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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 La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc. ("La Ward" or "the Company"), I am filing an original and ten (10) copies of this updated response to the PUC Staff's October 14, 2008, Information Request in the above referenced Project.

As La Ward has previously reported, most of the Company's outside plant infrastructure consists of direct buried and underground facilities. Its minimal amount of aerial outside plant consists of a few customer drops and drop poles serving only one or two customers each. The Company's outside plant personnel are responsible for reporting any overgrown vegetation, obstructions or hazardous conditions to management to insure those conditions are investigated and resolved.

If you need any additional information, please contact Terri Parker at 361-872-2211 or terri@laward.net.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Terri Parker, General Manager, La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.