

City of Quincy
Report to the Florida Public Service Commission Pursuant
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1) Introduction

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2) Number of customers served in calendar year 2013

4,824

3) Standards of Construction

a) National Electric Safety Code Compliance

Construction standards, policies, guidelines, practices, and procedures at the City of Quincy comply with the National Electrical Safety Code (ANSI C-2) [NESC]. For electrical facilities constructed on or after February 1, 2007, the 2007 NESC applies. Electrical facilities constructed prior to February 1, 2007, are governed by the edition of the NESC in effect at the time of the facility's initial construction.

b) Extreme Wind Loading Standards

Construction standards, policies, guidelines, practices, and procedures at the City of Quincy are guided by the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2002 edition of the NESC for 1) new construction; 2) major planned work, including expansion, rebuild, or relocation of existing facilities, assigned on or after December 10, 2006; and 3) targeted critical infrastructure facilities and major thoroughfares.

The City of Quincy is also participating in the Public Utility Research Center's (PURC) granular wind research study through the Florida Municipal Electric Association.

c) Flooding and Storm Surges

The City of Quincy is not located near a coastal area and is not exposed to severe flooding or storm surges.

d) Safe and Efficient Access of New and Replacement Distribution Facilities

Electrical construction standards, policies, guidelines, practices, and procedures at the City of Quincy provide for placement of new and replacement distribution facilities so as to facilitate safe and efficient access for installation and maintenance.

Wherever new facilities are placed (i.e. front, back or side of property), all facilities are installed so that The City of Quincy's facilities are accessible by its crews and vehicles to ensure proper maintenance/repair is performed as expeditiously and safely as possible. The City of Quincy decides on a case-by-case basis whether existing facilities need to be relocated. If it is determined that facilities need to be relocated, they will be placed in the safest, most accessible area available.

e) Attachments by Others

The pole attachment agreements between the City of Quincy and third-party attachers include language which specifies that the attacher, not the City of Quincy, has the burden of assessing pole strength and safety before they attach to the pole. The City of Quincy performs follow-up audits of attachments to ensure the attachment is properly installed and maintained.

4. 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 Quincy did visual inspections of all poles in the distribution system in 2013.

Inspection procedures were implemented to use visual and sound and bore methods to inspect poles for the entire system over an 8-year period.

The City of Quincy uses class 3 poles as a minimum for all replacements on poles greater than 30 ft. in length.

b) Describe the number and percentage of transmission and distribution inspections planned and completed for 2013.

Visual inspections were carried out on all 2,854 distribution poles for 2013.

Detailed inspections were carried out on all 31 transmission poles for 2013. These poles are made of concrete and all were found to be in good condition.

c) Describe the number and percentage of transmission poles and structures and distribution poles failing inspection in 2013 and the reason for the failure.

The City of Quincy had 19 poles, or .7% of the total system poles, that failed inspection. The nineteen poles showed signs of rotting around the base of the pole. The poles were replaced with wood poles.

No transmission poles failed inspection.

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 2013, including a description of the remediation taken.

The City of Quincy replaced 19, or .7%, of the distribution poles in 2013 as follows:

5 – 25’ class 7 due to rot and decay

3 –30’ class 6 due to rot and decay

3- 35’ class 3 due to rot and decay

5- 40’ class 3 due to rot and decay

2- 45’ class 3 due to rot and decay

1 – 50’ class 3 due to rot and decay

5. 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 Quincy trims its electric system right of way on a regular basis using in-house crews. We strive to trim 25% of the system per year.

The City of Quincy plans to intensify the vegetation management program by employing contractors in the months prior to the hurricane season and as funds are available.

Trees that are outside the city’s right-of way that are deemed a threat are removed only after discussion with the owner. At times the City replaces trees for the customers with a slower growth option.

b) Describe the quantity, level, and scope of vegetation management planned and completed for transmission and distribution facilities in 2013.

Approximately 15 miles or 20% of vegetation trimming was planned and completed on the distribution system.

100% of our transmission lines were inspected in 2013.

The Public Utility Research Center has held two vegetation management workshops in 2007 and 2009. Through FMEA, the City of Quincy has a copy of their reports and will use the information to continually improve vegetation management practices. We will participate in future best-practice workshops if there is interest.

6. Storm Hardening Research

The City of Quincy is a member of the Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA), which is participating with all of Florida's electric utilities in storm hardening research through the Public Utility Research Center at the University of Florida. Under separate cover, FMEA is providing the FPSC with a report of research activities. For further information, contact Barry Moline, Executive Director, FMEA, 850-224-3314, ext. 1, or bmoline@publicpower.com.