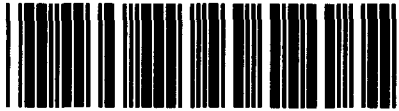




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Re: Docket No. 32182 – *P.U.C. Investigation Of Methods To Improve Electric And Telecom Infrastructure That Will Minimize Long Term Outages And Restoration Costs Associated With Gulf Coast Hurricanes*

Dear Mr. Featherston,

AT&T Texas has downloaded Staff's May 10, 2006 posting in the above matter, an "executive summary" of recommendations following workshops and town hall meetings earlier this year on means to "harden" the electric and telecommunications infrastructure. AT&T Texas writes this letter to express concerns over the timing of comments requested by Staff. First, AT&T Texas has had very little time to discuss or consider the summary so as to be in a position to articulate positions at the workshop Monday morning, May 15, 2006. Likewise, we are quite concerned that May 18 will provide insufficient time to file written responses. Finally, while Staff's cover letter to the May 10 materials suggests that cost recovery issues would be included - and presumed, that Staff wants the input of industry on those matters - the May 10 summary includes no details whatsoever in regard to cost recovery concerns.

The above issues are noted disregarding other concerns that AT&T Texas might wish to raise about this process in general. However, at the very least, AT&T Texas respectfully requests that Staff abate the May 18 deadline for written comments as set forth in the May 10 materials, to permit interested parties a reasonable amount of time to prepare responses.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to seeing you at the Monday workshop.

Sincerely

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