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BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20220051-EI

Review of Storm Protection Plan,  
pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C.,  
Florida Power & Light Company.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA  
ITEM NO. 7

COMMISSIONERS  
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ART GRAHAM  
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK  
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA  
COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

DATE: Tuesday, October 4, 2022

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

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

2 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Okay. Item No. 8 -- I  
3 am sorry, 7.

4 MS. BUYS: Good morning, Commissioners.

5 Item seven is staff's recommendation for  
6 Docket No. 20220051-EI, review of Florida Power &  
7 Light's Storm Protection Plan.

8 FPL's proposed plan covers the period of 2023  
9 through 2032, and originally included 11 programs.  
10 However, FPL withdrew its distribution and  
11 transmission winterization programs. Therefore,  
12 there are eight remaining programs which are a  
13 continuation of FPL and Gulf's 2020 SPP, and one  
14 proposed new program, the transmission access  
15 enhancement program.

16 Staff recommends that FPL's SPP is in the  
17 public interest with the following modifications:

18 One, FPL should continue the level of spending  
19 for the distribution lateral hardening program at  
20 the 2022 level, which is approximately 368 million.

21 The new transmission access enhancement  
22 program should be denied and removed, and the  
23 transmission looping initiative should be removed  
24 from the transmission hardening program.

25 In addition, staff is recommending that FPL

1 file an amended SPP within 30 days of the final  
2 order for administrative approval by the Commission  
3 staff.

4 If the staff's recommendation is approved,  
5 FPL's projected costs would be reduced by 842.9  
6 million over the three years.

7 Seven customer comments were filed in this  
8 docket raising concerns regarding the rate  
9 increase, and one customer comment was filed in  
10 support of hardening.

11 Staff is available for any questions.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, staff.

13 Commissioners, one last bite at the apple.

14 Commissioner Clark.

15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I am good with all of the  
16 FPL proposals except the transmission access  
17 enhancement, and all the rest of them seem to be in  
18 line with everything else we've done. So that  
19 would be my suggestion, Mr. Chairman, is modify  
20 staff's recommendation to only eliminate the  
21 transmission access enhancement, and leave the  
22 lateral hardening at the levels proposed.

23 MR. BALLINGER: Commissioner Clark, we also  
24 recommended removing the looping activity. It's  
25 within a program. It's not its own separate

1 program.

2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Where is it? I  
3 missed it.

4 MR. BALLINGER: In the transmission --  
5 transmission hardening program, it's a part of  
6 that.

7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Transmission --

8 MR. BALLINGER: So we don't have the  
9 individual costs for that aspect of the program,  
10 but that was staff's recommendation, is to remove  
11 that activity from that program.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Remove that activity. So  
13 whatever the cost of that is would be removed. I  
14 would agree with that as well.

15 MR. BALLINGER: Okay. So if I -- if I can,  
16 your rec -- your desire would be deny staff's  
17 recommendation in Issue 6. So continue with the  
18 lateral underground hardening spending for the  
19 company. And in Issue 10, recognize that same  
20 thing, but agree with staff to remove the looping  
21 activity and the transmission access enhancement  
22 program?

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

24 MR. BALLINGER: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And I will put that in

1 the form of a motion if you would like.

2 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Commissioner Passidomo,  
3 any comments?

4 MS. PASSIDOMO: Well, I was just going to make  
5 sure that that was included, the looping as well,  
6 but I am ready for you to --

7 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Commissioner La Rosa.

8 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Thank you, Chairman.

9 Thank you for the clarification, because I had  
10 that noted. Removing the transmission access  
11 enhancement is obviously consistent with what we've  
12 done. That also is reducing the spending that has  
13 been proposed. I agree with the motion that's  
14 currently on the table as it was just described.

15 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: So I will second that.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: So that was a motion,  
18 correct, Commissioner Clark?

19 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: And that was a second?

21 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Correct.

22 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Okay. Any further  
23 discussion?

24 MS. PASSIDOMO: I will, once again, take my  
25 same position about the lateral undergrounding. So

1 I agree with that motion, other than I would  
2 dissent specifically on the accelerated investment  
3 of lateral undergrounding.

4 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Okay. All right. There  
5 is a motion on the floor duly seconded.

6 All in favor say aye.

7 (Chorus of ayes.)

8 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Any opposed?

9 (Commissioner Passidomo opposed.)

10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: By your action, your  
11 motion is passed three to one.

12 I want to thank everybody for coming up for  
13 those four items. I know with the hurricane that  
14 just went through, this stuff is kind of timely.  
15 Travel safe as you go back.

16 I know we have one more item on the agenda,  
17 but I figure there is going to be quite an exodus  
18 right now. So as you are leaving, if you could be  
19 kind of quiet, and then let's switch over to Item  
20 No. 8.

21 (Agenda item concluded.)

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