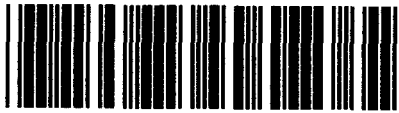




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Memorandum

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DATE: May 4, 2006

TO: All interested parties

FROM: David Featherston, *DF*
Director, Infrastructure Reliability Division

SUBJECT: Project No. 32182 - Investigation of Methods to Improve Electric and Telecom Infrastructure that Will Minimize Long Term Outages and Restoration Costs.

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

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Public Utility Commission of Texas

May 4, 2006

RE: Project No. 32182
Investigation of Methods to Improve Electric and Telecom Infrastructure that Will
Minimize Long Term Outages and Restoration Costs

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Commission staff is in the process of completing its investigation on how to harden the electric and telecom systems along the Texas Gulf Coast. Staff has held three industry workshops and three public meetings to collect relevant information. Also, information was solicited from electric and telecom providers in the form of written questions.

Staff has analyzed the information and has developed preliminary recommendations. A discussion about these recommendations will take place at a workshop to be held on May 15, 2006 at 9:00 AM. The workshop will be held in the Commissioner's Hearing Room on the 7th floor of the Travis Building in Austin, Texas. Before the workshop, a draft executive summary of the final report will be distributed to the utilities and filed in Central Records. Verbal comments will be solicited at the workshop. Written comments should be filed by May 18, 2006 in Project No. 32182.

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

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

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