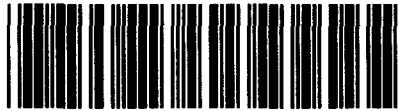




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This is to advise the Commission of Five Area's efforts regarding its vegetation management program and on-going ground-based inspection program for overhead facilities. Five Area Telephone Cooperative employees make routine inspections, as time allows, of all overhead facilities to make sure that vegetation is kept trimmed and away from all overhead cable, poles, and pole attachments. These inspections are monitored by a supervisor and result in the facilities being kept in well-maintained order and fully operational.

Please advise if any further information is needed at this time.

Sincerely,

Sandy Vandevender
Executive Vice President and General Manager

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