

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for determination of need for Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV transmission line in Okeechobee, DeSoto, Highlands, and Glades Counties, by Florida Power & Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 20220045-EI

DATED: April 25, 2022

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2022-0123-PCO-EI, filed March 21, 2022, 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 Florida Power & Light Company's proposed Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV transmission line, taking into account the need for electric system reliability and integrity, as prescribed in Section 403.537, Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 2: Is there a need for Florida Power & Light Company's proposed Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV transmission line, taking into account 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: Staff has no position at this time.

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ISSUE 3: Are Florida Power & Light Company's Sweatt Substation in Okeechobee County and its Whidden Substation in DeSoto County the appropriate starting and ending points for the proposed Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV transmission line?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 4: Should the Commission grant Florida Power & Light Company's petition for determination of need for the proposed Sweatt-Whidden 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-2022-0123-PCO-EI

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

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of April, 2022.

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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 25th day of April, 2022:

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