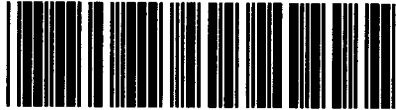




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TO: Transmission and Distribution Utilities, Electric Utilities, Electric Cooperatives, and Facilities-Based Local Exchange Carriers

RE: Project No. 32182 – “PUC Investigation of Methods to Improve Electric and Telecommunications Infrastructure to Minimize Long Term Outages and Restoration Costs Associated with Gulf Coast Hurricanes”

At the October 8, 2008 Open Meeting of the Public Utility Commission (PUC), the Commission directed electric and telecommunications companies to update the filings made in October 2006 on their programs related to vegetation management and ground-based inspections for overhead facilities. This requirement applies to transmission and distribution utilities, electric utilities, electric cooperatives, and facilities-based local exchange carriers. Please file a summary of your activities related to these two items, including a description of your normal vegetation management and inspection cycles, under Project No. 32182 by December 1, 2008.

The Commission also directed all electric utilities that own transmission lines within fifty miles of the Texas coast to file inventories of those facilities. The report should separately present information for transmission lines located within ten miles, and within 10 to 50 miles of the coast, including, at a minimum, the length of each line and a description of the structures used. The deadline for filing the report under Project No. 32182 is December 1, 2008. Cost estimates for upgrading the infrastructure included in the coastal facilities inventory report to meet the current NESC wind-loading standards must be filed in Project No. 32182 by January 1, 2009.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Katie Rich at (512) 936-7392. Thank you for your continued involvement in this important project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Featherston".

David Featherston
Director, Infrastructure & Reliability Division



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