

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Petition for determination of need for  
Andytown-Oasis transmission lines project in  
Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, by Florida  
Power & Light Company.

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**PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL**

The Citizens of the State of Florida, through the Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”), pursuant to Florida Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Order Establishing Procedure (“OEP”), Order No. PSC-2026-0056-PCO-EI, issued March 12, 2026, hereby submit this prehearing statement.

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1. **WITNESSES:** None.

2. **EXHIBITS:** None.

3. **STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION:**

On February 9, 2026 FPL's filed its notice of intent to file a petition for transmission lines need determination for Andytown-Oasis transmission line Project ("AOP"). The resulting petition was filed on March 11, 2026. While the FAR notice of the April 7, 2026 Prehearing and April 23, 2026 Hearing was published March 6, 2026, the Order Establishing Procedure with the other key activities dates including Prehearing Statement date was not issued in the above docket until March 11, 2026. OPC intervened on March 20, 2026, and issued discovery on March 23, 2025, and the responses are due March 30, 2026. Any potential rebuttal testimony is due March 30, 2026. In addition, deposition(s) for FPL witness(es) are scheduled for April 3, 2026. Less than 20 days after the filing of the Petition and FPL direct testimony, and without the benefit of time to fully review FPL's responses to OPC's discovery and FPL's rebuttal testimony, as well as pending scheduled depositions, regretfully, OPC must take no position on the issues at this time. Given the accelerated 45 day pace from filing of request to the hearing pursuant to Section 403.537(1)(a), Florida Statutes, OPC reserves FPL maintains the burden to prove the need, including the cost-effectiveness for each of the proposed transmission projects. OPC reserves its rights to take positions based on discovery and the evidence adduced at hearing.

4. **STATEMENT OF FACTUAL ISSUES AND POSITIONS:**

**ISSUE 1:** When taking into account the need for electric system reliability and integrity, as prescribed in Section 403.537, Florida Statutes, is there a need for Florida Power & Light Company's proposed:

(A) 500-kV transmission line starting at FPL's existing Andytown substation and ending at FPL's planned Oasis substation?

(B) 500-kV transmission line starting at FPL's existing Quarry substation and ending at FPL's planned Oasis substation?

(C) 230-kV transmission line starting at FPL's planned Oasis substation and ending at FPL's existing Quarry substation?

(D) 230-kV transmission line starting at FPL's planned Oasis substation and ending at FPL's existing Levee substation?

**OPC Position:** Pending completion of discovery, OPC takes no position at this time on the need for each of these proposed transmission projects at this time pending competition of discovery and evidence adduced at hearing. However, FPL maintains the burden to prove the need for each of the proposed transmission projects.

**ISSUE 2:**

When 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, is there a need for Florida Power & Light Company's proposed:

(A) 500-kV transmission line starting at FPL's existing Andytown substation and ending at FPL's planned Oasis substation?

(B) 500-kV transmission line starting at FPL's existing Quarry substation and ending at FPL's planned Oasis substation?

(C) 230-kV transmission line starting at FPL's planned Oasis substation and ending at FPL's existing Quarry substation?

(D) 230-kV transmission line starting at FPL's planned Oasis substation and ending at FPL's existing Levee substation?

**OPC Position:** Pending completion of discovery, OPC takes no position at this time when 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, on the need for each of these proposed transmission projects at this time pending competition of discovery and evidence adduced at hearing. However, FPL maintains the burden to prove the need for each of the proposed transmission projects.

**ISSUE 3:**

Are Florida Power & Light Company's proposed starting and ending points appropriate for the:

(A) 500-kV transmission line to start at existing Andytown substation in Broward County and end at planned Oasis substation in Miami-Dade County?

(B) 500-kV transmission line to start at existing Quarry substation in Miami-Dade County and end at planned Oasis substation in Miami-Dade County?

(C) 230-kV transmission line to start at planned Oasis substation in Miami-Dade County and end at existing Quarry substation in Miami-Dade County?

(D) 230-kV transmission line to start at planned Oasis substation in Miami-Dade County and end at existing Levee substation in Miami-Dade County?

**OPC Position:**

Pending completion of discovery, OPC takes no position at this time on the proposed starting and ending points for each of these proposed transmission projects at this time pending competition of discovery and evidence adduced at hearing. However, FPL maintains the burden to prove the appropriateness of the proposed starting and ending points for each of the proposed transmission projects.

**ISSUE 4:**

Should the Commission grant Florida Power & Light Company's petition for determination of need for the proposed:

(A) 500-kV Andytown-Oasis transmission line project?

(B) 500-kV Quarry-Oasis transmission line project?

(C) 230-kV Oasis-Quarry transmission line project?

(D) 230-kV Oasis-Levee transmission line project?

**OPC Position:**

Pending completion of discovery, OPC takes no position at this time on whether the need for each of these proposed transmission projects should be granted at this time pending competition of discovery and evidence adduced at hearing. However, FPL maintains the burden to prove the need for each of the proposed transmission projects.

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

**OPC Position:** OPC takes no position.

5. **STIPULATED ISSUES**

As discovery is barely underway, OPC is not aware of any issues that can be stipulated at this time.

6. **PENDING MOTIONS OR OTHER MATTERS**

The OPC is not aware of any formal motions to be disposed of at this time.

7. **STATEMENT OF PARTY'S PENDING REQUESTS OR CLAIMS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

There are no pending requests or claims for confidentiality filed by OPC.

8. **OBJECTIONS TO QUALIFICATION OF WITNESSES AS AN EXPERT**

OPC has no objections to the qualification of any witnesses as an expert in the field in which they pre-filed testimony as of the present date.

9. **SEQUESTRATION OF WITNESSES**

OPC does not request the sequestration of any witnesses at this time.

10. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE**

OPC is unaware of any aspect of the Order Establishing Procedure in this docket with which it cannot comply.

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