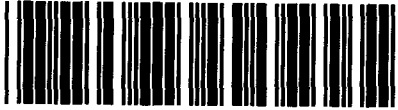




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TO: All interested parties

FROM: David Featherston *for NVS.*
Director, Infrastructure Reliability Division

SUBJECT: Project 32182 – Infrastructure Reliability, Emergency Management,
and Homeland Security matters.

This letter was sent to the attached party list by regular mail.

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Public Utility Commission of Texas

February 3, 2006

"Insert name from the list"

Dear Sir/Madam:

On January 25, 2005, at the conclusion of the workshop, the PUC staff informed you that we will be seeking proposals from you for hardening the utility infrastructure in the gulf coast area. Specifically, the staff invites your response on the following:

1. What are your company's proposals for hardening the network infrastructure, and modifying utility operations to minimize outages and speed up restoration for the next 1 to 5 year time frame? Please include the applicable financial data to show how the utility intends to fund these proposals.
2. What are your company's long-term plans to modify your network infrastructure to minimize outages and speed-up restoral in the areas prone to hurricane in Texas? Please provide detailed information outlining your plans for the next 5 to 10 years and 11 to 20 years and beyond. Please include financial data to show how the utility intends to fund these proposals.
3. Please explain what your expectations are as to the actions of this Commission, the state and local government, the affected community and any other entity to facilitate your proposals described under items 1 and 2 above.

The responses shall be filed no later than 3 P.M on February 24, 2006 at the Commission under Project No. 32182. The company may file its financial data under confidentiality as required. Please limit your responses to no more than 30 pages. After reviewing the responses, the staff intends to meet with your company individually to obtain additional information or clarification as required.



For any questions concerning this project, please contact Brian Almon or Nara Srinivasa at 512-936-7355 or 512-936-7335 or Brian.almon@puc.state.tx.us or nara.srinivasa@puc.state.tx.us.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

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