

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for determination of need for the Orlando/St. Cloud Regional Resiliency Connection 230 kV transmission line project in Orange and Osceola Counties, by Orlando Utilities Commission.

DOCKET NO. 20200107-EM

DATED: May 26, 2020

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2020-0135-PCO-EM, issued May 6, 2020, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. All Known Witnesses

There are no known witnesses at this time.

2. All Known Exhibits

There are no known exhibits at this time. Staff will reevaluate this position when discovery is completed.

3. 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.

4. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Is there a need for OUC's proposed Orlando/St. Cloud Regional Resiliency Connection 230 kV Transmission Line, taking into the account the need for electric system reliability and integrity, in accordance with Section 403.537(1)(c), Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 2: Is there a need for OUC's proposed Orlando/St. Cloud Regional Resiliency Connection 230 kV Transmission Line, taking into the account the need for abundant, low-cost electrical energy to assure the economic well-being of the residents of the state, in accordance with Section 403.537(1)(c), Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 3: Are OUC's existing Magnolia Ranch substation in Orange County and the St. Cloud East substation in Osceola County the appropriate starting and ending points of the proposed transmission line?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 4: Should the PSC grant OUC's petition for determination of need for the proposed Orlando/St. Cloud Regional Resiliency Connection 230 kV Transmission Line project?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

5. Stipulated Issues

None proposed.

6. Pending Motions

None.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

None.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

None.

9. Compliance with Order No. PSC-2020-0135-PCO-EM

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

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of May, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with the Office of Commission Clerk and that a true copy has been furnished to the following by electronic mail this 26th day of May, 2020:

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