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Re: In re: Petition of Florida Power & Light Company for Determination of Need for Collier-Orange River 230 KV Transmission Line

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing on behalf of Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") are an original and fifteen copies of FPL's Notice of Intent to File Petition for Transmission Line Need Determination.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me. Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,




Kenneth A. Hoffman, Esq.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Florida Power & Light Company for Determination of Need for Collier-Orange River 230 kV Transmission Line)
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Docket No. _____

Filed: January 27, 2003

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE PETITION
FOR TRANSMISSION LINE NEED DETERMINATION**

Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL"), hereby gives Notice of its Intention to File a Petition for Determination of Need pursuant to Section 403.537, Florida Statutes, for its Collier-Orange River 230 kV Transmission Line. In support of this Notice of Intent, FPL states:

1. The name and mailing address of the Applicant is:

Florida Power & Light Company
9250 West Flagler Street
Miami, Florida 33174
(305) 552-3244 (office)
(305) 552-3247 (fax)

2. Copies of all notices, pleadings, and other documents related to this docket should be served on the following on behalf of FPL:

Mr. William G. Walker, III
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
Florida Power & Light Company
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3. The Collier-Orange River 230 kV Transmission Line will extend from FPL's Collier Substation in Collier County to FPL's Orange River Substation in Lee County.

4. The counties, regional planning council and water management district in whose jurisdiction the transmission line could be placed are Collier, Hendry and Lee Counties, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council and the South Florida Water Management District, respectively.

5. FPL reasonably expects to file the Petition for Need Determination for the Collier-Orange River Line on or before February 26, 2003. FPL agrees that its failure to file the Petition within five days after such date will constitute a 30-day waiver by FPL of the statutory deadline for conduct of the final hearing.

6. Pursuant to Section 403.537(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.075, Florida Administrative Code, the Commission is required to hold a hearing on FPL's Petition within 45 days after the filing of the Petition. Based on FPL's proposed filing date, the hearing is required to be held by April 17, 2003.¹

7. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.075(2), Florida Administrative Code, upon receipt of this Notice of Intent, the Commission is required to schedule a hearing and provide notice of the hearing to:

- a. FPL;

¹Section 403.537(1)(a), Florida Statutes, requires that the hearing be held within 45 days after the filing of the Petition. Rule 25-22.075(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code, allows FPL 5 additional days beyond the targeted date of February 26, 2003 for the filing of its Petition without potentially extending the 45-day hearing deadline. Thus, based on the targeted Petition filing date of February 26, 2003, and allowing for a potential additional 5 days for the filing of the Petition, the hearing would be required to be held on or before April 17, 2003.

b. The Department of Community Affairs, Division of Community Planning; and
c. The Department of Environmental Protection;
d. Each person who has requested placement on the mailing list for receipt of such notice;

e. The counties, water management district, and regional planning council in whose jurisdiction the transmission line could be placed; and

f. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

8. In addition, under Section 403.537(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.075(3) and (4), Florida Administrative Code, the Commission shall publish notice of the hearing, at least 45 days in advance:

a. By publication of a notice, at least one-quarter page in size, in newspapers of general circulation in the counties (Collier, Hendry and Lee) in which the line may be located; and

b. By publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly.

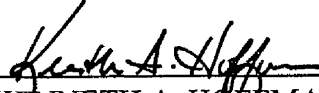
9. FPL has filed this Notice of Intent to enable the Commission to set a hearing date for the docket and to allow the notice process to commence in a manner that will comply with the requirements of Section 403.537, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.075, Florida Administrative Code.

WHEREFORE, FPL respectfully requests that the Commission:

A. Set a date not later than April 17, 2003 for the final hearing in this docket; and

B. Provide notice of such hearing date at least 45 days in advance by the methods and to the persons and entities specified in the applicable statute and rule.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished by Hand Delivery to the following this 27th day of January, 2003:

Harold McLean, General Counsel
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850



KENNETH A. HOFFMAN, ESQ.