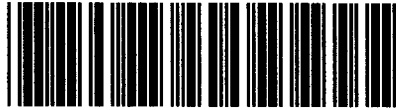




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RE: Project No. 32182 – “PUC Investigation of Methods to Improve Electric and Telecommunications Infrastructure to Minimize Long Term Outages and Restoration Cost Associated with Gulf Coast Hurricanes”

Dear Mr. Galloway:

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

A portion of East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s transmission lines are operated and maintained by Wood County Electric Cooperative, Inc., and are maintained under Wood County Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s programs related to vegetation management and ground-based inspections. The remainder of East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s transmission lines are maintained as described below.

Vegetation Management:

East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s vegetation management program (“Plan”) provides guidelines for rights-of-way (“ROW”) maintenance. Activities associated with the Plan include ROW mowing, side-trimming, gate/fence maintenance as well as aerial and pedestrian field surveys. The Plan specifies that an aerial or ground based inspection of all ROW shall be performed annually, that ROW mowing shall be performed every two (2) years on average, and that tree trimming shall provide adequate clearances for a minimum of ten (10) 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

East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. completes a ground-based inspection of all transmission lines on an annual basis. (East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. does not own or operate any distribution lines.) These inspections consist of an aerial survey to confirm the integrity and proper operation of all poles and pole top assemblies. If there is any visual evidence of insulator damage or hardware corrosion, pole damage, or cross-arm damage, a line clearance will be scheduled to ascertain the extent of the problem and corrective actions will be initiated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edd Hargett", with a stylized, cursive script.

Edd Hargett
Manager

East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.