

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF COMMISSION HEARING AND PREHEARING

TO

PARTIES OF RECORD

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 20250078-EI

PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR DELAND WEST-DONA VISTA  
TRANSMISSION LINE IN VOLUSIA AND LAKE COUNTIES, BY DUKE ENERGY  
FLORIDA, LLC.

ISSUED: June 6, 2025

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S  
PETITION FOR TRANSMISSION LINE NEED DETERMINATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing in the above-referenced docket at the following time and place:

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

A prehearing conference will be held at the following time and place:

Monday, July 14, 2025,  
(Immediately following the Commission's Internal Affairs Conference  
scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.)  
Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center  
4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida

The purpose of this prehearing conference is to: (1) simplify the issues; (2) identify the positions of the parties on the issues; (3) consider the possibility of obtaining admissions of fact and of documents which will avoid unnecessary proof; (4) identify exhibits; (5) establish an

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order of witnesses; and (6) consider such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the action.

HEARING

Tuesday, July 22, 2025  
at 9:30 a.m.  
Hearing Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center  
4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida

Note that July 23, 2025, has been reserved for continuation of the hearing, if needed. The starting time of the next day's session, if needed, will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:

The purpose of this hearing is for the Florida Public Service Commission to receive evidence upon which it will take final action to determine the need, pursuant to Section 403.537, Florida Statutes (F.S.), for the Duke Energy Florida, LLC (DEF) proposed construction of a 230 kV electrical transmission line that would be located in parts of Volusia and Lake counties. The proposed electrical transmission line will start at DEF's existing DeLand West Substation in Volusia County and will terminate at DEF's existing Dona Vista Substation in Lake County. The Commission may rule on any such matters from the bench or may take the matter under advisement.

This proceeding shall: (1) allow DEF to present evidence and testimony in support of its petition for a determination of need for the DeLand West-Dona Vista 230 kV transmission line; (2) permit any intervenors to present testimony and exhibits concerning this matter; (3) permit members of the public who are not parties to the need determination proceeding the opportunity to present testimony concerning this matter; and (4) allow for such other purposes as the Commission may deem appropriate.

At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues identified by the parties at the prehearing conference held on July 14, 2025. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

Members of the public who are not parties to the need determination proceeding shall have an opportunity to present sworn testimony at the hearing regarding the need for the proposed DeLand West-Dona Vista 230 kV transmission line. By providing public sworn testimony, a person does not become a party to the proceeding. If an individual wishes to have party status, a Motion for Intervention must be filed at least twenty (20) days before the final hearing, pursuant to the requirements contained in Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

Interested persons may also request to be listed as an interested person for this docket, in which case they will receive notices and orders published and issued in the docket. Such requests should be made to: Florida Public Service Commission, Office of the Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, (850) 413-6770.

Any member of the public who wants to observe or listen to the proceedings may do so by accessing the live video broadcast the day of the hearing, which is available from the Commission website. Upon completion of the hearing, the archived video will also be available.

Separate public hearings will be held before an Administrative Law Judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings to consider environmental and other impacts of the DeLand West-Dona Vista 230 kV transmission line, as required by the Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act, Sections 403.52-403.5365, F.S.

#### JURISDICTION

This proceeding will be governed by Chapter 120, F.S., Section 403.537, F.S., and Chapters 25-22 and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code. Only issues relating to the need for the DeLand West-Dona Vista 230 kV transmission line will be considered at the July 22, 2025, hearing.

#### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate at this proceeding should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than **five** days prior to the hearing at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or 850-413-6770 (Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8770 Voice or 1-800-955-8771 TDD). Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request from the Office of Commission Clerk, Gerald L. Gunter Building, Room 152.

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EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF PROCEEDINGS

If settlement of the case or a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the proceedings, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation will also be provided on the Commission's website (<http://www.floridapsc.com>) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at 850-413-6199.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission this 6th day of June, 2025.



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Copies furnished: A copy of this document is provided to the parties of record at the time of issuance and, if applicable, interested persons.

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