

**City of Clewiston
Report to the Florida Public Service Commission Pursuant to
Rule 25-6.0343, F.A.C.
Calendar Year 2024**

1) Introduction

- a) Name of city/utility

City of Clewiston

- b) Address, street, city, zip

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- c) Contact information: Name, title, phone, fax, email

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2) Number of meters served in calendar year 2024

4516

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. Due to our small system size PPMC completed inspections of our entire system in three months. We also conduct infrared inspections of our entire distribution system 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 2024.**

In 2020, 2300 poles or 100% of the distribution poles were inspected, selectively treated, and received asset tags. 180 poles failed inspection and are being replaced. The pesticide

application for the preservative treatment guarantees that the treated distribution pole is sound for 10 years. We will resume inspections in 2030.

c) Describe the number and percentage of transmission poles and structures and distribution poles failing inspection in 2024 and the reason for the failure.

In 2021, we began replacing the 180 poles that did not pass inspection, 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 2024, including a description of the remediation taken.

In 2024, we replaced 24 class C distribution poles, or 1% 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 2024.

The city procured as needed Vegetation Removal Services from Davey Tree Expert Company in the amount of \$175,000. Davey Tree is removing vegetation in the easement and right of ways in areas where growth is the most problematic. The billing terms are for time and material, and the project area extends as far as funds will allow.