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Project 32182 Response to Public Utility of Texas Request For A Description Of The Vegetation Management Program And Ground Based Inspection Program For Overhead Facilities

Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is located in Olney, TX approximately 60 miles from the Oklahoma border and is not normally subject to outages resulting from hurricane activity on the Texas coast.

Random inspections of aerial facilities are done by servicemen while performing their normal daily assignments. Areas found in need of vegetative trimming are trimmed at that time or reported as "facilities maintenance needed" and a crew is dispatched as soon as possible to the site. Inspections of poles and anchors are preformed in the same manner and poles or anchors found in need of repair or replacement are reported as "facilities maintenance needed" and a crew is dispatched as for repaires.