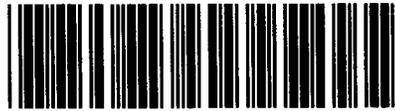




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Re: Project No. 32182 – *Investigation of Methods to Improve Electric and Telecom Infrastructure That Will Minimize Long Term Outages and Restoration Costs*

Dear Mr. Galloway:

On behalf of Tatum Telephone Company (“Tatum”), I am submitting an original and ten (10) copies of this response to the data request issued in this proceeding on October 14, 2008. Tatum has no overhead facilities and therefore has no inspection program or vegetation program in place at this time.

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
Tatum Telephone Company

cc: Ms. Debi Nobles, Vice President – Regulatory Affairs
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