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Re: Comment on

In the Matter of Proposed Rule 4 CSR 240-2.061, Applications for Expanded Local Calling Area Plans Within a Community of Interest.

) Case No. TX-2005-0194

Dear PSC:

Please add this letter to the case file.

We encourage the adoption of this rule.

Citizens living in rural areas need expanded calling area plans. Currently, in Bollinger County (for example), we have many different exchanges in one county. This makes it difficult for business people and other consumers to use the telephone services now available without adding unnecessary expenses.

All of us who have signed this letter represent various businesses, consumer interests, government entities, and other interested citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.

(Signature page follows):



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