COVER LETTER FOR:

Re: Docket No. 20170215-EU - Review of electric utility hurricane preparedness and restoration actions.

Third Data Request

LAKELAND ELECTRIC (LE) RESPONSES ARE IN RED

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STAFF’S THIRD DATA REQUEST
Via E-mail

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To Whom It May Concern:

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that each utility provide responses to the following data requests.

1. Please provide the following information for a specific example where storm hardened structures incurred damage and required repair or replacement due to Hurricane Irma.
   a. A description of the damage incurred (i.e. broken pole, displaced underground vault, etc.).
      • No damaged to hardened facilities
   b. A description of the repair process, including a description of any temporary repairs that required a follow-up trip.
      • No damaged to hardened facilities
   c. A description of the repair process if the facilities had not been hardened.
      • There were 3 areas that impacted the sub-transmission system (69KV) each had a double circuit distribution systems attached that had not been hardened, but was slated to be in the near future. They were:
         o Polk City Rd. (24 poles total, 17 transmission poles and 6 mid-span lift distribution poles or adjacent poles)
         o Gib-Galloway Rd. (4 poles)
Due to Hurricane Irma all 3 projects required a large scale effort to return power. The new standard to harden the system for these locations required steel poles. This would have taken a substantially longer time and required more equipment, so it was decided to waive the requirement in this emergency, due to the urgency of returning power to many customers affected as soon as possible.

It is the utility’s goal to bring the 3 locations up to the new hardening standard as soon as possible.
Please file all responses electronically no later than February 19, 2018 from the Commission’s website at www.floridapsc.com, by selecting the Clerk’s Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form. Please contact me at wtaylor@psc.state.fl.us or at 850.413.6175 if you have any legal questions, or contact Emily Knoblauch for technical questions at eknoblau@psc.state.fl.us or at 850.413.6632.

Sincerely,

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