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Via Hand Delivery

Ann Seiler
Department of Environmental Protection
Siting Coordination Office
Bob Martinez Center
2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 5500
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Florida Power & Light Company Okeechobee Clean Energy Center, Power Plant
Siting Application No. PA15-58; DOAH Case No. 15-5540EPP; OGC Case No.
15-0607

Dear Ms. Seiler:

Enclosed is the Proof of Publication for "Notice of Land Use Consistency Determination on Electrical Power Plant Site and Associated Facilities: Florida Power & Light Company Okeechobee Clean Energy Center." This notice was published in the Okeechobee News on November 25, 2015. Also enclosed are the Proofs of Publication for "Notice of Land Use Consistency Determination on Electrical Power Plant Associated Facilities: Florida Power & Light Company Okeechobee Clean Energy Center." This notice was published in the Treasure Coast Newspapers on November 25, 2015 and the VeroNews/Sebastian River News on November 27, 2015.

These Proofs of Publication are submitted to the Siting Coordination Office on behalf of Florida Power & Light Company and pursuant to Rule 62-17.281, Florida Administrative Code.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Brooke E. Lewis

cc: Benjamin Melnick, Esq. (without enclosure)

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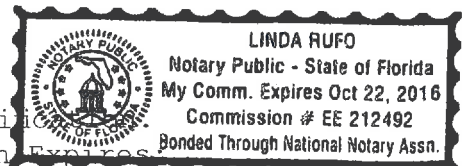
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Indian River County
Administration Building:
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Indian River County
Courthouse: Closed Nov. 26.
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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
Sebastian Police: Closed Nov.
 26-27.
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Vero Beach Police: Closed
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NOTICE OF LAND USE CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION ON ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT ASSOCIATED FACILITIES: FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY OKEECHOBEE CLEAN ENERGY CENTER

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2. Pursuant to Section 403.50665, F.S., Indian River County is required to file a determination with FDEP, the applicant, the administrative law judge, and all parties on the consistency of the Project's off-Site associated facilities in Indian River County that are not exempt from the requirements of land use plans and zoning ordinances under chapter 163 and section 380.04(3), F.S., with existing land use plans and zoning ordinances that were in effect on the date the application was filed, based on the information provided in the application.

3. On November 6, 2015, Indian River County issued a determination that the Project's off-Site associated facilities are consistent with existing land use plans and zoning ordinances that were in effect on the date the application was filed, based on the information provided in the application. A copy of Indian River

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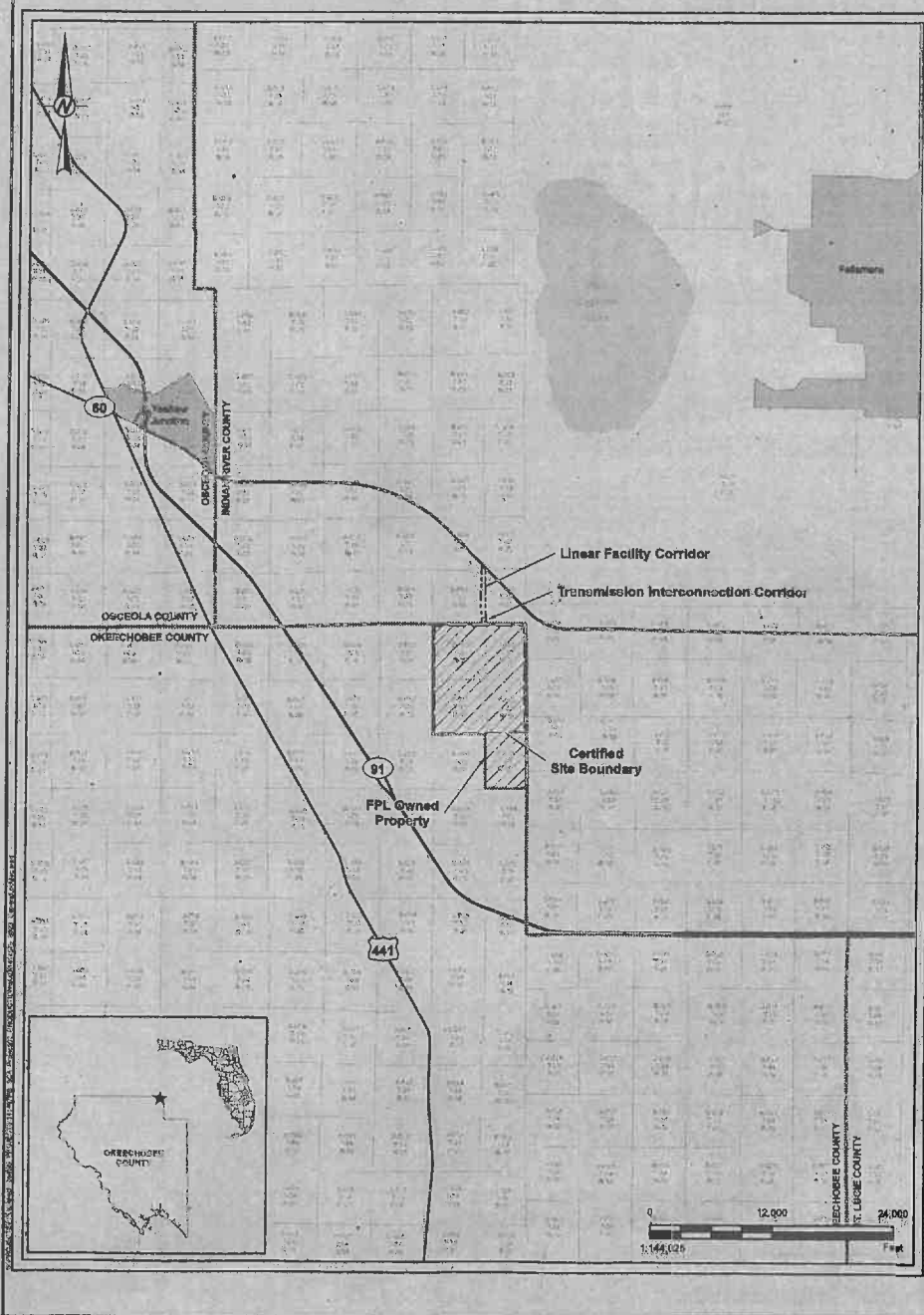
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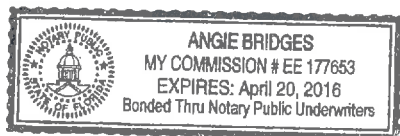
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this

