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Nate Senn, Environmental Consultant
Siting Coordination Office
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 5500
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Re: Duke Energy Florida's ("Licensee" or "DEF") DeLand West – Dona Vista 230 kV Transmission Line Project Application for Transmission Line Siting Act Certification

Dear Mr. Senn:

The staff of Lake County (the "County") has reviewed the above-referenced application for certification of the Duke Energy DeLand West – Dona Vista 230 kV Transmission Line, in accordance with Section 403.526 of the Transmission Line Siting Act. **This agency has no objection to the certification of the Duke Energy DeLand West – Dona Vista 230 kV Transmission Line**, contingent upon final review of the Lake County Board of County Commissioners within 15 days from the date of this report, in accordance with Section 403.526(2)(d), Florida Statutes.

Lake County recommends the following conditions of certification:

1. Prior to the commencement of construction in Lake County right-of-way, the Licensee shall provide to Lake County information necessary to demonstrate compliance with applicable non-procedural provisions of Section 18-3, Lake County Code, as a post-certification submittal pursuant to Rule 62-17.760, F.A.C. This information must also be submitted to Florida Department of Environmental Protection Siting Coordination Office (SCO). Post-certification submittal information may be submitted for discrete portions of the certified facilities for a determination of compliance with these Conditions.

[Section 18-3, Lake County Code]

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2. Licensee shall minimize pole height in the design of the transmission line and will utilize monopole engineered steel and concrete structures where technically, environmentally, and economically feasible.

[Voluntary condition based on stipulation between Licensee and Lake County]

3. If the new transmission structures are placed within existing road rights-of way within Lake County's jurisdiction, Licensee shall coordinate with the FDOT and Lake County to share these existing rights-of-way for planned roadway expansions. Licensee will coordinate with Lake County on the placement of transmission structures close to the edge of the right-of-way boundary where practicable, and to accommodate future roadway widening at DEF's expense where required by law.

[Voluntary condition based on stipulation between Licensee and Lake County]

4. Licensee shall coordinate with Lake County to co-locate compatible trails adjacent to or within the transmission line easement.

[Voluntary condition based on stipulation between Licensee and Lake County]

5. Licensee must host at least one public informational session in Lake County regarding the final route location at least 60 days prior to commencing clearing or construction activities. Information about the format and location of these sessions must be provided to Lake County in advance.

[Voluntary condition based on stipulation between Licensee and Lake County]

6. Licensee shall comply with all applicable non-procedural provisions of Section 15-16, Lake County Code with regard to notification to the County and traffic management standards for any proposed road closures.

[Section 15-16, Lake County Code]

7. Licensee shall coordinate with Lake County’s Public Works Department to address potential impacts from deliveries or construction traffic.

[Voluntary condition based on stipulation between Licensee and Lake County]

8. Licensee shall work to minimize ingress and egress points along Lake County roadways. Soil tracking prevention measures must be installed at ingress and egress points. Licensee must restore sod, drainage features, and existing contours, and/or otherwise repair all damage caused by construction of the proposed transmission line.

[Voluntary condition based on stipulation between Licensee and Lake County]

9. Licensee shall coordinate with Lake County Emergency Management to ensure the ability to reopen closed roads as well as communicate if Licensee has any limitations that require more time to reopen lanes.

[Voluntary condition based on stipulation between Licensee and Lake County]

10. All solid waste generated from transmission line right-of-way preparation and construction must be collected and removed for disposal in compliance with all applicable non-procedural portions of Section 23-4, Lake County Code.

[Section 23-4, Lake County Code]

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact me at **352-253-6009**.

Best Regards,

/s/ Jeff Earhart

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