



# Public Utility Commission of Texas

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## 2023 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) ADJUSTMENT TO MUNICIPAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS RIGHT-OF-WAY ACCESS LINE RATES

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March 1, 2023

### PURPOSE

This letter is to notify you that your city's 2023 maximum access line rates have increased by 4.2883% due to inflation, as measured by the CPI. This adjustment has been made pursuant to Chapter 283 of the Local Government Code (House Bill 1777).

### DEFAULT RATES FOR 2023: NO CHANGE

Based on the choice made by your city in April 2022, your city's 2023 rate will either be adjusted for inflation, or will remain the same as your 2022 rate. According to our records, when similar CPI adjustments were made in April 2022, you opted NOT to adjust your rates for inflation, (i.e. you chose LESS than the maximum allowable CPI-adjusted rates). Therefore, your 2023 rates will REMAIN at your 2022 level and your rates will NOT increase. You have the option to refuse this default rate and request an increase in rates by taking the action explained below.

### ACTION BY CITY: TO REQUEST AN INCREASE

(1) You do not have to respond if you desire to keep your 2023 rates at the 2022 levels. (2) Respond ONLY if you want an INCREASE from the 2022 rates. (3) To request an increase, notify the PUC using page 2 of this letter no later than April 30, 2023. (4) The PUC does not require City council authorization; however, if your city charter requires it, please do so immediately. (5) Verify your contact information and highlight any changes. (6) Make a copy of this document.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF A CITY DOES NOT RESPOND BY APRIL 30, 2023?

If a city does not respond by April 30, 2023, the rates for your city will remain at the 2022 levels. The next opportunity to adjust your rates will be September 1, 2023.

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The PUC will notify telephone companies of your desired rates and you will be compensated accordingly no later than July 1, 2023.

### FUTURE REVISIONS TO CPI

The access line rates will be revised annually in March depending on whether the CPI changes for the previous year. If the CPI changes for the year 2023, you will receive a similar letter in 2024.

See over...

**City of Sweeny**

**SECTION 1: Your new 2023 CPI adjusted maximum rates are as follows:**

**Residential:**     \$0.61          **Non-Residential:**     \$1.30          **Point-to-Point:**     \$1.90    

**SECTION 2: Your default rates for 2023 are as follows and are the same as your 2022 rates.  
Note: This is lower because you have chosen to do so previously.**

**Residential:**     \$0.54          **Non-Residential:**     \$1.18          **Point-to-Point:**     \$1.74    

**To increase your default rates by any amount up to your 2023 maximum rates shown in SECTION 1, notify the PUC by completing the section below. You can mail or fax this page to the PUC. To accept rates in SECTION 2, no action is required.**

I \_\_\_\_\_, Title \_\_\_\_\_, am an authorized representative for the City/Town/Village of \_\_\_\_\_. The City declines to accept the default rates indicated in SECTION 2 above. Instead, we choose the following rates: Residential \_\_\_\_\_; Non-Residential \_\_\_\_\_; Point-to-Point \_\_\_\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments:

**HOW TO RESPOND**

Mail: Stephen Mendoza  
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P.O. Box 13326  
Austin, TX 78711-3326

**INQUIRIES**

Inquiries only. NOT for sending your response.  
HB1777@puc.texas.gov  
Phone No: 512-936-7394

Or FAX to Stephen Mendoza at: 512-936-7428;  
EMAIL to stephen.mendoza@puc.texas.gov

**CITY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please notify us if the contact information we have on file for your city has changed. Thank you.

Phone No. 1: (979) 548-3321

Phone No. 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No: (979) 548-7745

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address**

REESE COOK CITY MANAGER  
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