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February 22, 2018

Wesley Taylor, Office of the General Counsel
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Dear Wesley Taylor, Office of the General Counsel:

Marion County Utilities received a letter asking for a response to a set of questions. After reviewing the form, questions seven through nine of Coordination and Communication with Utilities have been addressed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Felde".

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Marion County Board of County Commissioners

Utilities

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To: The Office of Commission Clerk
Wesley Taylor, Office of the General Counsel

From: Marion County Utilities

Docket Number: 20170215-EU

Comments: In response to a Request for Stakeholder Comments
Section: Coordination and Communication with Utilities questions 7 - 9.

Response:

Coordination and Communication with Utilities:

7. Marion County Utilities has informed four power companies that Water Plants, Lift Stations, and Wastewater Plants are the priorities for Marion County. During the hurricane event, communication was done via email, telephone, and in person at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). An option to improve, each Electric Utility should have a website listing critical infrastructure information provided by the outside agency.
8. During local emergency operations, the electric companies provided staff at the EOC. With two of the power companies, Marion County Utilities had to call a regular consumer power outage line and leave a message about our outages. There should be a dedicated outage line for critical facilities for our Water Plants, Lift Stations, and Wastewater Plants.
9. Prior to the event, two of the power companies made contact with Marion County Utilities and maintained communication during and after the event. Two other power companies were less accessible which made it more difficult to address issues with the power outages during and after the event.



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DATE: December 19, 2017

TO: All Interested Stakeholders

FROM: Wesley Taylor, Office of the General Counsel

RE: Docket No. 20170215-EU – Review of electric utility hurricane preparedness and restoration actions – Request for Comments

The Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) is actively reviewing electric utility hurricane preparedness and restoration actions during the 2017 hurricane season, and is exploring the potential to further minimize infrastructure damage that results in outages. The FPSC's staff has begun the process to collect information and data from Florida's electric utilities. Customers may provide comments to the FPSC on Florida electric utilities' hurricane preparedness and restoration through a portal on the FPSC's home page: <http://floridapsc.com/>.

The FPSC staff now seeks comments from interested stakeholders, including local governments, businesses, advocacy groups, and other organizations, on the topics below. We encourage commenters to respond to the following questions and provide any supporting information.

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?
2. What policies or practices can facilitate utility tree trimming and removal of problem trees outside public road right of ways or easements?
3. Describe how coordination with local utilities could be improved with regard to tree trimming, planting, relocating or removing trees.

Undergrounding of Electric Facilities

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

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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.
8. Describe how electric utilities interact with local emergency operations centers during emergencies, and identify opportunities to improve that interaction.
9. Describe options to address communications with utilities prior to, during, and after a storm event.

Instructions for Filing Comments

Comments should be limited to 25 pages, excluding attachments. Comments are due by **February 20, 2018**.

Comments should be filed at the FPSC's Electronic Filing portal:
<https://secure.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/EfilingPublic>

Instructions to file comments electronically with the FPSC:
<http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/EFilingRequirements>

At the FPSC's Electronic Filing portal, enter Docket Number 20170215, and use the following document description: "Comments by _____ on FPSC review of utility hurricane preparedness and restoration actions."

Comments will be publicly available, along with all other information collected, and is accessible at FPSC Docket No. 20170215-EU:
<http://floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/DocketDetail?docket=20170215>

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wesley Taylor at: wtaylor@psc.state.fl.us

cc: Office of Commission Clerk