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**DATE:** December 19, 2017

**TO:** All Interested Stakeholders

**FROM:** Wesley Taylor, Office of the General Counsel

**RE:** Docket No. 20170215-EU – Review of electric utility hurricane preparedness and restoration actions – Request for Comments

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The Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) is actively reviewing electric utility hurricane preparedness and restoration actions during the 2017 hurricane season, and is exploring the potential to further minimize infrastructure damage that results in outages. The FPSC's staff has begun the process to collect information and data from Florida's electric utilities. Customers may provide comments to the FPSC on Florida electric utilities' hurricane preparedness and restoration through a portal on the FPSC's home page: <http://floridapsc.com/>.

The FPSC staff now seeks comments from interested stakeholders, including local governments, businesses, advocacy groups, and other organizations, on the topics below. We encourage commenters to respond to the following questions and provide any supporting information.

## Vegetation Management

1. What policies or practices can facilitate utility tree trimming and removal of problem trees along public road right of ways or easements?
2. What policies or practices can facilitate utility tree trimming and removal of problem trees outside public road right of ways or easements?
3. Describe how coordination with local utilities could be improved with regard to tree trimming, planting, relocating or removing trees.

## Undergrounding of Electric Facilities

4. What policies or practices could facilitate the undergrounding of existing overhead electric facilities?
5. What policies or practices could facilitate undergrounding electric facilities in construction of new electric facilities?
6. Describe how the process used to interact with utilities on projects to underground electric facilities could be improved.

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Coordination and Communication with Utilities

7. Explain the process to identify and inform electric utilities of local critical facilities and infrastructure, and describe options to improve the process.
8. Describe how electric utilities interact with local emergency operations centers during emergencies, and identify opportunities to improve that interaction.
9. Describe options to address communications with utilities prior to, during, and after a storm event.

Instructions for Filing Comments

Comments should be limited to 25 pages, excluding attachments. Comments are due by **February 20, 2018**.

Comments should be filed at the FPSC's Electronic Filing portal:  
<https://secure.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/EfilingPublic>

Instructions to file comments electronically with the FPSC:  
<http://www.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/EFilingRequirements>

At the FPSC's Electronic Filing portal, enter Docket Number 20170215, and use the following document description: "Comments by \_\_\_\_\_ on FPSC review of utility hurricane preparedness and restoration actions."

Comments will be publicly available, along with all other information collected, and is accessible at FPSC Docket No. 20170215-EU:  
<http://floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/DocketDetail?docket=20170215>

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wesley Taylor at: [wtaylor@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:wtaylor@psc.state.fl.us)

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