

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

1. Introduction

- b) Name of city/utility
City Of Starke
- c) Address, street, city, zip
209 N. Thompson Street
Starke, Fl. 32091
- d) Contact information: Name, title, phone, fax, email
Russell A. Mullins, General Manager Starke Utilities
dmullins@cityofstarke.org 904-964-5027

2. Number of meters served in calendar year 2024

2976 Electric Meters Dec 2024

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 Utility is in the process of developing a GIS mapping system which will give us an opportunity to do an extensive inventory of the electric system including the ability to set up a comprehensive pole treatment program. While doing the initial inventory of assets into to GIS system, the City will be able to inspect the poles and inventory the total amount of poles giving us the ability to set up a calendar based pole treatment program in the upcoming years.

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

We do not have any transmission structures in the City of Starke at this time all poles are distribution. We plan to set up 8 year cycle once the initial inventory has been done.

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

We have changed at least 20 Poles out this last year with most have failed do to age. We anticipate another two dozen poles to be changed this up coming year. Once we get a

treatment program installed we should have a more documented process available and a better forecast for upcoming years.

- 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.**

We do not have access to that information at this time. Adding a GIS system this year will make inventory and tracking easier to accommodate.

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 utility has been very aggressive with its current vegetation management program. We remove problem trees when identified in and outside the ROW when we can working with property owners to accomplish this endeavor. The evidence has been in our current outage data that has been significantly reduced in the last few years.

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

We are currently working on a three year cycle and are ahead of schedule.