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RE: Vegetation Management Plan

Dear Public Utility Commission Staff:

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

Vegetation Management:

Cherokee County Electric Cooperative Association's (CCECA) written vegetation management program ("Plan") provides guidelines for rights-of-way ("ROW") maintenance. Activities associated with the Plan include: tree trimming (both manually and mechanically), mowing, and herbicide applications. The Plan specifies that an aerial or ground based inspection of all ROW shall be performed annually, that ROW mowing shall be performed every five years on average, and that tree trimming shall provide adequate clearances for a minimum of five years. Diagrams are included in the Plan which indicate the minimum trimming clearances for each applicable distribution voltage as a guideline for the ROW maintenance personnel. So far in 2008, CCECA has performed herbicide application on approximately 348 miles of distribution lines and trimmed and mowed 338 miles of distribution lines

Ground-Based Inspections:

Cherokee County Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA) completes a ground-based inspection of all distribution lines every year. 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 distribution system each year.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Jones", written in a cursive style.

Greg Jones
General Manager