

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for determination of need for
Bobwhite-Manatee 230 kV transmission line in
Manatee and Sarasota Counties, by Florida
Power & Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 060424-EI
DATED: JULY 20, 2006

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-06-0521-PCO-EI, filed June 16, 2006, the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

None at this time

b. All Known Exhibits

None at this time

c. Staff's Statement of 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. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Is there a need for Florida Power & Light Company's proposed Bobwhite-Manatee 230 kV electrical transmission line project, given the need for electric system reliability and integrity, as prescribed in section 403.537, Florida Statutes?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 2: Is there a need for Florida Power & Light Company's proposed Bobwhite-Manatee 230 kV electrical transmission line project, given the need for abundant, low cost electrical energy to assure the economic well-being of the citizens of the State, as prescribed in section 403.537, Florida Statutes?

POSITION: No position at this time.

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ISSUE 3: Are Florida Power & Light Company's existing Manatee substation in Manatee County and its planned Bobwhite substation in Sarasota County the appropriate starting and ending points of the proposed Bobwhite-Manatee 230kV electrical transmission line project, as prescribed in section 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 Bobwhite-Manatee 230 kV electrical transmission line project?

POSITION: No position at this time.

e. Pending Motions

Staff is not aware of any pending motions.

f. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

There is one pending confidentiality request. Florida Power & Light Company requested confidential treatment for Document Nos. 05613-06 and 05614-06 on June 26, 2006.

g. Compliance with Order No. PSC-06-0521-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of July, 2006.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of Staff's Prehearing Statement was
furnished to the following, by U.S. Mail, on this 20th day of July, 2006.

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