

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF COMMISSION HEARING AND PREHEARING

TO

PARTIES OF RECORD

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 20220045-EI

PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR SWEATT-WHIDDEN 230 KV  
TRANSMISSION LINE IN OKEECHOBEE, DESOTO, HIGHLANDS, AND GLADES  
COUNTIES, BY FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY.

ISSUED: March 22, 2022

NOTICE is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing in the above referenced docket at the following time and place:

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

A prehearing conference will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, May 5, 2022  
9:30 a.m.  
Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center  
4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida

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 case.

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HEARING

Monday, May 16, 2022  
9:30 a.m.  
Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center  
4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:

The purpose of this hearing is for the Commission to receive evidence upon which it will take final action to determine the need, pursuant to Section 403.537, Florida Statutes (F.S.), for the Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) proposed Sweatt-Widden 230 kV electrical transmission line. The proposed Sweatt-Whidden line will extend from FPL's Sweatt Substation in Okeechobee County, to FPL's Whidden Substation in DeSoto County. The Sweatt-Widden line could affect Okeechobee, Desoto, Highlands, and Glades Counties; the Central Florida and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Councils; and the South Florida and Southwest Florida Water Management Districts.

This proceeding shall: (1) allow FPL to present testimony and other evidence in support of its petition for a determination of need for the Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV Transmission Line; (2) permit any intervenors to present testimony and other evidence concerning the proposed line; (3) permit members of the public who are not parties to the need determination proceeding to present testimony concerning the proposed line; and (4) allow for such other proceedings relevant to the proposed line as the Commission may deem appropriate.

At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues identified by the parties at the prehearing conference held on May 5, 2022. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

Members of the public who are not parties to the need determination proceeding shall have an opportunity to present sworn testimony at the hearing regarding the need for the proposed Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV transmission line. By providing public sworn testimony, a person does not become a party to the proceeding. If you wish to have party status, you must file a Motion for Intervention at least twenty (20) days before the final hearing, pursuant to the requirements contained in Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). All witnesses shall be subject to cross examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

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Interested persons may also request to be listed as an interested person for this docket, in which case they will receive notices and orders published and issued in the docket. Such requests should be made to: Florida Public Service Commission, Office of the Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, (850) 413-6770.

Any member of the public who wants to observe or listen to the proceedings may do so by accessing the live video broadcast the day of the hearing, which is available from the Commission website. Upon completion of the hearing, the archived video will also be available.

Separate public hearings will be held before an Administrative Law Judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings to consider environmental and other impacts of the Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV transmission line, as required by the Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act, Sections 403.52-403.5365, F.S.

#### JURISDICTION

The hearing will be governed by the provisions of Chapter 120, F.S., Section 403.537, F.S., and Chapters 25-22, and 28-106, F.A.C. Only issues relating to the need for the Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV transmission line will be considered at the May 16, 2022, hearing.

#### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate at this proceeding should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than five days prior to the hearing at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or 850-413-6770 (Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8770 Voice or 1-800-955-8771 TDD). Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request from the Office of Commission Clerk, Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 152.

#### EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF PROCEEDINGS

If a named storm, or other state of emergency requires cancellation of the hearing, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the Parties. Notice of cancellation of the proceeding will also be provided on the Commission's website ([www.floridapsc.com](http://www.floridapsc.com)) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel of the Commission at (850) 413-6199.

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By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission this 22nd day of March,  
2022.



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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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