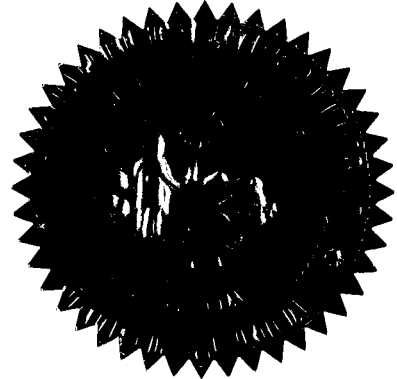


BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 060424-EI

In the Matter of:

PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF NEED  
FOR BOBWHITE-MANATEE 230 KV  
TRANSMISSION LINE IN MANATEE AND  
SARASOTA COUNTIES, BY FLORIDA POWER  
& LIGHT COMPANY.



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PROCEEDINGS: PREHEARING CONFERENCE

BEFORE: COMMISSIONER KATRINA J. TEW  
PREHEARING OFFICER

DATE: Thursday, July 27, 2006

TIME: Commenced at 9:30 a.m.  
Concluded at 9:35 a.m.

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

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 COMMISSIONER TEW: Good morning. Let's call the  
3 prehearing to order.

4 Ms. Brown, please read the notice.

5 MS. BROWN: Good morning, Commissioner. By notice  
6 published June 14th, 2006, this time and place was set for a  
7 prehearing conference in Docket Number 060424-EI, petition for  
8 determination of need for Bobwhite-Manatee 230kV transmission  
9 line in Manatee and Sarasota Counties by Florida Power & Light  
10 Company. The purpose of the prehearing conference is set out  
11 in the notice.

12 COMMISSIONER TEW: Okay. Let's take appearances,  
13 starting with staff.

14 MS. BROWN: Martha Carter Brown on behalf of the  
15 Commission.

16 MR. HOFFMAN: Good morning, Commissioner Tew. I'm  
17 Kenneth A. Hoffman appearing on behalf of Florida Power & Light  
18 Company. I'd also like to enter an appearance for  
19 Garson R. Knapp, also on behalf of Florida Power & Light  
20 Company.

21 COMMISSIONER TEW: Thank you. Are there any  
22 preliminary matters?

23 MS. BROWN: I'm not aware of any, Commissioner.

24 MR. HOFFMAN: No, ma'am.

25 COMMISSIONER TEW: Okay. Let's go through the draft

1 prehearing order then. I'll identify the sections and we may  
2 lump some together, but just stop me if you need to make a  
3 change to any section.

4 Are there any changes to Section I through IV?

5 MS. BROWN: None for staff.

6 COMMISSIONER TEW: Okay. Sections V and VI regarding  
7 witnesses?

8 MS. BROWN: Commissioner, I would point out that the  
9 first paragraph of Section VI provides for excusal of FPL's  
10 witness if no Commissioners have any questions. And I will get  
11 back to Florida Power & Light after I've determined whether any  
12 other Commissioners have any questions for the witness.

13 COMMISSIONER TEW: Okay. Sections VII and VIII on  
14 positions, issues and positions?

15 MS. BROWN: Once again, Commissioner, we would note  
16 that all issues in the case are stipulated.

17 COMMISSIONER TEW: Okay. And Section IX on the  
18 exhibit list.

19 MS. BROWN: And since the case is fully stipulated,  
20 the witness's testimony and exhibits can be entered into the  
21 record, waiving cross-examination. And before the hearing we  
22 will prepare a comprehensive stipulated exhibit list to enter  
23 into the record.

24 COMMISSIONER TEW: Okay. As I think you've probably  
25 covered already in Section X, there are five proposed

1 stipulations; right? Is it five issues or four?

2 MS. BROWN: Yes. Yes. I think it's five, including  
3 the close the docket issue.

4 COMMISSIONER TEW: Okay. Okay. Any other changes?

5 MR. HOFFMAN: No, ma'am.

6 COMMISSIONER TEW: Okay. Pending motions and pending  
7 confidentiality matters in Sections IX -- in Sections XI and  
8 XII.

9 MS. BROWN: There are no pending matters, no motions.  
10 And you issued an order granting confidential treatment.

11 COMMISSIONER TEW: But there are no other pending --

12 MS. BROWN: No others pending.

13 COMMISSIONER TEW: Okay. All right. Section XIII on  
14 posthearing procedures.

15 MS. BROWN: Commissioner, because this is such a  
16 short time frame hearing by statute and rule, we anticipate  
17 that the Commission will make a bench decision and there will  
18 be no need for posthearing procedures.

19 COMMISSIONER TEW: Okay. And if there becomes some  
20 need for that, we can just do that at the time of the hearing.

21 MS. BROWN: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER TEW: Okay. Section XIV on rulings.

23 MS. BROWN: In case there is a hearing and anyone  
24 wants to make opening statements, we suggest they be five  
25 minutes in length.

1           COMMISSIONER TEW: Are there any objections to that,  
2 Mr. Hoffman?

3           MR. HOFFMAN: No, ma'am. It's not our plan at this  
4 time to make an opening statement.

5           COMMISSIONER TEW: Okay. We'll let the prehearing  
6 order reflect the five minutes in case we need opening  
7 statements.

8           Are there any other matters at this time?

9           MS. BROWN: Not that I'm aware of.

10          COMMISSIONER TEW: Seeing none, this prehearing  
11 conference is adjourned.

12          (Prehearing Conference adjourned at approximately  
13 9:35 a.m.)

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