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Mr. James Galloway, Filing Clerk  
Public Utility Commission of Texas  
1701 North Congress Avenue  
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Project No. 32182 – *Investigation of Methods to Improve Electric and Telecom Infrastructure That Will Minimize Long Term Outages and Restoration Costs*

Dear Mr. Galloway:

On behalf of Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc. ("Big Bend" or "Company"), I am submitting an original and ten (10) copies of this response to the data request issued in this proceeding on October 14, 2008.

As previously reported, Big Bend has sparse vegetation in its service area in west Texas and the majority of the Company's facilities are located underground. Therefore, the Company's program for vegetation management and ground-based inspections for overhead facilities consists of annually patrolling aerial lines and immediately remedying foreign structures which conflict with such facilities. Additionally, the Company's outside plant technicians are trained to report or remedy any aerial line obstructions or problems as they attend to their daily duties. Since the last data collection in this proceeding, the Company has inspected its aerial lines at least annually, and no tree trimming, clearance or other maintenance has been required.

Please file-stamp the additional copies and return them to me by way of our assistant. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dee Dee Longenecker  
Authorized Representative for  
Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc.

cc: Mr. Justin Haynes, President  
Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc.