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#### **E-PORTAL FILING**

Mr. Adam Teitzman, Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket 20180148-EI -- Review of 2019-2021 storm hardening plan, Florida Public Utilities Company.

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing in the referenced docket, please find Florida Public Utilities Company's responses to Staff's Second Data Requests in the referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. As always, please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

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Enclosure

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# Florida Public Utilities Company Response to Staff's Second Data Request for Docket No. 20180148-EI – Review of 2019-2021 storm hardening plan, Florida Public Utilities Company

1. Please refer to FPUC's response to question 1 of staff's first data request. Please explain what would be considered "routine basis."

Response: The statement "FPU does work closely with local governments related to vegetation management activities on a routine basis ..." was intended to describe a close working relationship between FPU supervisory personnel and city/county employees responsible for right of way and vegetation management and oversight. This varies from smaller cities who do not have resources to monitor this activity to larger cities and counties who have the resources to actively monitor what occurs with right of way and vegetation management.

2. Please refer to FPUC's response to question 2 of staff's first data request. Were there any lessons learned from recent storm events regarding the Utility's staffing at local EOCs?

#### Response:

Based on the experience with Hurricane Michael, it was apparent that in some cases, it can be very difficult to restore power to these facilities due to the significant damage (i.e. Jackson County EOC). The local EOC's should make long term plans to provide backup power in similar situations.

Regarding the staffing and overall efficiency, there were times in which FPU personnel were better utilized in other activities rather than remaining at the EOC. Assuming reliable communication can be maintained between the EOC and FPU personnel, it worked well to have that person out looking at specific situations rather than remaining at the EOC when meetings or briefings were not being conducted.

We also learned that FPU needs to have representation at the State EOC during major events in order to provide and receive the most current information from State Officials.

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- 3. Please refer to FPUC's response to question 3 of staff's first data request. The response indicates that the restoration of service to fueling stations is now higher on FPUC's priority list.
  - a. Is FPUC hardening the feeder and lateral lines that feed those fueling stations?

Response:

Not at this time.

i. If not, please explain why not?

Response:

The current storm hardening plan does not include the hardening of feeder and lateral lines that feed fueling stations. However, fueling stations will be given a higher priority in our restoration plans as we consider them an important social service that provides hope to the communities we serve in getting life back to normal more quickly.

4. Please refer to FPUC's response to question 4 of staff's first data request. Please verify if shelters, wastewater treatment plants, 911 call centers, fire stations, and police stations are considered critical customers and are considered for storm hardening projects. If not, please explain why not?

#### Response:

These are all included as critical customers but were not specifically identified in the response to question 4 of Staff's First Data Request.

Please refer to FPUC's response to question 6 of staff's first data request.

a. How many different non-electric utility pole owners do you have attachment agreements with?

## Response:

Below is shown the non-electric utility attachers that we work with and the number of non-electric utility poles on which we have attachments.

| Joint Use Attacher | # of Poles Attached to FPU | # of Poles FPU Attached |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| AT&T               | 3,139                      | 496                     |
| BrightHouse        | 952                        | 0                       |
| Century Link       | 2,347                      | 5                       |
| Comcast NE         | 3,565                      | 0                       |
| Comcast NW         | 8,988                      | 0                       |
| Crown Castle       | 47                         | 0                       |
| Fairpoint          | 255                        | 12                      |
| Southern Light     | 363                        | 0                       |

b. What is the percentage spread of ownership of the non-electric utility poles amongst those different entities?

## Response:

See information in Question 5a. Percentages are relatively small with ATT being the largest at approximately 2.3% of the total pole population.

- 5. Please refer to FPUC's response to questions 4, 5, and 6 of staff's first data request.
  - a. How does FPUC gather historical locational information for purposes of screening and/or selecting locations for storm hardening projects?

## Response:

The overall size of the FPU distribution system is relatively limited which allows engineering and field personnel to become very familiar with the distribution system. Based on the familiarity with the system and using follow-up data from

the outage management system, personnel are able to target areas of need for storm hardening projects.

b. Does FPUC track this information on a GIS basis?Response:

No.

i. If not, please explain why not.

Response:

The existing GIS system does not currently have the ability to track which facilities have been involved in storm hardening projects. It does however provide information regarding facilities data, electrical usage and customer information that is included within the system. As the facilities data is reviewed it can be determined if they meet current storm hardening standards for that area.