

(Name of City/Utility)
**Report to the Florida Public Service Commission Pursuant to
Rule 25-6.0343, F.A.C.
Calendar Year 2025**

1. Introduction

b) Name of city/utility
City of Starke

c) Address, street, city, zip
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Starke, Fla. 32091**

d) Contact information: Name, title, phone, fax, email
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2. Number of meters served in calendar year 2025
2975 +/-

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 has just completed an overall AI driven inspection of the electric system and is in the process of combing through all the Data received. We are filtering through all the poles and will be putting together a pole treatment program of all the wooden structures that were captured in the AI scan. This includes leaning poles and poles deemed to have shown extreme wear due to age. This scan also took pictures of every structure and will give us a baseline to start our program, The AI scan can be repeated in years to come and be compared against data received now to see any other degradation of the system. This will help us build and develop our treatment program to start this coming year.

b) Describe the number and percentage of transmission and distribution inspections planned and completed for 2025.

The City currently does not have any transmission structures. Since we have completed our initial inspection the goal for the year 2026 is to start a pole treatment program to inspect and treat a quarter of our service system. Our plan is to do 25% of the system a year to be on a 4 year cycle.

c) Describe the number and percentage of transmission poles and structures and distribution poles failing inspection in 2025 and the reason for the failure.

We have currently found and replaced 34 distributions poles this year due to inspection. We expect in 2026 to replace at least the same number of poles due to treatment rejection in our service area.

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 2025, including a description of the remediation taken.

Most of the distribution poles replaced were either 30' class 6 wood poles and 40' class 4 wood poles. We had strengthened our system by going to Class 2 wood 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.

The City of Starke has taken an aggressive approach to vegetation mitigation. We remove problem trees identified within the ROW and outside the ROW when appropriate. We work with homeowners to help mitigate any danger trees we have identified. This aggressive effort has rewarded the city with a very low outage rate.

b) Describe the quantity, level, and scope of vegetation management planned and completed for transmission and distribution facilities in 2025.

We are currently on a three year cycle to trim our system and are on schedule to complete the second year of trimming this year ahead of schedule.