

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for determination of need for  
DeLand West-Dona Vista Transmission Line  
in Volusia and Lake Counties, by Duke Energy  
Florida, LLC.

DOCKET NO. 20250078-EI

DATED: July 7, 2025

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2025-0182-PCO-EI, filed May 30, 2025, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. All Known Witnesses

There are no known Staff witnesses at this time.

2. All Known Exhibits

There are no known Staff exhibits at this time.

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 Duke Energy Florida, LLC's proposed DeLand West-Dona Vista 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 Duke Energy Florida, LLC's proposed DeLand West-Dona Vista 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 Duke Energy Florida, LLC's DeLand West Substation in Volusia County and its Dona Vista Substation in Lake County the appropriate starting and ending points for the proposed DeLand West-Dona Vista 230 kV transmission line?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 4:** Should the Commission grant Duke Energy Florida's petition for determination of need for the proposed DeLand West-Dona Vista 230 kV transmission line project?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 5:** Should this docket be closed?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

5. Stipulated Issues

None proposed.

6. Pending Motions

None.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

There are two pending Requests for Confidential Classification (Requests) filed by Duke Energy Florida, LLC in this docket: Document 04338-2025 filed on June 9, 2025 and Document 05134-2025 filed on June 23, 2025. For each Request, Staff has filed its memo and recommendation and proposed orders have been submitted to the Prehearing Officer for review and consideration.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

None.

9. Compliance with Order No. PSC-2025-0182-PCO-EI

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

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of July, 2025.

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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 7th day of July, 2025:

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