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Dear Sir/Madam,

Attached is the Implementation Plan for Ongoing Storm Preparedness for the City of Blountstown.

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**Ongoing Storm Preparedness
City of Blountstown Implementation Plan
May 1, 2006**

A. Introduction

This is the Storm Preparedness report by the City of Blountstown located in Calhoun County, Florida. For information contact:

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B. Three-Year Vegetation Management Cycle

The City of Blountstown trims its entire distribution system on a three (3) year cycle with a contractor. The City also uses its own personnel to do annual trimming on an as needed basis.

C. Transmission and Distribution Geographic Information System

The City currently uses a set of maps for our GIS system, and is evaluating the possibility of upgrading to an electronic system. For now, however, we feel as though our current GIS system is sufficient because our electric utility system is small and compact.

D. Wooden Transmission vs. Concrete Transmission Structures

This section is not applicable to the City of Blountstown – the City has no transmission system. The City of Blountstown receives transmission service through Gulf Power and has a back up plan set up through Florida Public Utilities.

E. Post-Storm Data Gathering, Data Retention and Forensic Analysis

When major outage events occur, utility staff (City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Electric Supervisor, and Electric Personnel) convenes to analyze the situation and recommend equipment and/or operational changes necessary to avoid similar outages in the future.

F. Audit of Joint-Use Pole Attachment Agreements

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Blountstown currently audits pole attachments on city-owned poles. This audit is done annually by Electric Department personnel.

During our annual field audit, our services are examined by experienced field personnel to identify obviously overloaded poles. In addition, the City has not experienced any failures of poles due to overloading.

G. Six-year transmission Inspection Program

Blountstown does not have any transmission facilities. The City of Blountstown receives transmission service through Gulf Power.

H. Collection of Outage Data Differentiating Between the Reliability Performance of Overhead and Underground Systems

The City of Blountstown has very little underground in our distribution system. We aren't presently collecting data to differentiate between overhead and underground systems.

I. Coordination with Local Governments

The City of Blountstown is the local government and we trim the trees of our entire electric distribution system annually with our own personnel. Every three years we go out and get a contractor to do a more vigorous job.

J. Collaborative Research Through the Public Utility Research Center (PURC) at the University of Florida

The City of Blountstown, through its membership in the Florida Municipal Electric Association and its involvement with Public Utility Research Center (PURC) at the University of Florida, participates in PURC activities related to storm hardening research.