

The Florida Public Service Commission announces a prehearing conference to be held in the following docket, to which all interested persons are invited.

DOCKET NO. 971059-EI: Petition to determine need for existing Tiger Bay Electrical Power Plant and nominal electrical capacity increase to that plant by Florida Power Corporation.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, October 9, 1997, 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870.

PURPOSE: To consider: (1) the simplification of the issues; (2) the identification of the positions of the parties on the issues; (3) the possibility of obtaining admissions of fact and of documents which will avoid unnecessary proof; (4) the identification of exhibits; (5) the establishment of an order of witnesses; and (6) such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the action.

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The Florida Public Service Commission announces a hearing to be held in the following docket, to which all interested persons are invited.

DOCKET NO. 971059-EI: Petition to determine need for existing Tiger Bay Electrical Power Plant and nominal electrical capacity increase to that plant by Florida Power Corporation.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, October 20, 1997, 9:30 a.m. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

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

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing will be for the Commission to take final action to determine the need, pursuant to Sections 403.501-519, Florida Statutes (1995), for the existing Tiger Bay Electrical Power Plant and nominal electrical capacity increase to that plant; to permit any intervenors to present testimony and exhibits concerning this matter; to permit members of the public who are not parties to the need determination proceeding the opportunity to present testimony concerning this matter; and for such other purposes as the Commission may deem appropriate. Any member of the public who wished to offer testimony should be present at the beginning of the hearing. By providing public testimony, a person does not become a party to the proceeding. To become an official party of record, you must file a Petition for Intervention at least five days before the final hearing, pursuant to the requirements contained in Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony. The hearing will

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be governed by the provisions of Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Section 403.519, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 25-22, Florida Administrative Code.

Under Section 403.519, Florida Statutes, the Commission is the sole forum for the determination of need for the electrical power plant and associated facilities. In making its determination, the Commission must take into account the need for electric system reliability and integrity, the need for adequate electricity at a reasonable cost, and whether the proposed plant is the most cost-effective alternative available. The Commission must also consider the conservation measures taken by or reasonably available to Florida Power Corporation which might mitigate the need for the proposed plant, and other matters within its jurisdiction which it deems relevant. The Commission's determination of need for the Tiger Bay facility located near Ft. Meade in Polk County, Florida, shall create a presumption of public need and necessity and shall serve as the Commission's report as required by Subsection 403.507(2)(a)(2), Florida Statutes. An order entered by the Commission pursuant to this hearing shall constitute final agency action.

Only issues relating to the need for the power plant and its associated facilities will be heard at the Monday, October 20, 1997, hearing. Separate public hearings will be held before the Division of Administrative Hearings to consider environmental and other impacts of the proposed plant and associated facilities as required by the "Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act," Sections 403.501-517, Florida Statutes.

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