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**-VIA ELECTRONIC FILING-**

Adam Teitzman  
Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

**RE: Petition of Florida Power & Light Company for Determination of Need for  
Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV Transmission Line in Okeechobee, DeSoto,  
Highlands, and Glades Counties**

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

In accordance with Rule 25-25-22.075, Florida Administrative Code, please find enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") FPL's Notice of Intent to File Petition for Transmission Line Need Determination for the Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV Transmission Line in Okeechobee, DeSoto, Highlands, and Glades Counties.

If there are any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (561) 304-5662.

Sincerely,

/s/ William P. Cox  
William P. Cox  
Fla. Bar No. 0093531

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Florida Power & Light Company's Petition  
for Determination of Need for Sweatt-Whidden  
230 kV Transmission Line in Okeechobee,  
DeSoto, Highlands, and Glades Counties

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

March 2, 2022

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE PETITION  
FOR TRANSMISSION LINE NEED DETERMINATION**

Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL"), hereby gives notice of its intention to file a Petition for Transmission Line Need Determination, pursuant to Section 403.537, Florida Statutes, for its Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV Transmission Line.

1. The name and address of the Applicant is:

Florida Power & Light Company  
700 Universe Boulevard  
Juno Beach, Florida 33408

2. Any pleading, motion, notice, order or other document required to be served upon

FPL or filed by any party to this proceeding should be served upon the following individuals:

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3. The Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV Transmission Line will extend from FPL's Sweatt Substation in Okeechobee County to FPL's Whidden Substation in DeSoto County.

4. The counties, regional planning councils, and water management districts in whose jurisdiction the Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV Transmission Line could be placed are: Okeechobee, DeSoto, Highlands, and Glades Counties; the Central Florida Regional Planning Council and Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council; and the South Florida Water Management District and Southwest Florida Water Management District.

5. FPL reasonably expects to file the Petition for Transmission Line Need Determination for the Sweatt-Whidden 230 kV Transmission Line on April 1, 2022. FPL agrees that its failure to file the Petition within five days after such date will constitute a 30-day waiver by FPL of the statutory deadline for conduct of the hearing.

6. Pursuant to Section 403.537(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.075, Florida Administrative Code, the Commission is required to hold a hearing on FPL's Petition within 45 days after the filing of the Petition. Based on FPL's proposed filing date, the hearing is required to be held by May 16, 2022.<sup>1</sup>

7. Pursuant to Section 403.537(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.075(2) and (3), F.A.C., upon receipt of this Notice of Intent, the Commission is required to schedule a hearing, publish notice of the hearing at least 45 days before the hearing date in the Florida Administrative Register, and provide notice of the hearing to the following:

- (a) FPL
- (b) Glades Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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<sup>1</sup> Rule 25-22.075(1)(b), Florida Administrative Code, allows FPL five (5) additional days beyond the targeted date of April 1, 2022 for the filing of its Petition without potentially extending the 45-day hearing deadline. Thus, based on the targeted Petition filing date of April 1, 2022, and allowing for a potential additional five (5) days, the deadline for FPL to file the Petition is April 6, 2022.

- (c) Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- (d) The Department of Economic Opportunity, Division of Community Development;
- (e) The Department of Environmental Protection;
- (f) Each person who has requested placement on the mailing list for receipt of such notice;
- (g) Okeechobee County;
- (h) DeSoto County;
- (i) Highlands County;
- (j) Glades County;
- (k) the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (Okeechobee, DeSoto, Highlands);
- (l) Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (Glades);
- (m) South Florida Water Management District;
- (n) Southwest Florida Water Management District; and
- (o) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

8. In addition, under Section 403.537(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.075(4), Florida Administrative Code, the electric utility (FPL) shall publish notice of the hearing, at least 45 days before the hearing, by publication of a notice, at least one-quarter page in size, in newspapers of general circulation in the counties (Okeechobee, DeSoto, Highlands, and Glades) in which the line is planned to be located.

9. FPL has filed this Notice of Intent to enable the Commission to set a hearing date for the docket and to allow this notice process to commence in a manner that will comply with the requirements of Section 403.537, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.075, F.A.C.

WHEREFORE, FPL respectfully requests that the Commission:

- (a) Set a date no later than May 16, 2022 for the final hearing in this docket;  
and
- (b) Provide notice of such hearing date at least 45 days in advance by the methods and to the person(s) and entities specified in the applicable statute and rule.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of March, 2022,

By: /s/ William P. Cox

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic mail on this 2nd day of March, 2022 to the following:

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By: /s/ William P. Cox