25th day of November 2015 AD

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

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NOTICE OF LAND USE CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION ON ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT SITE AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES: FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY OKEECHOBEE CLEAN ENERGY CENTER

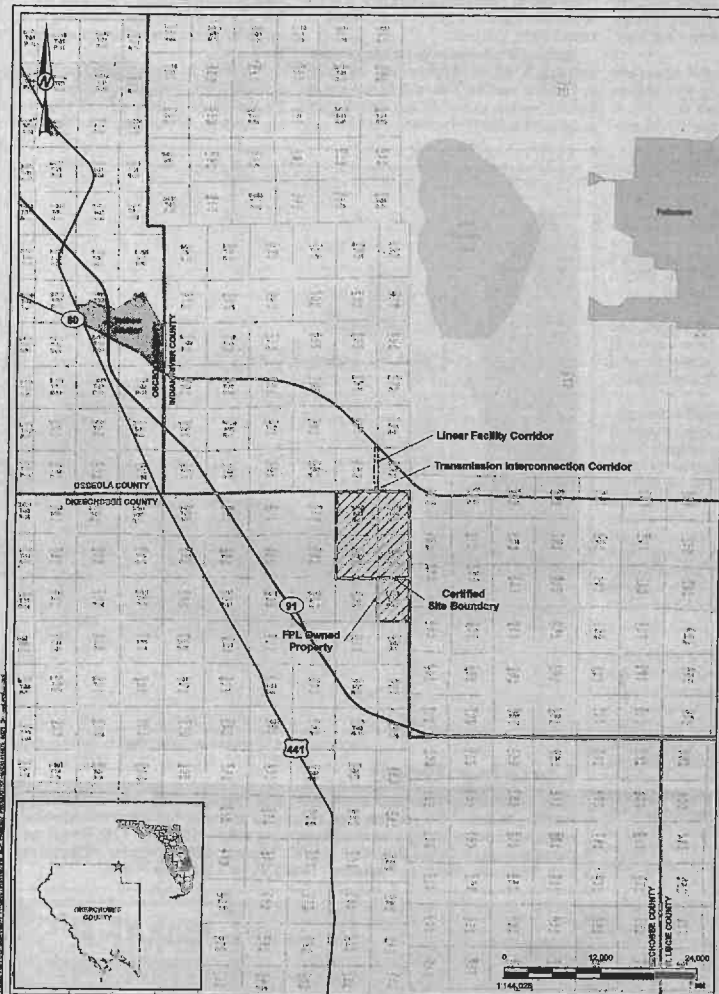
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I hereby confirm that the Notice of Land Use Consistency Determination on Electrical Power Plant Associated Facilities: Florida Power & Light Company Okeechobee Clean Energy Center ran in the November 27, 2015 issue of *VeroNews/Sebastian River News*.

