

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for  
determination of need for  
Collier-Orange River 230 Kv  
transmission line in Collier,  
Hendry, and Lee Counties, by  
Florida Power & Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 030084-EI

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COMMISSION'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-03-0275-PCO-EI, issued February 27, 2003, the Commission Staff (Staff) files its prehearing statement as follows:

A. Witnesses

Staff does not intend to call any witnesses.

B. Exhibits

Staff does not intend to sponsor any exhibits, but reserves the right to use exhibits for the purpose of cross-examination.

C. Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

D. Issues of Fact, Law and Policy

The following are issues identified by Staff and its positions on these issues. Staff's positions are preliminary, are based upon materials filed by the utility or obtained through discovery and are intended to inform the parties of Staff's preliminary positions. Staff's final positions will be based upon an analysis of the evidence presented at the hearing.

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ISSUE 1: Is there a need for Florida Power & Light Company's proposed Collier-Orange River #3 project given the need for electric system reliability and integrity, as that phrase is used in §403.537, Florida Statutes?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 2: Is there a need for Florida Power & Light Company's proposed Collier-Orange River #3 project given the need for abundant, low cost electrical energy to assure the economic well-being of the citizens of the State, as that phrase is used in §403.537, Florida Statutes?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 3: Are Florida Power & Light Company's Collier and Orange River electrical substations the appropriate starting and ending points of the proposed Collier-Orange River #3 project, as required by §403.537, Florida Statutes?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 4: Should the Commission grant Florida Power & Light Company's petition for determination of need for the proposed Collier-Orange River #3 project?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 5: Should this docket be closed?

POSITION: No position at this time.

E. Stipulated Issues

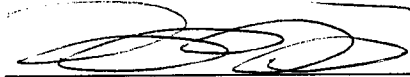
There are no issues that have been stipulated at this time.

F. Pending Matters

Florida Power & Light Company's Request for Confidential Classification, filed March 19, 2003.

G. Requirements That Cannot Be Complied With

There are no requirements of Order No. PSC-03-0275-PCO-EI that cannot be complied with at this time.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing  
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following via U.S. Mail, on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003:

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