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From: Office of Commissioner Clark
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 1:01 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Cc: Amanda Marsh
Subject: FW: Building transmission lines along highways

Please place the email below in CORRESPONDENCE – Consumers & Representatives in docket 20260000.

Thank you.

From: Kris Walker <kriswalker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 10:58 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Clark <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>
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Dear Commissioner Clark,

My name is Kris Walker, a constituent in Fernandina Beach. I have recently relocated to Florida from Colorado and look forward to building a life here.

Thank you for your service and leadership on our Public Utility Commission.

Today, I am writing to express my support for building transmission lines along existing highways and ask you to help make it a reality in our state. This is a unique opportunity to encourage common sense siting practices to keep power affordable and reliable.

I support co-locating transmission along highways because as data centers skyrocket demand for new electricity in the US, our outdated transmission infrastructure is a bottleneck to innovation (<https://gridstrategiesllc.com/wp-content/uploads/National-Load-Growth-Report-2024.pdf>). By building along existing corridors, developers can utilize existing rights-of-way to help streamline the permitting process (<https://nextgenhighways.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Next-Gen-Highways-Federal-Policy-to-Speed-Permitting-Transmission.pdf>). Additionally, building transmission lines on land owned by the state means fewer negotiations with landowners (<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/highway-electric-transmission-infrastructure-siting/707922/>). Overall, co-locating transmission lines along highways is a solution that makes sense for America and will help move us forward towards energy independence.

Is prioritizing existing infrastructure corridors like highways part of your siting guidance for transmission developers? Do you have a siting and permitting process in place with the Department of Transportation? Wisconsin has been successfully building transmission lines along highways for decades now, and a written “cooperative agreement” between its Public Service Commission and Department of Transportation was a key ingredient for success. You can see that agreement and related resources here - <https://www.climatechangemakers.org/policymaker-resources-transmission-along-highways>.

Thank you for your attention to this issue, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,
Kris Walker

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