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Mr. Hamilton S. Oven, Jr., P.E.
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Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Dear Mr. Oven:

Subject: Levee-Midway 500 kV Transmission Line
Post Certification Submittal for Palm Beach County
L-7 Canal Access Road/FPL Structures 307 to 315
Proposed Culvert Construction
Authorization to Commence Construction

South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) staff has reviewed the information submitted by FPL on January 25, 1995 and modified on March 2, 1995 and March 24, 1995 in response to the relevant conditions of certification for the above-referenced project. The submittal included a right-of-way permit application for use of the SFWMD's L-7 Canal Right-of-Way for temporary construction and long-term operation and maintenance access purposes and a related request for approval of proposed culvert crossings in an existing drainage canal, ditch, and swale within the certified transmission line right-of-way that parallel the L-7 Canal access road. The purpose of the proposed culvert crossings is to connect the L-7 Canal access road with an existing farm road to allow FPL construction and maintenance vehicles to access FPL Structures 307 to 315.

Based on an assessment of above-referenced information, FPL is in compliance with the Certification Conditions that deal with the approvals required from the SFWMD in order for the SFWMD to authorize construction of the proposed culverts. Therefore, this letter constitutes authorization for FPL to commence construction of the proposed culverts associated with the Palm Beach County Segment of the Levee-Midway 500 kV Transmission Line. This letter is predicated on all construction and maintenance activities being performed in compliance with:

(1) The plans and specifications, as contained in the detailed engineering drawings, supporting calculations, sufficiency responses, and other supporting documentation submitted by FPL on January 25, 1995 and modified on March 2, 1995 and March 24, 1995 and approved by SFWMD staff;

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(2) The construction authorization letter for the Palm Beach County segment of the transmission line, issued on August 14, 1992;

(3) All of the Conditions of Certification in Appendices C, D, and E that are applicable to the Palm Beach County segment of the Levee-Midway 500 kV Transmission Line, including, in particular, those conditions that address FPL's activities during and after the construction of the transmission line and as specified in the above-referenced submittals; and

(4) The special conditions attached to the Right-Of-Way Occupancy Permit issued by the SFWMD Governing Board on March 11, 1993 (No. 9814) which authorizes use of a portion of the SFWMD's L-7 right-of-way south of the ENR project in order to construct, operate, and maintain the Levee-Midway 500 kV Transmission Line, including the Letter Modification issued on February 7, 1995 which authorizes access to FPL structures 307 to 315.

This letter shall not be construed as a waiver by the SFWMD of any of the requirements specified in any of the Certification Conditions contained in Appendices C, D, and E of the Certification Order.

The failure of FPL to comply with any other applicable Conditions of Certification shall result in the withdrawal of the authorization to commence construction set forth in this letter.

Further inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to Susan Coughanour at (407) 687-6920.

Sincerely,

Terrie Bates
Director
Regulation Department

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c: Art Davoren, FPL
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