

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION FOR
TRANSMISSION LINE CERTIFICATION**

On August 22, 2025, the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) received an application from Duke Energy Florida (DEF) for certification of a transmission line corridor pursuant to the Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act (TLSA), Section 403.52 et seq., Florida Statutes, concerning the DeLand West-Dona Vista 230kV Transmission Line, Transmission Line Siting Application No. TA25-20, OGC Case No. 25-1510, DOAH Case No. 25-004655TL. The Department is coordinating the review of the application pursuant to the TLSA to allow construction, operation, and maintenance of a 230kV transmission line connecting the existing DeLand West Substation in Volusia County to the existing Dona Vista Substation in Lake County. The total length of the proposed transmission line corridor to be certified is approximately 26 miles. A copy of the application for certification is available for review at the Siting Coordination Office, Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, M.S. 3500, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, (850)717-9000 or online at <https://floridadep.gov/air/siting-coordination-office/content/applications-process>. Pursuant to Section 403.526, F.S., and Rule 62-17, Florida Administrative Code, statutory agency parties to the site certification proceeding will review the application and submit their reports and recommendations. In the future, a certification hearing date will be announced for an administrative hearing regarding the certification. Pursuant to Section 403.527(2)(a), F.S., parties to the proceeding shall include the applicant, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Public Service Commission, the Department of Commerce, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Department of Transportation, the St. Johns River Water Management District, Lake County, Volusia County, City of Umatilla, and City of Eustis. Any party listed in Section 403.527(2)(a), F.S., other than the Department of Environmental Protection or the applicant may waive its right to participate in these proceedings if such party fails to file a notice of its intent to be a party on or before the 30th day prior to the certification hearing. In addition, notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 120, F.S., upon the filing with the administrative law judge of a notice of intent to be a party no later than 30 days before the date set for the certification hearing, the following shall also be parties to the proceedings: any agency not listed in Section 403.527(2)(a), F.S., as to matters within its jurisdiction; any domestic nonprofit corporation or association formed, in whole or in part; to promote conservation of natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health, or other biological values; to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests; to represent labor, commercial, or industrial groups; or to promote

comprehensive planning or orderly development of the area in which the proposed transmission line or corridor is to be located. Additionally, any person who is not a statutory party to the certification proceeding and whose substantial interest is affected and being determined by the proceeding may file a motion to intervene in the proceeding at least 30 days before the date of the certification hearing. Any agency whose properties or works may be affected shall become a party upon the request of the agency or any party to this proceeding. Failure to act within the time frame constitutes a waiver of the right to become a party. Motions to Intervene must be filed (received) with the Administrative Law Judge E. Gary Early, Division of Administrative Hearings, The Desoto Building, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060. Pursuant to Section 403.527(6), F.S., if all parties to the proceeding stipulate that there are no disputed issues of fact or law to be raised at the certification hearing, the certification hearing may be cancelled.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Notice of Applicable Stream Assessment for Waters in the
Kissimmee River Basin**

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection gives notice that sufficient documentation has been provided to the department to demonstrate that the waterbody segments identified as Partin Canal (WBID 3173A1), Lake Tohopekaliga Drain (South Segment) (WBID 3173C) and Shingle Creek Headwaters (WBID 3169G1) located within the Kissimmee River basin meet all the conditions identified in paragraph 62-302.200(36)(b), Florida Administrative Code, for an exclusion from the definition of a stream. For purposes of interpreting the narrative nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(48)(b), F.A.C., these waterbody segments will be assessed applying the stream nutrient impairment thresholds in subsections 62-303.351(3)-(5) and 62-303.450(1), (2) and (5), F.A.C., rather than the numeric nutrient standard for streams. This action only affects the implementation of nutrient criteria for the specified waters; all other applicable water quality standards remain in effect. These assessment thresholds will continue to apply unless the department receives sufficient countervailing information concerning the applicability of paragraph 62-302.200(36)(b), F.A.C., to these waters, including the purpose of the waterbody such as flood protection, stormwater management, irrigation, water supply, navigation, boat access to an adjacent waterbody, or frequent recreational use. A map showing the geographic extent and supporting documentation of the stream exclusion is available at <https://floridadep.gov/dear/watershed-assessment-section>.

Additional information regarding these waterbody segments may be obtained by contacting: Kevin O'Donnell, Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road,