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BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20220045-EI

PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF NEED  
FOR SWEATT-WHIDDEN 230 KV TRANSMISSION  
LINE IN OKEECHOBEE, DESOTO, HIGHLANDS,  
AND GLADES COUNTIES, BY FLORIDA POWER  
& LIGHT COMPANY.

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PROCEEDINGS: PREHEARING CONFERENCE

COMMISSIONERS  
PARTICIPATING: COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA  
PREHEARING OFFICER

DATE: Thursday, May 5, 2022

TIME: Commenced: 9:30 a.m.  
Concluded: 9:35 a.m.

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

REPORTED BY: DANA W. REEVES  
Court Reporter

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13 the Florida Public Service Commission.

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

2 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Good morning. I think  
3 we're going to go ahead and get started. Today is  
4 May 5th, 2022. This hearing is now called to  
5 order. Staff, will you please read the notice?

6 MR. JONES: By issue note -- by notice issued  
7 on March 3rd, 2022, this time and place has been  
8 set for prehearing conference in Docket No.  
9 20220045-EI. The purpose of this prehearing is set  
10 out more fully in the notice.

11 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Excellent. Thank you.  
12 Staff, let's move to appearances, starting with  
13 FP&L.

14 MR. COX: Good morning, Commissioner La Rosa.

15 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Good morning.

16 MR. COX: William Cox appearing on behalf of  
17 Florida Power and Light Company.

18 MR. JONES: Matthew Jones and Ashley  
19 Weisenfeld with Commission staff.

20 MS. HELTON: And Mary Anne Helton is here as  
21 your advisor. I'd also like to enter an appearance  
22 for your General Counsel, Keith Hetrick.

23 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Thank you. Mr. Jones,  
24 are there any preliminary matters we need to  
25 address before we get to the draft prehearing

1 order?

2 MR. JONES: There are no preliminary matters  
3 staff is aware of.

4 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Does FP&L have any  
5 preliminary?

6 MR. COX: We do not. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Let's go through the  
8 draft prehearing order now. I'll identify the  
9 sections. I want the parties to let me know if  
10 there's any corrections or changes that need to be  
11 made. We may go through these a little bit  
12 quickly, so please speak up if you have any  
13 changes, corrections that ultimately have to be  
14 made.

15 I will start with section one with the case  
16 background. None.

17 Section two, conduct and proceedings.

18 Section three, proceeding -- jurisdiction.

19 Section four, a procedure in handling  
20 confidential information. Seeing none.

21 Let's talk about section five and six  
22 together, since there's only one witness. Staff.

23 MR. JONES: Staff suggests that the witness  
24 testimony summary be no longer than three minutes.

25 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Would three minutes

1 work for the witness?

2 MR. COX: It works fine. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Moving to basic  
4 positions. Are there any changes? Seeing none,  
5 let's move to issue and positions.

6 MR. JONES: Commissioner, FPL and staff have  
7 reached stipulations on all of the issues. Since  
8 no Commissioner has a question for the witnesses --  
9 for the witness, the witness may be excused and the  
10 testimony entered into the record as though read.

11 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: It's so ordered.  
12 Let's move on to the exhibit list.

13 MR. JONES: Staff has prepared and circulated  
14 to FPL a draft comprehensive exhibit list, which  
15 includes all prefiled exhibits and staff exhibits.  
16 Staff has checked with FPL and there is no  
17 objection to the comprehensive exhibit list as  
18 drafted. Staff will wait to determine if there  
19 will be any public exhibits prior to finalizing the  
20 comprehensive exhibit list and prehearing order.

21 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Excellent. Proposed  
22 stipulations.

23 MR. JONES: Staff and FPL have proposed  
24 stipulations for all issues, issue one through  
25 five, and for testimony and exhibits to be included

1 in the record.

2 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Let's move on to  
3 pending motions.

4 MR. JONES: There are no pending motions.

5 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: How about pending  
6 confidentiality matters?

7 MR. JONES: There are no pending  
8 confidentiality motions.

9 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Conflicts with orders  
10 or establishing procedures?

11 MR. JONES: There are no conflicts of the  
12 order establishing procedure.

13 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Post-hearing  
14 procedures?

15 MR. JONES: If the Commission makes a bench  
16 decision on this matter, there will be no need for  
17 post-hearing briefs. If briefs are required, they  
18 will be due May 23rd, 2022 and should not exceed 20  
19 pages.

20 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Mr. Cox, is FPL in  
21 agreement with that?

22 MR. COX: We're in agreement. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Excellent. Let's move  
24 on then to the ruling section. Thank you all.

25 To summarize, opening statements, if any,

1 shall be limited to five minutes. The witness's  
2 summary shall be limited to three minutes. A  
3 brief, if needed, shall be limited to 20 pages.  
4 Any other rulings to make, staff?

5 MR. JONES: There are no other rulings to  
6 make.

7 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Are there any other  
8 matters to address in the prehearing conference?

9 MR. JONES: There are no other matters to  
10 address.

11 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Being no other matters,  
12 this concludes prehearing docket. This meeting is  
13 adjourned.

14 MR. JONES: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Thank you.

16 (Proceedings concluded.)

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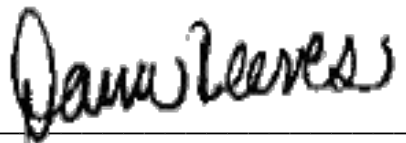
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I, DANA W. REEVES, Professional Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing proceeding was heard at the time and place herein stated.

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that I stenographically reported the said proceedings; that the same has been transcribed under my direct supervision; and that this transcript constitutes a true transcription of my notes of said proceedings.

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DATED THIS 20th day of May, 2022.



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