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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 Sir or Madam:

On behalf of Ganado Telephone Company, Inc. ("Ganado" or "Company"), I am filing an original and ten (10) copies of the Company's response to the Commission Staff's data request in the above referenced Project.

In order to lessen the potential for damage and service outages that can result from Gulf Coast Hurricanes, Ganado is aggressively working towards eliminating all aerial cabling from our infrastructure. We are currently engineering and seeking USDA funding to replace the Company's aerial plant with buried facilities.

Annually, Ganado hires and utilizes local high school students during the summer months with the primary goal of cable route maintenance and vegetation control. Further, on an as needed basis, the Company contracts professional tree trimmers to clear major tree growth away from our cable and plant facilities. Ganado's outside plant personnel are also responsible for inspecting and reporting any defects or hazardous conditions affecting the structural integrity of the Company's overhead facilities. These programs allow Ganado to manage vegetation and tree growth during the peak growing times and to be prepared for the beginning of hurricane season.

Sincerely,

Bill Rakowitz
General Manager