

2.0 Need for the Proposed Facility

This chapter of the SCA provides the schedule for obtaining the Florida PSC approval of DEF's Petition for Determination of Need for the Citrus County Combined Cycle Power Plant.

Pursuant to Section 403.519, F.S., the Florida PSC is the exclusive forum for the determination of need for an electrical power plant subject to the PPSA. That determination cannot be raised in any other forum or in the review of proceedings in any other forum. When making its determination, the Florida PSC considers the need for electric system reliability and integrity, the need for adequate electricity at a reasonable cost, the need for fuel diversity and supplier reliability, whether the proposed plant is the most cost-effective alternative available, and whether renewable energy sources and technologies, as well as conservation measures, are utilized to the extent reasonably available (Section 403.519(3), F.S.).

DEF filed its petition for determination of need for the proposed Project with the Florida PSC on May 27, 2014 (Docket No. 140110-EI). In conjunction with this filing, DEF also submitted its supporting testimony and exhibits, including the need determination study, in support of DEF's Petition for Determination of Need of Citrus Combined Cycle Unit, which provides information required under PSC Rule 25-22.081, F.A.C. Information regarding the need petition and supporting information can be found on the Florida PSC's Website (<http://www.psc.state.fl.us/dockets/cms/docketDetails2.aspx?docket=140110>).

At the time of this SCA filing, the need petition is under review by the Florida PSC, and the commission hearing for consideration of the need petition is scheduled to be held on August 26 and 27 and September 3, 2014. Per the docket schedule set forth by the Florida PSC, the Commission is expected to issue its order on DEF's determination of need for the proposed CCC Project in October 2014.