2013 Hurricane Season Preparation Workshop Betty Easley Conference Center – Room 148 Wednesday, April 3, 2013 9:00 A.M.

1. CONVENE THE WORKSHOP

2. STAFF WILL READ THE NOTICE

3. TAKE APPERARANCES

4. STAFF REMARKS

In 2006, the Florida Public Service Commission adopted a multifaceted approach and a response to ensure all utilities' infrastructures will be better able to withstand the impact of hurricanes and implement lessons learned from the 2004/2005 seasons. We adopted ten storm hardening initiatives and required investor-owned utilities to file formal storm hardening plans subject to our approval.

In our July 2007 report to the Legislature we cited our most critical recommendation that Florida maintain a high level of storm preparation. The annual hurricane season preparation workshop provides utilities and local exchange companies a forum to advise us of their individual hurricane season preparation activities. This is the eight year that we've conducted such workshop.

After years with no hurricanes visiting Florida, fading memories can lead toward complacency. We, however, should view the hurricane season of 2013 with caution and recognize that preparedness is the key to minimizing storm impacts. The forecasters remind us that only one hurricane making landfall in our area will make it an active season for us.

We ask each of our presenters to candidly address the status of their company's preparation for the 2013 hurricane season. Please include (1) the status of work achieved to protect facilities to date, (2) work in progress, (3) work to be accomplished in the near future, (4) and the additional questions ask in the notice. Finally, we ask that you specifically address areas of vulnerability within your service area and let us know if there is anything the Public Service Commission can do to assist. It is understood that while the electric utilities own the vast majority of the electric transmission and distribution infrastructure in the state, local exchange companies own many of the poles upon which the electric utility infrastructure is placed.

5. ORDER OF PRESENTATION (Staff recommends that after each presentation, time be allotted for questions.)

Florida Power & Light Company Sam Moore, General Manager of Operations

<u>Progress Energy Florida</u> Jason Cutliffe, Director, Distribution Asset Management

<u>**Tampa Electric Company</u>** David Sweat, Director, Energy Delivery</u>

<u>Gulf Power Company</u> Sharon Pinkerton, Project Services Manager

Florida Public Utilities Company Mark Cutshaw, General Manager

Florida Municipal Electric Association Barry Moline, Executive Director

Florida Electric Cooperatives

6. CONCLUDING QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

7. ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES/CONCLUDING MATTERS

8. ADJOURN THE WORKSHOP