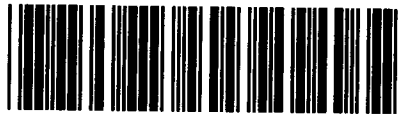


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RE: Project No. 32182 – “PUC Investigation of Methods to Improve Electric and Telecommunications Infrastructure to Minimize Long Term outages and Restoration Cost Associated with Gulf Coast Hurricanes”

Dear Mr. Galloway:

In response to David Featherston's letter dated October 15, 2008 this letter contains the requested information concerning Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative's ("DETEC") programs related to vegetation management and ground-based inspections for overhead facilities. DETEC does not operate any transmission lines within fifty miles of the Texas coast. Accordingly, DETEC is not filing an inventory of transmission facilities.

Vegetation Management:

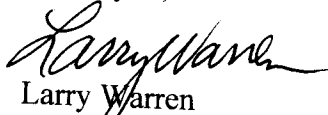
DETEC's written vegetation management program ("Plan") provides guidelines for rights-of-way ("ROW") maintenance. Activities associated with the Plan include: aerial inspection, cutting danger trees, side trimming, ground spraying, and mowing. The Plan specifies that an aerial or ground based inspection of all ROW shall be performed annually, that ROW mowing or spraying shall be performed every 5 years on average, and that tree trimming shall provide adequate clearances for a minimum of 5 years. Diagrams are included in the Plan which indicate the minimum trimming clearances for each applicable transmission voltage as a guideline for the ROW maintenance personnel.

Ground-Based Inspections

DETEC completes a ground-based inspection of all transmission lines every 5 years and all distribution lines on a rotational basis that are completed within 10 years. The inspections consist of checking the

integrity and proper operation of the poles and equipment. Poles are climbed and further inspected if there is visual evidence of insulator or hardware corrosion, pole damage, or cross-arm damage that requires a closer look to ascertain the extent of the problem. In addition to the inspections, wood pole ground line treatment, fumigant application, and preventive wrap treatments are performed on an average 10% of the total transmission system each year. So far in 2008, DETEC has performed aerial inspection, visual inspection, and pole testing on approximately 1,200 miles, of transmission lines and distribution lines.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Warren".

Larry Warren
General Manager

Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.