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The Florida Public Service Commission announces a prehearing conference and a hearing to be held in the following docket, to which all interested persons are invited.

DOCKET NO. 030084-EI - Petition for Determination of Need for Collier-Orange River 230 kV Transmission Line in Collier, Hendry and Lee Counties, by Florida Power & Light Company.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

TIME AND DATE: 1:30 p.m., Monday, March 31, 2003.

LOCATION: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this prehearing conference is to: (1) simplify the issues; (2) identify the positions of the parties on the issues; (3) consider the possibility of obtaining admissions of fact and of documents which will avoid unnecessary proof; (4) identify exhibits; (5) establish an order of witnesses; and (6) consider such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the action.

HEARING

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2003, and Wednesday, April 9, 2003. The starting time of the second day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may

AUS _____ be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is for the Commission to take final action to determine the need, pursuant to Section 403.537, Florida Statutes, for the electrical transmission line proposed by Florida Power & Light Company for construction in parts of Collier, Hendry, and Lee Counties, Florida. This proceeding shall: (1) allow Florida Power & Light Company to present evidence and testimony in support of its petition for a determination of need for its proposed electrical transmission line; (2) permit any intervenors to present testimony and exhibits concerning this matter; (3) permit members of the public who are not parties to the need determination proceeding the opportunity to present testimony concerning this matter; and (4) allow for such other purposes as the Commission may deem appropriate.

Any member of the public who wishes to offer testimony should be present at the beginning of the hearing. By providing public testimony, a person does not become a party to the proceeding. To become an official party of record, you must file a Petition for Intervention at least five days before the final hearing, pursuant to the requirements contained in Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

The hearing will be governed by the provisions of Chapter 120, Florida Statutes; Section 403.537, Florida Statutes; and Chapters 25-22 and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

Only issues relating to the need for the electrical transmission line will be heard at the April 8-9, 2003, hearing. Separate public hearings will be held before the Division of Administrative Hearings to consider environmental and other impacts of the proposed electrical transmission line as required by the "Transmission Line Siting Act," Sections 403.52 - 403.5365, Florida Statutes.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the prehearing conference or hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the particular event. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).