

**(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**

- a) City of Wauchula
- b) 126 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wauchula, FL 33873
- c) Contact information: Chris Collier, Electrical Distribution Supervisor, 863-781-5584, ccollier@cityofwauchula.com

**2. Number of meters served in calendar year 2022**

In 2022, the City of Wauchula served 2,248 residential meters and 626 commercial meters.

**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.**

The City of Wauchula had a third-party contractor inspect the substation in 2019. The City of Wauchula has had a third-party contractor inspect approximately 100% of our poles in 2016-2019 and our next pole inspection is scheduled for 2024.

- b) **Describe the number and percentage of transmission and distribution inspections planned and completed for 2022.**

The City of Wauchula has scheduled an outside third-party contractor to inspect the substation in 2023. The City of Wauchula has had a third-party contractor inspect approximately 100% of our poles in 2016-2019. All poles have been inspected between the years 2016-2019. They have been treated and should have a minimum of 10 years of service left. Our next pole inspection is scheduled for 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.**

The City of Wauchula has a third-party pole inspection scheduled in 2024.

- 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.**

101 distribution poles were replaced in 2022 due to the poles rotting or physical damage.

17ea - 35' class 4 replaced with class 3 cca

68ea - 40' class 4 replaced with class 3 cca

14ea - 45' class 4 replaced with class 3 cca

1ea - 50' class 4 replaced with class 3 cca

1ea - 60' class 4 replaced with class 3 cca

#### **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.**

The City of Wauchula policy on vegetation management consists of tree trimming and herbicide spraying for vines on a schedule of one-third of the distribution per year.

- b) Describe the quantity, level, and scope of vegetation management planned and completed for transmission and distribution facilities in 2022.**

The City of Wauchula's policy on vegetation management consists of tree trimming and herbicide spraying for vines on a schedule of one-third per year. The Public Utility Research Center has held two vegetation management workshops in 2007 and 2009. Through FMEA, the City of Wauchula 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.