

**MINUTES FROM THE TRANSMISSION
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WORKSHOP
THE UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA,
HELD AT 4:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 AT
THE KEYS ENERGY SERVICES BOARD ROOM**

The above referenced workshop of the Utility Board of the City of Key West, Florida, convened at 4:00 P.M., on the above date and location and was called to order by Utility Board Chair Ms. Mona Clark.

Utility Board Members Present

Mona Clark, Utility Board Chair
Timothy Root, Utility Board Vice Chair
Robert Barrios, Member
Pat Labrada, Member
Steve Wells, Member

Staff Present

Lynne Tejeda, General Manager & CEO
Nathan Eden, Utility Board Attorney
Nick Batty, Director of Legal & Regulatory Services
Dan Sabino, Director Engineering & Control Center
Edee Delph, Executive Assistant to GM/CEO & UB

Agenda Item #2 – Review/Discuss Transmission Infrastructure Projects

Mrs. Tejeda stated in July 2015, a Transmission Study was completed by Leidos, which provided five-year, ten-year and fifteen-year recommendations for Capital and O&M Transmission Infrastructure Projects.

Mrs. Tejeda reviewed and discussed the completed projects below:

- Steel Pole Coating
- Lifejackets
- Down Guy and Stub Repairs
- Lines 3 and 5 Steel Pole Repair
- Dead-end Insulator Replacement

Mrs. Tejeda informed the Board that Pole Top Repair and Post Insulator Replacement Projects are currently underway.

Mrs. Tejeda stated that KEYS applied and received a grant for Storm Hardening of Distribution Poles to Critical Facilities. KEYS also applied for, Cathodic Protection of in Water Transmission Pole Foundation, which is currently in environmental review.

Mrs. Tejada review and discussed joint projects with Florida Keys Electric Co-operative, which include:

- Insulator Replacements (in-progress)
- Sea Oats Beach Pole Replacement (applied for grant)
- Cathodic Protection of in Water Transmission Pole Foundations (lifejacket / grant received)

Mrs. Tejada reported that the Cudjoe Key Substation received new Transformer and Breaker Upgrades. Key West Diesel Substations received new transformer upgrades.

Mrs. Tejada discussed and review Post Hurricane Irma Transmission work, stating that two Transmission Poles on Line 3 near Cow Key Channel were replaced.

Mrs. Tejada also discussed and reviewed Post Hurricane Irma Transmission work, stating that 7 Transmission Poles on Line 4 were replaced under contract with Michels Power. She said that during the replacement there were impacts to the seafloor and that KEYS has been performing voluntary mitigation activities including drone fly-overs every six months to document regrowth and recovery of the area.

Mrs. Tejada stated that on January 13, KEYS received correspondence from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) indicating that they consider the damage to be a violation of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, and requesting that KEYS contact them to discuss restoration actions within 30 days.

Mr. Eden suggested that KEYS send a letter to Michels to notify them of the formal notice letter and to advise them of their obligation to take care of problems related to violations alleged by NOAA.

Mr. Batty stated he would work with Mr. Eden on the letter to Michels and NOAA.

Item #3 – Public Input

There was no Public Input to come before the Utility Board.

(The power point presentation is available upon request)

ADJOURNMENT

The Utility Board Workshop of Wednesday, February 10, 2021, was adjourned by Utility Board Chair Mona Clark at 4:59 p.m.

APPROVE:

Mona C. Clark, Utility Board Chair

ATTEST:

Lynne E. Tejada, General Manager/CEO & Secretary

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