

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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.

PROCEEDINGS: PREHEARING CONFERENCE

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM

DATE: Monday, July 14, 2025

TIME: Commenced: 10:10 a.m.
Concluded: 10:12 a.m.

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

REPORTED BY: DEBRA R. KRICK
Court Reporter

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

2 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Okay, everybody. You
3 guys remembering me. I am the guy that starts on
4 time.

5 Let the record show it is 10 after -- I'm
6 sorry, yeah 10 after 10:00 on July 14th. This is a
7 Prehearing. Let's call the Prehearing to order.
8 Staff.

9 MS. AUGSPURGER: Good morning, Commissioner.
10 By notice issued on June 6th, 2025, this time
11 and place has been set for a Prehearing Conference
12 in Docket No. 20250078-EI. The purpose of this
13 Prehearing is set out more fully in the notice.

14 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay. Let's take
15 appearances.

16 MR. BERNIER: Good morning, Commissioner.
17 Matt Bernier for Duke Energy Florida. I will also
18 enter an appearance for Dianne Triplett.

19 Thank you.

20 MS. AUGSPURGER: Jennifer Augspurger and Adria
21 Harper with Commission staff.

22 MS. HELTON: And Mary Anne Helton is here as
23 your Advisor.

24 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: All right. Staff,
25 preliminary matters?

1 MS. AUGSPURGER: I am sorry?

2 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Any preliminary matters?

3 MS. AUGSPURGER: Staff is not aware of any
4 preliminary matters that need to be addressed.

5 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Duke, any preliminary
6 matters?

7 MR. BERNIER: No, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay. All right. We are
9 going to proceed through this draft Prehearing
10 Order, probably go through it pretty quickly. We
11 are going through section by section. If there is
12 any changes to be made, please speak out and we
13 will make those changes -- those corrections.

14 Okay, Section I.

15 Section II.

16 Section III.

17 Section IV.

18 Okay. Staff, let's take up Sections V and VI
19 together, Sections V and VI.

20 MS. AUGSPURGER: Staff suggests that the
21 witness testimony be no longer than three minutes.

22 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: That's a given.

23 Okay. Basic positions, number seven, are
24 there any changes?

25 Section VIII.

1 Section IX.

2 MS. AUGSPURGER: Commissioner, staff has
3 prepared and circulated to Duke a draft
4 Comprehensive Exhibit List, which includes all
5 prefiled exhibits and staff's exhibits. It is
6 anticipated that the Comprehensive Exhibit List
7 will be finalized either today or tomorrow.

8 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Okay. Section X.

9 MS. AUGSPURGER: There are no pending
10 stipulations.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Section XI.

12 MS. AUGSPURGER: There are no pending motions.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Section XII.

14 MS. AUGSPURGER: There are no pending
15 confidentiality requests.

16 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Section XIII.

17 MS. AUGSPURGER: If the Commission makes a
18 bench decision on this matter, there will be no
19 need for a post-hearing brief. If a brief is
20 required, it will be due July 30th, 2025, and may
21 not exceed 20 pages.

22 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Duke, are you okay with
23 that?

24 MR. BERNIER: Yes, sir.

25 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Okay. Section XIV.

1 Opening statements will be limited to -- I
2 can't believe I actually said five minutes -- will
3 be limited to five minutes unless Duke chooses to
4 waive their opening statements, and witness
5 summaries will be limited to three minutes.

6 Staff, any other rulings I need to make?

7 MS. AUGSPURGER: There are no other rulings to
8 make.

9 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Other matters. Are
10 there any other matters to come before this
11 Prehearing Conference?

12 MS. AUGSPURGER: Staff is not aware of any
13 other matters to address.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Duke?

15 MR. BERNIER: No, sir.

16 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: All right. Well, it
17 looks like we are adjourned. Thank you very much.

18 MR. BERNIER: Thank you.

19 (Proceedings concluded.)
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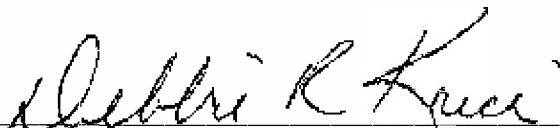
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