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Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Proposed FPL Energy Secure Line Determination of Sufficiency

Dear Ms. Seiler,

Pursuant to 403.9407, F.S., the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff has conducted a review of the FPL Energy Secure Line application packet. The ECFRPC conditions are below.

- During the construction phase of the project, as per ECFRPC Policy 2.1, *existing regulations regarding generation, storage, treatment, disposal, monitoring and transportation of hazardous waste and materials shall be enforced.*
- Efforts to protect natural water bodies and wetlands during the construction phase from siltation, erosion and sedimentation should be employed as per ECFRPC policies 4. 10, 4.11, and 4.23.
 - *Policy 4.10 In order to protect natural water bodies, water courses and wetlands from siltation, Best Management Practices (BMPs) for control of erosion and sedimentation shall be employed ... Erosion and sediment control BMPs include those of the SCS, FDOT, FDEP, FDACS, and IFAS.)*
 - *Policy 4. 11 Hydrological and ecological functioning of the region's river systems shall be protected. Activities that would significantly and adversely alter the stage, discharge or quality of rivers and tributaries within regionally significant watersheds should not be permitted.*
 - *Policy 4.23 Proposed activities that would degrade the function of wetlands or deepwater habitat shall not be permitted, except where such activities are not contrary to the public interest, and there is no practical alternative that reduces or avoids impacts to wetlands or deepwater habitat.*

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- Habitat corridors, vegetative communities, and endangered species shall be protected and any disturbances should be re-established to before construction conditions, or better.
 - *4.24 Land use plans, land development regulations and development approvals shall ensure protection of rare or endangered ecosystems.*
 - *4.27 Habitat corridors identified by the FGFWFC, FDEP, FNAI, Regional Planning Council or local governments as important to movement of non-avian wildlife should be protected from disturbances that would render the corridors unusable or dangerous to the species that frequent them. Unacceptable disturbances include activities resulting in significant reductions in native vegetation in the habitat corridor's understory, shrub or canopy layers.*
 - *4.30 Natural vegetative communities, native plant species and native animal species that currently exist in the East Central Florida Region shall be conserved and protected to ensure that the full complement of such communities and species continues to exist in perpetuity within the region.*
 - *4.31 Planning and development approval shall avoid adverse impacts to listed species.*
- To the extent possible, the co-location of the pipeline in existing utility corridors or other rights of way is encouraged as per ECFRPC Policy 7.14 (*Use of common corridors for utility systems shall be encouraged.*)

Sincerely,

Phil Laurien, Executive Director