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Public Utility Commission of Texas
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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

In compliance with PUC staff recommendations that a report from each telecommunication utility be filed with the PUC an updated written description of its:
1) vegetation management program for overhead facilities, and; 2) on-going cyclical, ground-based inspection program for overhead facilities, please see below Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Poka Lambro Telecommunications, Ltd. methods and practices relating to these issues:

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has 15 exchanges and its' subsidiary, Poka Lambro Telecommunications, Ltd, dba Poka Lambro Telephone Company has three CLEC operations, all lying in West Texas which historically is a very dry area of the country with little vegetation and insignificant average annual rainfall levels.

1. ***vegetation management program for overhead facilities,***

Loop, Welch, New Home, O'Donnell, Seagraves, Post, Tahoka, Lubbock fiber facilities are co-located on utility poles contracted from various telecommunications and power companies. Company owned poles are also utilized in some exchanges. As utility companies are regulated by NESC guidelines which call for a vegetation management standard for overhead facilities, Poka Lambro complies with and meets these standards, as well with the inspections facilitated by the contracted company's contract stipulated schedule.

2. *on-going cyclical, ground-based inspection program for overhead facilities:*

As a routine part of installation and maintenance of facilities Poka Lambro's I&R crews send notes to the construction crew and vegetation is trimmed in order to facilitate installation of new facilities and maintenance and repair of existing facilities.

Within the guidelines set forth in the various co-location contract company's pole attachment contracts, a representative of Poka Lambro rides with the utility contractors on facility inspections and makes notes where our crews need to trim excessive vegetation. It is the utility company's responsibility to maintain and inspect all pole attachments to meet NESC guidelines.

An original and 10 copies of this letter are enclosed. Please return a date stamped copy in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided.

Sincerely,



David McEndree
CEO and General Manager

cc: Central Files