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RE: Docket No. 20170215-EU
Review of Electric Utility Hurricane Preparedness and Restoration Actions
Request for Comments

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This letter is in response to your Memo dated December 19, 2017 regarding your request for comments from interested stakeholders pertaining to the FPSC review of utility hurricane preparedness and restoration actions. On behalf of Citrus County, our comments are as follows:

Vegetation Management

1. What policies or practices can facilitate utility tree trimming and removal of problem trees along public road right-of-ways or easements?

Citrus County Response: Citrus County does not regulate nor require a permit for electric utility providers to trim trees or remove problem trees along the public right-of-ways or easement.

2. What policies or practices can facilitate utility tree trimming and removal of problem trees outside public road right-of-ways or easements?

Citrus County Response: Citrus County does not have the authority to regulate electric utility providers to trim trees or remove problem trees on private property.

3. Describe how coordination with local utilities could be improved with regard to tree trimming, planting, relocating, or removing trees.

Citrus County Response: Citrus County could start sending notifications to electric utility providers if tree trimming or removal of problem trees is observed and needed.

Undergrounding of Electric Facilities

4. What policies or practices could facilitate the undergrounding of existing overhead electric facilities?

Citrus County Response: The State could adopt a statute requiring the undergrounding of existing overhead electric facilities within a reasonable amount of time. The State could also consider providing grants to offset the cost of undergrounding existing overhead electric facilities.

5. What policies or practices could facilitate undergrounding electric facilities in construction of new electric facilities?

Citrus County Response: The County could adopt an Ordinance requiring undergrounding electric facilities in construction of new electric facilities.

6. Describe how the process used to interact with utilities on projects to underground electric facilities could be improved.

Citrus County Response: Citrus County currently does not require electric utility providers to underground electric facilities.

Coordination and Communication with Utilities

7. Explain the process to identify and inform electric utilities of local critical facilities and infrastructure, and describe options to improve the process.

Citrus County Response: Citrus County provides a list to the electric utility providers of critical facilities and infrastructure as part of our COOP planning.

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8. Describe how electric utilities interact with local emergency operations centers during emergencies, and identify opportunities to improve that interaction.

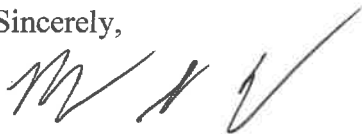
Citrus County Response: The County invites and encourages a staff member from each electric utility provider to be present at the County's EOC during emergencies.

9. Describe options to address communications with utilities prior to, during, and after a storm event.

Citrus County Response: The County and utilities should incorporate a proactive interaction at the EOC prior to, during, and after a storm event.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the information above, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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cc: Randy Oliver, County Administrator