

FAR NOTICE OF PREHEARING AND HEARING

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION announces a prehearing conference and a hearing in the following docket to which all persons are invited.

DOCKET NO. AND TITLE: 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.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE DATE AND TIME: Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

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

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE PREHEARING: 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.

HEARING DATE AND TIME: Monday, May 16, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

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

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING: The purpose of this hearing is for the Florida Public Service 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-Whidden 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-Whidden 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 purposes relevant to the proposed line as the Commission may deem appropriate.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 HEARING: If a named storm or other state of emergency requires cancellation of the proceedings, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation of the proceedings will also be provided on the Commission's website (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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