



CLEWISTON UTILITIES

141 CENTRAL AVENUE
CLEWISTON, FLORIDA 33440

Via Electronic Filing

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Florida Public Service Commission

RE: Facility Inspections and Vegetation Report for the City of Clewiston pursuant to Rule 25-6.0343, FAC

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to Rule 25-6.0343, Florida Administrative Code, attached is the Facility Inspections and Vegetation Report for 2022 for the City of Clewiston. The attachment contains two pages.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynne Mila".

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(Name of City/Utility)
Report to the Florida Public Service Commission Pursuant to
Rule 25-6.0343, F.A.C.
Calendar Year 2022

1. Introduction

b) Name of city/utility

Clewiston Utilities

c) Address, street, city, zip:

141 Central Avenue, Clewiston FL 33440

d) Contact information: Name, title, phone, fax, email

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2. Number of meters served in calendar year 2022

4,222

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 2022.

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 2022 and the reason for the failure.**

Eight distribution poles – did not pass inspection

- 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 2022, including a description of the remediation taken.**

Class 5, poles replaced

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 2022.**

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. In 2022 we procured a professional vegetation management contractor to remove vegetation from our primary feeder lines.