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Mr. George Bachman
Florida Public Utilities Company
P.O. Box 3395
West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3395

Re: Docket No. 100264-EI, Florida Public Utilities Company's updated 2010-2012 Storm Hardening Plan

Dear Mr. Bachman:

The staff is in the process of reviewing the company's updated 2010-2012 Storm Hardening Plan, and our review has generated some questions for which we ask that FPUC provide responses.

We ask that you please provide your responses to the attached data request by July 12, 2010. If there are any questions, please contact me at (850) 413-6980.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa L'Amoreaux".

Melissa L'Amoreaux
Engineering Specialist
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Attachment

cc: Office of the General Counsel (Bennett)
Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 100264-EI)

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For the following questions, please refer to the amended updated 2010-2012 Storm Hardening Plan filed May 28, 2010.

1. On page 4, section 2.1, FPUC states “Although data was not readily available for the FPUC system, other companies with the necessary data have justified this increased trim cycle based on that data.”
 - a. Please clarify what data are being referred to.
 - b. Why does FPUC rely on other companies for this data?
 - c. Does FPUC have any data now that it has implemented its GIS system, or data from any other system the company uses?
 - d. On page 4, FPUC states, “Based upon the current tree trimming crew level, the Company will work [to] make reasonable efforts to address the following items if and when tree trimming crews become available.” On page 5, FPUC states “. . . the company will make reasonable efforts to address these if and when tree trimming crews become available.” Please explain why these sentences seem to imply that there is a lack of tree trimming crews available.
 2. On pages 7-8, section 2.3, FPUC states that transmission inspections will be completed on all transmission facilities a minimum of every six years.
 - a. Please indicate when this inspection process was last completed.
 - b. Does FPUC inspect 1/6 of these facilities annually? If not, please explain when these inspections occur.
 3. Please provide a current list of projects for the 2010-2012 time period, as indicated on page 12, section 3.4.
 4. What analyses has FPUC conducted that support the benefits of applying EWL standards to distribution facilities?
 5. Please refer to page 16, section 6.1. Why has the detailed specification and necessary engineering review of the storm hardening strategy not taken place?
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