

**City of Blountstown
Report to the Florida Public Service Commission Pursuant to
Rule 25-6.0343, F.A.C.
Calendar Year 2024**

1. Introduction

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**2. Number of meters served in calendar year 2024
1319**

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 of Blountstown has a total of 2,102 utility poles and does visual inspections of all poles once a year. The City of Blountstown took a direct hit from Hurricane Michael in 2018, which resulted in a rebuild of the system. The City has retagged all poles due to this event.

- b) **Describe the number and percentage of transmission and distribution inspections planned and completed for 2024.**

The City of Blountstown visually inspects 100% of our poles each year.

c) Describe the number and percentage of transmission poles and structures and distribution poles failing inspection in 2024 and the reason for the failure.

As a result of our visual inspection, we found 36 poles (1.71%) that required replacement, and we have reconducted about 2,500 linear feet of distribution line. The reason for the replacement was ground rot, extreme cracking and warping and upgrading the lines.

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 2024, including a description of the remediation taken.

The 36 poles were replaced with class 3 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 Blountstown has established a four-year cycle for tree trimming with a ten (10) ft clearance of our lines and facilities. After success at trimming, we have seen a remarkable difference in vegetative issues along our electric system. Policies adopted to allow for dead, dying, or potentially problematic trees to be removed before damage occurs has saved the City thousands of dollars in repair costs (supplies and manpower) in addition to a reduction in lost revenue due to outages.

b) Describe the quantity, level, and scope of vegetation management planned and completed for transmission and distribution facilities in 2024.

The City of Blountstown will trim twenty-five (25) percent of our system with a ten (10) ft. clearance in 2025.