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Filing Clerk Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 North Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701

RE: <u>Project No. 32182</u> – Investigation of Methods to Improve Electric and Telecom Infrastructure That Will Minimize Long Term Outages and Restoration Costs

Dear Filing Clerk:

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

Leaco does not have any aerial cable or pole line outside plant facilities within the State of Texas. Therefore, the Cooperative does not require a vegetation management or aerial facility inspection program.

If you need any additional information, please contact Laura Phipps at 505-433-4720 or <u>lmphipps@leaco.org</u>.

Respectfully submitted

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