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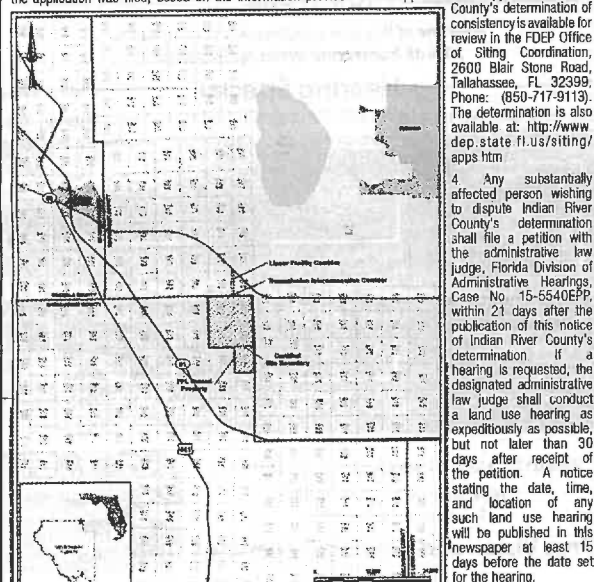
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— Maggie Creelman

cases) have all been virtually eradicated due to vaccines.

■ There's a price to pay for natural immunity. A natural infection often provides more complete immunity than a series of vaccinations, but the infection could lead to serious complications. For instance, a natural polio infection could cause permanent paralysis.

■ Sorry, Jenny McCarthy; vaccines don't cause autism. The 1998 study that started the debate about the link between the MMR vaccine and autism has been discredited and retracted. Subsequent research has found no connection.

■ Vaccines are much safer than the diseases they prevent. Any side effect is understandably a concern to parents and grandparents, but most vaccine side effects are minor — typically soreness, redness, or swelling at the injection site or a low-grade fever. If the child has a known allergy to specific vaccine components, that vaccine will not be given.

■ The suggested immunization schedule exists for a reason. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) say that there are 14 vaccinations children should receive between birth and 6 years. Certain vaccines need to be administered at specific ages in order to boost their effectiveness.

Dr. Allison Kempe, professor of pediatrics at University of Colorado and Children's Hospital Colorado, is the lead author of the study about parental pressure on doctors. She says, "Doctors are feeling really conflicted because they overwhelmingly think this is the wrong thing to do, and is putting children at risk, but at the same time, they want to build trust with their patients and meet people halfway."

The study findings were published in the journal *Pediatrics*. The members of the research team say their findings raise concerns, noting that delaying or spreading out childhood vaccines increases rates of under-vaccination, putting children and other vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, at increased risk of contracting diseases that are highly preventable.

A survey was sent to a nationally representative sample of pediatricians and family doctors, with 534 responding. The majority of healthcare providers either

"often/always" or "sometimes" agreed to alter vaccination schedules, despite 87 percent of the doctors saying they believed such requests were putting children at risk of preventable diseases and 84 percent saying they believed bringing children back for separate injections caused them more pain.

According to the doctors who responded, reasons parents gave for requesting a delay in vaccinations included concerns about complications (both short- and long-term), concerns that vaccines may increase the risk of their child developing autism, and the belief that their child is unlikely to contract a vaccine-preventable disease.

Why did the doctors agree to the requests if they thought they had no merit, and might in fact cause harm?

Around 82 percent of respondents said they believed that agreeing to the request would help them build trust with families, while 80 percent believed families might leave their practices if they refused such requests. Most of the doctors said they tried a number of strategies to encourage parents to stick to the recommended vaccination schedules, but such strategies were largely ineffective.

Dr. Kempe and her team say that education of parents about the safety and effectiveness of vaccines needs to begin in early pregnancy, with increased utilization of social networks and public messaging to help parents make informed decisions.

A recent article in *32963* discussed immunizations and made the point vaccinations are just as important for adults as they are for kids. In addition, adult vaccinations can have a direct benefit on children's health. Ms. Creelman shared a story which indicates there may be a growing awareness of the link between adult vaccinations and the health of small children.

"My son and daughter-in-law are expecting a baby in January," Ms. Creelman said. "My son made it clear that anyone who visits the baby must first have a flu shot and a DTaP." A DTaP is a vaccine that helps young children develop immunity to three serious bacterial diseases — diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (more commonly called whooping cough). "Everyone understands what a good idea that is, and they have been happy to comply. His friends have been posting pictures of themselves on Instagram, Band-Aid and all, to show him they have gotten the shots. What a great use of social media!"

The VNA is a community-based non-profit organization offering medical, social, and support services to Indian River and surrounding counties. It is located at 1110 35th Lane in Vero Beach; the toll-free number is 800-749-5760. VNA provides flu shots, but not childhood vaccines; Ms. Creelman says those are best given by a child's pediatrician. ■