 2019; (c) Commission Staff's sufficiency of application and deficiency of notice recommendation and proposed procedural schedule filed on November 19, 2019; (d) Peoples Telephone's affidavit of completion of notice to OPUC and to customers filed on December 18, 2019; (e) Commission Staff's recommendation on final disposition filed on January 13, 2020; and (f) Commission Staff's sufficiency of notice recommendation filed on February 11, 2020.

Informal Disposition

18. At least 15 days have passed since the completion of the notice provided in this docket.
19. Commission Staff and Peoples Telephone are the only parties to this proceeding.
20. No protests or motions to intervene were filed.
21. No party requested a hearing and no hearing is necessary.
22. Commission Staff recommends approval of the application.

23. This decision is not adverse to any party.

II. Conclusions of Law

The Commission makes the following conclusions of law.

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under PURA §§ 14.001, 52.002, 56.021, and 56.032.
2. Peoples Telephone is a public utility as defined in PURA § 51.002(8) and a telecommunications utility as defined in PURA § 51.002(11).
3. Peoples Telephone is a small provider as set forth in PURA § 56.032(a)(2) and a small ILEC as defined in 16 TAC § 26.407(b)(1).
4. Peoples Telephone is not an electing company as defined in PURA §§ 58.002 or 59.021.
5. Notice of the application was provided in compliance with 16 TAC §§ 22.55 and 26.407(h)(3).
6. Peoples Telephone's requested increase of \$806,347 in high-cost support complies with the cap of 140% of the annualized support it received in the consecutive 12 months ending June 1, 2019, in accordance with PURA § 56.032(h) and 16 TAC § 26.407(g)(1).
7. Peoples Telephone's application meets the requirements for approval under PURA § 56.032(h) and 16 TAC § 26.407(g) and (h).
8. The application was processed in accordance with the requirements of PURA, the Administrative Procedure Act,⁴ and Commission rules.
9. The requirements for informal disposition under 16 TAC § 22.35 have been met in this proceeding.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

In accordance with these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following orders.

1. The Commission approves the application.

⁴ Tex. Gov't Code ch. 2001.

2. Peoples Telephone will receive an annual increase to its high-cost support that it collects under 16 TAC § 26.404 in the amount of \$806,347, or \$67,195 per month. The total annual high-cost support amount will be \$2,822,215.
3. The Texas Universal Service Fund (TUSF) administrator must distribute to Peoples Telephone TUSF funds in accordance with this Notice of Approval promptly and efficiently, and effective the date of this Notice of Approval.
4. The Commission denies all other motions and any other requests for general or specific relief that have not been expressly granted.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 5th day of March 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



CHRISTOPHER OAKLEY
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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