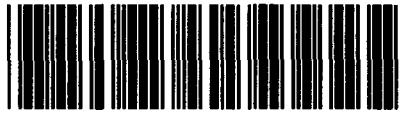




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RE: Project No. 32182 – Investigation of Methods to Improve Electric and Telecom
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Dear Filing Clerk:

On behalf of GCEC Telecom, Inc. ("GCEC" or "Company"), I am filing an original and ten (10) copies of this response to the to the PUC Staff's Information Request in the above referenced project. The Staff requested information concerning; (1) GCEC's on-going vegetation management program for overhead facilities and, (2) the Company's on-going ground based inspection program for structural integrity for overhead facilities.

Most of GCEC's outside plant infrastructure consists of direct buried and underground facilities. Its small amount of aerial outside plant utilizes power poles owned by Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative, Inc. The vegetation control and structural integrity program is performed and managed by the electric cooperative as required in the Pole Attachment Agreement between GCEC Telecom and the electric cooperative. However, the Company's outside plant personnel are also responsible for reporting any overgrown vegetation, obstructions or hazardous conditions to insure those conditions are investigated and resolved.

If you need any additional information, please contact Brian Stevens at 903-482-7039 or brian.stevens@gcecteecom.net.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Brian Stevens, Chief Operating Officer