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Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 N. Congress Ave. P.O. Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326



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.

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative Inc. files the following in response to Staff's request of October 15, 2008 in Project # 32182.

- 1) At least annually, Cap Rock's plant maintenance personnel inspect all overhead facilities for trees and obstructive vegetation. When obstructions are found, then appropriate and timely action is taken to remove such obstructions.
- 2) At least annually, Cap Rock's employees visually inspect the overhead facilities to ensure that poles are sound and are not stressed by overloading. Appropriate action is taken to replace unsound poles or remove facilities which are causing stress or overload.

Also, it is Cap Rock's practice for its outside employees, as they attend to their daily duties, to report or remedy any instances of tree or vegetation obstruction and to report any poles that may be stressed or damaged for immediate investigation and resolution.

Please contact me, if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Jim Whitefield Executive Vice President & General Manager

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