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RE: Storm Hardening Report for **Town of Havana** pursuant to Rule 25-6.0343,FAC

Pursuant to Rule 25-6.0343, Florida Administrative Code, attached is the Storm Hardening Report for 2023 for the **Town of Havana**.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'KW', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Kendrah Wilkerson
Town Manager

**Town of Havana
Havana, Florida
Report to the Florida Public Service Commission Pursuant to
Rule 25-6.0343, F.A.C.
Calendar Year 2023**

1. Introduction

a) Name of city/utility

TOWN OF HAVANA

b) Address, street, city, zip

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711 N MAIN ST
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c) Contact information: Name, title, phone, fax, email

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2. Number of meters served in calendar year 2023

1509

3. Standards of Construction

a) **National Electric Safety Code Compliance**

The Town of Havana's Construction Standards for new electric distribution facilities comply with the 2017 Edition of Nation Electrical Safety Code (NESC).

Electrical facilities constructed prior to 2017 were designed and built in compliance with the NESC edition in effect at that time.

b) Extreme Wind Loading Standards

The Town of Havana uses NESC's Grade B for all new electric distribution facilities.

c) Flooding and Storm Surges

Flooding and storm surges are not an issue for the Town of Havana's electric distribution facilities.

d) Safe and Efficient Access of New and Replacement Distribution Facilities

Proper maintenance for existing equipment and prompt outages restoration is important for the Town of Havana.

New electric distribution facilities are installed in areas safe for the public and accessible by the Town's line workers and vehicles.

Existing facilities are relocated to accessible and safe areas, in cases where the current location is found to be inadequate.

e) Attachments by Others

The Town of Havana recently revised our pole attachment agreement between the Town and third parties requesting to attach their facilities to our electric distribution poles.

Third-parties are responsible to assess feasibility, pole strength and safety before they request to attach their facilities to the Town's poles. The Town's Electric Department evaluates pole attachment requests to ensure each attachment complies with the NESC standard and inspects each installation.

Third-party attachers' are responsible for any make-ready-work needed to bring installation into compliance.

4. 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 Town has a small system with only 1,186 poles. Our electric superintendent inspects our distribution lines, poles and structures several times per year. He inspects our poles with the sound and probe method. He documents this process by completing pole and system change-out forms.

- b) Describe the number and percentage of transmission and distribution inspections planned and completed for 2023.

Our electric superintendent inspects our system continuously. He completed an inspection of 100% of the system as planned.

- c) Describe the number and percentage of transmission poles and structures and distribution poles failing inspection in 2023 and the reason for the failure.

0 Poles and/or 0 percent of poles were replaced as a result of the 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 2023, including a description of the remediation taken.

None

5. 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 Town of Havana's vegetation management policy is formalized. The Town's utility crew is responsible for trimming vegetation along our distribution system. We have written guidelines on vegetation management for them to follow in addition to them relying upon their expertise in knowing the best management practices are sufficient in that our outages due to limb damage are at a minimum. Our policy calls for a third of our system to be maintained each year.

- b) Describe the quantity, level, and scope of vegetation management planned and completed for transmission and distribution facilities in 2023.

Per the town's electric superintendent, Town of Havana will be completing the 50% trimming from the prior year.

6. Storm Hardening Research

Town of Havana (Havana, Florida) is a member of the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA), which is participating with all of Florida's electric utilities in storm hardening research through the Public Utility Research Center at the University of Florida. Under separate cover, FMEA will provide the FPSC with a report of research activities. For further information, contact Amy Zubaly, Executive Director, FMEA, 850-224-3314, ext.1, or azubaly@flpublicpower.com.