



Public Utility Commission of Texas

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A PETITION FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE IN UNCERTIFICATED AREAS

One (1) original and six (6) copies of a signed petition should be submitted to:

**Central Records Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711-3326
(512) 936-7180**

A petition consists of five parts: (1) Cover page and contact information; (2) Petitioner(s) information; (3) Affidavit (if fewer than 5 petitioners); (4) Description and location of premises; and (5) Carrier nominations. Questions about filing the petition should be directed to Central Records. Questions about the contents of the petition should be directed to the Telecommunications Division at (512) 936-7320. All petitions must be filed in accordance with the Commission's Procedural Rules, which can be found on the Commission's web site at www.puc.state.tx.us. A copy of the Rules may also be obtained by contacting Central Records.

The Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA), Texas Utilities Code Annotated (Vernon 1998, Supp. 2002) §§ 56.001, 56.021, and 56.023 and PUC Substantive Rules § 26.421 and §26.422 require that the petitioner(s):

- not be members of the same household;
- reside in the permanent residential premises or are the owners of the permanent residential or business premises for which service is sought;¹
- desire service to those premises;
- commit to pay the aid to construction charges for service to those premises as determined by the commission; and
- commit to enter into an assignable agreement for subscription to basic local service to the premises for a period of time determined by the commission.

The petitioner(s) must answer all of the questions on the petition in a truthful manner, and must promptly notify the Commission of any substantive changes in the information by filing an original and six copies of any changes with the Commission's Filing Clerk and referencing the docket number assigned to the petition.

This petition is a format, not a form. You may add or drop lines as necessary to meet the petitioning requirements. Failure to provide complete, truthful, or responsive answers to all requested questions may result in denial or delay in the processing of the petition. An answer of "Not Applicable" or "N/A" is considered non-responsive and must be avoided. Do not file the instructions with the petition.

¹ A permanent residential or business premises is defined as a "premises that has permanent facilities for water, wastewater, and electricity." PUC SUBST. R. 26.421(b)(3).

Brett A. Perlman
Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Executive Director



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DOCKET NO. _____

Authorized Representative to contact about this petition:

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

**PETITION FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE IN UNCERTIFICATED AREAS
PART ONE - COVER PAGE AND CONTACT INFORMATION
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PART TWO – PETITIONER INFORMATION

EACH PETITIONER MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS FORM (DUPLICATE THIS PAGE AS NECESSARY)

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

WORK TELEPHONE: _____

MOBILE TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

OTHER METHOD OF CONTACT: _____

Regarding premises for which you desire telephone service:

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTY: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

Please check all that apply:

- I am the only member of my household petitioning for telephone service.
- I reside in the permanent residential premises or am the owner of the permanent residential or business premises for which service is sought.
- I want service to the permanent residential or business premises.
- I commit to pay an aid to construction charge for service to those premises as determined by the Commission (not to exceed \$3,000).
- I agree to enter into an assignable agreement for subscription to basic local service to the premises for a period of time determined by the Commission (not to exceed 7 years).
- I am requesting a waiver of the aid to construction charge. (If checked, you must attach an explanation of why the Commission should grant a complete or partial waiver of the aid to construction charge.)

Signature

Date

PART FOUR – DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PREMISES

1. Identify and describe each premises as one of the following: Permanent Resident (PR); Business Premises (BP); Owner Only (does not reside or conduct business at premises) (OO); or Renter Only (RO).
2. Provide a detailed map and/or description of the location of each and every premises. The map or description must include distances between premises, and distances to permanent landmarks (roads/highways, intersections, fence lines, rivers, lakes, buildings, GPS reading, etc.) as necessary to identify the premises locations.
3. Provide proof of premises ownership (deeds, titles, tax records, state-issued licenses or identifications, or voter registration materials) for each petitioner and premises.
4. Provide an explanation why the petitioner(s) believes that the premises are within reasonable proximity to one another for the establishment of a community of interest.

PART FIVE - CARRIER NOMINATIONS

Provide a list of telecommunications providers that you are nominating to provide local service to your permanent residences or business premises. The nominated telecommunications providers must serve territory that is next to the locations of the permanent residential or business premises. No more than five potential telecommunications providers may be nominated.

Please state whether the petitioner(s) is willing to accept service from a telecommunication provider not listed. If the petitioner(s) is opposed to a particular telecommunications provider, please identify the telecommunications provider and provide an explanation of the opposition.