BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP

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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: 2013 HURRICANE SEASON PREPARATION BRIEFING BY ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND THE THREE MAJOR INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS

ISSUED: March 12, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct an informational workshop on 2013 hurricane season preparation by Florida electric utilities and three major Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, to which all persons are invited, at the following time and place:

Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this staff workshop is to provide a forum for Florida electric utilities and the three major Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers to brief the Commission on their 2013 hurricane season preparation. One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in this meeting.

The Commission staff requests that each participating utility, carrier, and association representative provide a computerized version of their presentation on CD, such as may be produced using MS PowerPoint, to Melissa L'Amoreaux in the Division of Engineering, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, no later than March 27, 2013. Ms. L'Amoreaux may be reached at (850) 413-6980.

Each participating utility, carrier, and association should also provide Ms. L'Amoreaux with 40 hard copies of their presentations. Sixty hard copies are requested from any utility or association that does not provide computerized presentations. Along with the presentations, please include the name(s) of the presenter(s), their position, the utility(ies)/carrier(s)

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represented, and a contact phone number. Copies of the presentations should be provided to Ms. L'Amoreaux no later than March 27, 2013.

Each presentation must address the status of preparation each utility or carrier has achieved for protecting its transmission and distribution assets for the 2013 hurricane season. Such preparation may include the status of facility inspections; maintenance and repairs; coordination with other utilities, government, and community groups; various storm hardening measures; post-storm recovery plans; and forensic data collection plans. The presentations should address not only preparations completed, but also work remaining to be completed. Finally, the presentations should address areas of concern or vulnerability. Below are additional topics staff would like each presenter to address.

- In reference to hurricane drills, please explain anything different the Company is incorporating from last year such as lessons learned and experiences.
- If the Company is involved in tree replacement or removal, please explain the cost associated with these programs.
- Please identify the number of poles the company currently has and has replaced since the start of its storm hardening plan.
- Please identify the Company's current vegetation management requirements as seen in its storm hardening plan approved by the Commission.
- Please explain if the Company is on target with meeting its storm hardening goals.
- Please identify any lessons learned from Hurricane Sandy, and if the Company was involved in any relief efforts.
- Please explain if the Company intends on modifying any programs currently in place for storm preparedness.
- Please detail the Company's involvement with forensic analysis due to any storms from the previous year.
- Please explain any outreach programs the Company is currently involved with that communicate storm readiness to its customers.

- Please identify any problem areas the Company might encounter if a storm(s) were to hit its service territory this year.
- Please identify the Critical Infrastructure improvements that have been identified and completed since your last report.
- Please identify the Critical Infrastructure improvements that have been identified and are scheduled to be completed within the next three years.

It is anticipated that each utility, carrier, or association representative will make a 10 to 15 minute presentation before Commission staff, immediately followed by a brief question and answer period by staff, if needed. An agenda will be prepared upon receipt of the presentations and subsequently distributed to the participants.

Please contact Melissa L'Amoreaux at (850) 413-6980, or Michael Lawson (850) 413-6076 with any questions regarding this Commission workshop.

JURISDICTION

This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 366, Florida Statutes.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF WORKSHOP

If a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the workshop, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to all interested persons. Notice of cancellation of the workshop will also be provided on the Commission's website (http://www.psc.state.fl.us/) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at (850) 413-6199.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Office of Commission Clerk at (850) 413-6770, at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

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By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission this <u>12th</u> day of <u>March</u>, <u>2013</u>.

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Copies furnished: A copy of this document is provided to the parties of record at the time of issuance and, if applicable, interested persons.

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