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Mr. James Galloway, Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78711

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

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s (GVTC) update regarding its vegetation management program and on-going ground-based inspection program for overhead facilities. The majority of GVTC's overhead facilities are attached to poles owned by electric utility companies and the applicable pole attachment agreement would govern the maintenance of the poles. GVTC's plant employees make routine inspections when in the field to ensure that vegetation is kept trimmed and away from all overhead cable, poles and attachments. GVTC also follows the practices and procedures outlined in the Rural Utility Service's Bulletin 1730-1 for all new plant construction.

If there are questions of further information is needed, please feel free to contact me at 830-885-8278 or Debbie.kubenka@gvtc.net.

Sincerely,

Debbie Kubenka
Mgr – Tariffs & Settlements
Guadalupe Valley Tel. Coop., Inc.

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