

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

1. Introduction

- a) City of Wauchula
- b) 126 S. 7th 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 2024

In 2024, the City of Wauchula served 2,784 residential and 590 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 and will be inspecting again in 2025. The City of Wauchula has had a third-party contractor inspect 100% of our poles in 2016-2019 and our next pole inspection is scheduled for 2026.

- b) **Describe the number and percentage of transmission and distribution inspections planned and completed for 2024.**

The City of Wauchula has scheduled an outside third-party contractor to inspect the substation in 2025. The City of Wauchula has had a third-party contractor inspect 100% of our poles in 2016-2019. They have been treated and should have a minimum of 10 years of service left. Our next pole inspection is scheduled for 2026.

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

The City of Wauchula has a third-party pole inspection scheduled in 2026.

- 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.**

55 distribution poles were replaced in 2024 due to the poles rotting or physical damage.

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

31ea - 40' class 4 replaced with class 3 cca

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

3ea - 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 system per year.

The Tree Crew has removed 12 rotten or storm damaged trees in 2024.

The City of Wauchula believes our Vegetation Management Practices are sufficient according to the reduced power outages on 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 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.