

October 14, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Nate Senn
Siting Coordination Office
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Re: Notice of Submittal of List of Direct Notice Recipients, DeLand West-Dona Vista,
TA25-20

Dear Mr. Senn:

Pursuant to section 403.5363(5)(a), Florida Statutes, on October 3, 2025, Duke Energy Florida (DEF) has made a good faith effort to provide direct notice of the filing of its application for certification to all local landowners whose property, as noted in the most recent local government tax records, and residences are located within one-quarter mile of DEF's proposed transmission line corridor.

Pursuant to section 403.5363(5)(b), Florida Statutes, attached is a pdf file entitled "2025-10-3 Mailing List." A total of 2,962 notices were sent by Duke Energy via the U.S. Postal Service. A sample of Duke Energy's notice is attached to this letter in a pdf file entitled "FINAL_DWDV_GoodFaithLetter_PROOF.pdf"

Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Berger Singerman LLP



Brooke E. Humphrey

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Patrick Reynolds, preynolds@floridadep.gov



October 3, 2025

Project Reference: DeLand West to Dona Vista Reliability Upgrade Project Lake and Volusia counties

Notice of Filing Application under Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act

Dear Neighbor:

As part of Duke Energy's commitment to strengthen electric reliability and ensure a secure energy grid for Florida, we have identified the need for an approximately 27-mile new transmission line in Lake and Volusia counties. The new, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line will add capacity to help improve electric reliability to homes, businesses, and community resources such as schools and hospitals, and support a robust energy grid that is integral to the continued economic prosperity of communities, today and for decades to come.

On Aug. 22, 2025, Duke Energy filed an application (Application No. TA25-20TA25-20) for certification with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to authorize the location of an electrical transmission line corridor; construction, operation and maintenance of a 230-kV electrical transmission line; and maintenance of the transmission line right of way from the existing DeLand West Substation in DeLand, Fla., to our Dona Vista Substation in Eustis, Fla. We are sending you this notification because it is our understanding that you live or own property within a quarter mile of Duke Energy's proposed electrical transmission line corridor. A map showing the approximate location of the transmission line corridor is attached to this letter.

Duke Energy's application is pending before an administrative law judge at the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), in DOAH Case No. 25-004655TL, prior to action by the governor and cabinet (sitting as the siting board) or the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act, Sections 403.52 – 403.5365, Florida Statutes (F.S.). Unless the administrative law judge cancels the certification hearing based on a stipulation of the parties to the proceeding that there are no disputed issues of material fact or law, a certification hearing will be conducted by the administrative law judge at a central location in proximity to the proposed corridor. Notice of the date and location of the certification hearing will be published in a newspaper at least 65 days before the date set for the hearing.

Several state agencies, the St. Johns River Water Management District, and local governments will be reviewing the application and preparing reports regarding compliance of the proposal with applicable laws, and any needed conditions of certification to assure such compliance. It is recommended that all interested individuals review the application and bring matters of concern to the appropriate agency's attention as soon as possible. Information regarding the appropriate contact persons in the agencies may be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection's Siting Coordination Office at the address provided in the list below.

Duke Energy is committed to doing this thoughtfully, with the goal of minimizing impacts on homes, businesses, the environment and cultural resources. Our priority is to work closely with communities and property owners respectfully and transparently throughout the process.

On May 29, 2025, Duke Energy hosted an informational open house in Umatilla, Fla. There were approximately 200 people in attendance at the meeting. Open house attendees were asked to share their feedback via questionnaires, comment forms, email and by phone.

Duke Energy has also reached out to local community officials and leaders. We maintain a website with information regarding the project, which includes a phone number and email address for any questions, an interactive map and a virtual open house. After thoughtful consideration of comments received from the public, state and local regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders, Duke Energy selected the corridor presented to the public for the location of the proposed transmission line.

The majority of the corridor that the new transmission line will be located within follows existing Duke Energy transmission line right of way. Most of the corridor, however, is wider than the existing Duke Energy right of way to allow for flexibility in engineering design and construction. It is Duke Energy's intent that most of the new 230-kV circuit would be co-located with the existing transmission lines. Duke Energy will rebuild structures where necessary to support double circuit construction, and sections of the new transmission line will be single circuit.

Certification under the Transmission Line Siting Act does not convey any property interest to Duke Energy. While new land rights may ultimately be needed in some locations, those determinations will not be made until after the transmission corridor is certified and Duke Energy has conducted detailed engineering design to determine the location of the transmission line within the corridor. Duke Energy representatives will reach out to property owners who may be affected after the final right of way location within the corridor is determined.

The application for certification contains a detailed description of Duke Energy's proposed transmission line corridor and project. The application can be reviewed on the internet by going to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Siting Coordination website (<https://floridadep.gov/water/siting-coordination-office/content/projects-process>).

Copies of the application are also available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Siting Coordination Office

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Tallahassee, FL 32399
Contact: Nate Senn
Telephone: 850.717.9111
Email: nate.senn@floridadep.gov

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Central District

3319 Maguire Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32803
Contact: Cindy Stafford, Central District Siting Liaison
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Duke Energy

3300 Exchange Place
Lake Mary, FL 32746
Email: FLTransmissionEnhancements@duke-energy.com
Call: 877.840.0101

DeLand Regional Library

130 E. Howry Ave.
DeLand, FL 32724
Call: 386.822.6430

Umatilla Public Library

412 Hatfield Dr.
Umatilla, FL 32784
Call: 352.669.3284

Duke Energy

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St. Petersburg, FL 33701
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Anyone wishing to participate in the proceeding as a party must file an appropriate petition pursuant to Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. with the Honorable Judge E. Gary Early, administrative law judge, at the Division of Administrative Hearings, 2001 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32311. The petition must be filed at the Division of Administrative Hearings no later than 5 p.m. on Dec. 15, 2025, and copies of the petition must be sent to all parties. A list of parties may be obtained from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Siting Coordination Office, at the Tallahassee address listed above. Any person wishing to intervene in the proceedings, unless appearing on their own behalf, must be represented by an attorney or other person who can be determined to be qualified to appear in administrative proceedings pursuant to Chapter 120, F.S. or Rule 28-106.106, F.A.C. Persons not wishing to participate in the proceedings as a party may nevertheless offer sworn testimony during the public hearing portion of the certification hearing, if a certification hearing is needed.

Our electrical system is essential to meeting the community's energy needs, and we are working to ensure that it is resilient and secure – now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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Director Transmission PGO Project Management, Duke Energy

Enclosure



