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Ms. Liz Cloud
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Department of State
R. A. Gray Building, Room 101
500 South Bronough Street
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Re: Corrected Text of Rule 25-6.0345, F.A.C., Filed for Adoption 11/20/06

Dear Ms. Cloud:

Enclosed are an original and three copies of Rule 25-6.0345, F.A.C., as it correctly appeared in the October 20, 2006 issue of the Florida Administrative Weekly. Please substitute this version of the rule for the one that was inadvertently filed for adoption on November 20, 2006.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (850) 413-6076 if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Harris
Associate General Counsel

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1 25-6.0343 Municipal Electric Utility and Rural Electric Cooperative Reporting
2 Requirements

3 (1) Application and Scope. The purpose of this rule is to define certain reporting
4 requirements by municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives providing
5 distribution service to end-use customers in Florida.

6 (2) The reports required by subsections (3), (4), and (5) of this rule shall be filed with
7 the Director of the Division of Economic Regulation by March 1 of each year for the
8 preceding calendar year.

9 (3) Standards of Construction. Each municipal electric utility and rural electric
10 cooperative shall report the extent to which its construction standards, policies, practices, and
11 procedures are designed to address the ability of transmission and distribution facilities to
12 mitigate damage caused by extreme weather. Each utility report shall, at a minimum, address
13 the extent to which its construction standards, policies, guidelines, practices, and procedures:

14 (a) Comply, at a minimum, with the National Electrical Safety Code (ANSI C-2)
15 [NESC]. For electrical facilities constructed on or after February 1, 2007, the 2007 NESC
16 shall apply. Electrical facilities constructed prior to February 1, 2007, shall be governed by
17 the edition of the NESC in effect at the time of the facility's initial construction. A copy of
18 the 2007 NESC, ISBN number 0-7381-4893-8, may be obtained from the Institute of Electric
19 and Electronic Engineers, Inc. (IEEE).

20 (b) Are guided by the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of
21 the 2002 edition of the NESC for:

22 1. new construction;

23 2. major planned work, including expansion, rebuild, or relocation of existing
24 facilities, assigned on or after the effective date of this rule; and

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 from existing law.

1 3. targeted critical infrastructure facilities and major thoroughfares taking into account
2 political and geographical boundaries and other applicable operational considerations.

3 (c) Address the effects of flooding and storm surges on underground distribution
4 facilities and supporting overhead facilities.

5 (d) Provide for placement of new and replacement distribution facilities so as to
6 facilitate safe and efficient access for installation and maintenance.

7 (e) Include written safety, pole reliability, pole loading capacity, and engineering
8 standards and procedures for attachments by others to the utility's electric transmission and
9 distribution poles.

10 (4) Facility Inspections. Each municipal electric utility and rural electric cooperative
11 shall report, at a minimum, the following information pertaining to its transmission and
12 distribution facilities:

13 (a) A description of the utility's policies, guidelines, practices, and procedures for
14 inspecting transmission and distribution lines, poles, and structures including, but not limited
15 to, pole inspection cycles and pole selection process.

16 (b) The number and percentage of transmission and distribution inspections planned
17 and completed.

18 (c) The number and percentage of transmission poles and structures and distribution
19 poles failing inspection and the reason for the failure.

20 (d) The number and percentage of transmission poles and structures and distribution
21 poles, by pole type and class of structure, replaced or for which remediation was taken after
22 inspection, including a description of the remediation taken.

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24 (5) Vegetation Management. Each municipal electric utility and rural electric

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1 cooperative shall report, at a minimum, the following information pertaining to the utility's
2 vegetation management efforts:

3 (a) A description of the utility's policies, guidelines, practices, and procedures for
4 vegetation management, including programs addressing appropriate planting, landscaping, and
5 problem tree removal practices for vegetation management outside of road right-of-ways or
6 easements, and an explanation as to why the utility believes its vegetation management
7 practices are sufficient.

8 (b) The quantity, level, and scope of vegetation management planned and completed
9 for transmission and distribution facilities.

10 Specific Authority: 350.127(2), 366.05(1) FS.

11 Law Implemented: 366.04(2)(f), 366.04(6) FS.

12 History: New 12/12/06.

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