

**City of Clewiston  
Report to the Florida Public Service Commission Pursuant to  
Rule 25-6.0343, F.A.C.  
Calendar Year 2021**

**1. Introduction**

- b) Name of city/utility

City of Clewiston

- c) Address, street, city, zip

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**2. Number of meters served in calendar year 2021**

4490

**3. Facility Inspections**

- a) Describe the utility's policies, guidelines, practices, and procedures for inspecting transmission and distribution lines, poles, and structures including, but not limited to, pole inspection cycles and pole selection process.**

In 2020 we contracted with Power Pole Maintenance Company to perform our pole inspections, which were sound and bore with strength calculations and, due to our small size we completed inspections of our entire system in three months. We also conduct infrared inspections of our entire distribution system on a three to four year cycle and perform spot checks for problem areas with our in house Level II certified inspector. Poles that have significant rot below ground line, or internal decay are rejected.

- b) Describe the number and percentage of transmission and distribution inspections planned and completed for 2021.**

2300 poles or 100% of the distribution poles were inspected in 2020. We will renew a 4 year infrared inspection cycle in 2024.

**c) Describe the number and percentage of transmission poles and structures and distribution poles failing inspection in 2021 and the reason for the failure.**

No poles were inspected in 2021, because the entire system was inspected in 2020. We began replacing the 180 poles that did not pass inspection in 2020, or 7.8% of our system. Pole rot below the ground or excessive split top were the major reasons for rejection.

**d) Describe the number and percentage of transmission poles and structures and distribution poles, by pole type and class of structure, replaced or for which remediation was taken after inspection in 2021, including a description of the remediation taken.**

In 2021, we replaced 29 class C distribution poles. This represents 1.3% of our distribution system poles.

#### **4. Vegetation Management**

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

We have a city ordinance that prevents any hedges or trees from being planted in the easements, any tree that is in the easement that has grown to reach the power lines is completely removed. 100% of our distribution system is inspected annually for excessive tree growth. Using this inspection method, we trim the entire distribution system continuously, as-needed. Furthermore, we accept requests from customers for tree trimming that impacts our distribution system.

**b) Describe the quantity, level, and scope of vegetation management planned and completed for transmission and distribution facilities in 2021.**

The Public Utility Research Center has held two vegetation management workshops in 2007 and 2009. Through FMEA, the City of Clewiston has a copy of their reports and will use the information to continually improve vegetation management practices. We will participate in future best-practice workshops if there is interest.

All transmission and feeder distribution facilities were checked and trimmed in 2021 as they are every year.