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Hi Nate –

I have a few additional comments from the St. Johns River Water Management District (District) to add to Sheila's sent Friday.

It appears that the proposed transmission line may extend into a portion of a recorded Perpetual Conservation Easement (CE; recorded with Lake County Clerk of Courts; Book 1679, Page 1164-1178) that is dedicated to the District. If any work or structures are proposed within this CE, it will require an amendment or partial release of the CE prior to any activity within the CE.

If any of the permitting thresholds in 62-330.020(2) are tripped, then the project must meet the rules under Chapter 370, F.S.; 62-330, F.A.C.; and Applicant's Handbook Vol I and II. Any Environmental Resource Permits needed for this project will be permitted through DEP per the 2007 Operating Agreement between DEP and the District.

Thank you, Nicole

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Nate:

I've been asked to forward the following in reference to the Transmission Line Siting Application referenced above.

The St. Johns River Water Management District (District) requests the applicant be mindful of the District's rule for Right of Way Easements found in Rule 40C-9.380, Fla. Admin. Code., and avoid, as much as possible, wetland communities, other functioning habitats and environmentally sensitive lands when establishing the transmission line right of way. It is my understanding no other office, bureau or division within the District has comments to submit at this time. As the application continues through the process, the District reserves the right to provide additional comments.

Please let me or Julia (cc'd above) know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Sheila

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Good day all,

Here is a reminder to finish reviewing the transmission line application for completeness as completeness recommendations are due to the Department on **Monday, September 22, 2025.**

If your agency is ready to recommend that the application complete, then please also include a preliminary statement of issues pursuant to Section 403.526, Florida Statutes.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have on this or next steps.

Thanks,

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*******Action Required by Monday, September 22, 2025******

Good day all,

Today, the Department of Environmental Protection's Siting Coordination Office (SCO) is in receipt of a Transmission Line Site Certification Application (TA25-20) from Duke Energy Florida (DEF) to certify a corridor for the proposed DeLand West - Dona Vista 230 kV

Transmission Line. The application will be processed under the Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act, §§ 403.52-539, Florida Statutes (F.S.). The SCO will coordinate the review and incorporation of your agencies' regulatory requirements (excluding federal permits) during the application process. The project consists of an approximately 26 mile long corridor from the existing DEF DeLand West substation in Volusia County to the existing DEF Dona Vista substation in Lake County.

The application is available at the link below:
https://publicfiles.dep.state.fl.us/Siting/Outgoing/DEF_DeLandWest-DonaVista_TA25-20/Application/.
The application, as well as other relevant project information will also be available on the SCO website under "Transmission Lines" at: https://floridadep.gov/air/siting-coordination-office/content/applications-process

The SCO will be sending emails containing detailed information with each approaching deadline to walk your agency through the process. There will also be a complete schedule posted on the application website (above) within the next week.

Currently, with this email the SCO is asking for the following:

- Contact information for the individual(s) from your agency with whom we will work with as the project moves forward. If you are the proper contact, please reply with an email letting us know. Please let us know if anyone else in your agency should be added to this distribution list.
- Your acknowledgement that we will require your assessment of the application completeness (including a list of questions, if any). The deadline for submitting your agency completeness recommendation is **Monday, September 22, 2025**.
    - The review for completeness is to determine whether there is enough information included in the application for your agency to make an adequate review of the matters within your agency's jurisdiction.
    - If your agency determines the application complete, please note that your completeness recommendation must also include your Preliminary Statements of Issues (refer to § 403.526(1), F.S.).
    - Please send your agency's completeness recommendation through email.
    - All review comments and requests for additional information from all agencies (and the DEP district office) will be forwarded collectively to the applicant through the Department's filing (as to the completeness of the application) with the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), the applicant, and all parties.

For Lake and Volusia Counties – Please note that transmission lines are exempt from land use and zoning determinations as they are not considered development (§ 380.04(3), F.S.).

The relevant statute language regarding determination of completeness and preliminary statements of issues is pasted below. I and Marbelis Lugo (contact information below) will be Case Managers for this project so please contact us should you have any questions. Please copy both me and Marbelis on all correspondence regarding this application.

Thank you,

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403.5252 Determination of completeness.—
(1)(a) Within 30 days after the filing of an application, the affected agencies shall file a statement with the department containing the recommendations of each agency concerning the completeness of the application for certification.
(b) Within 37 days after the filing of the application, the department shall file a statement with the Division of Administrative Hearings, with the applicant, and with all parties declaring its position with regard to the completeness of the application. The statement of the department shall be based upon its consultation with the affected agencies.
(2) If the department declares the application to be incomplete, the applicant, within 14 days after the filing of the statement by the department, shall file with the Division of Administrative Hearings, with all parties, and with the department:
(a) A withdrawal of the application;
(b) Additional information necessary to make the application complete. After the department first determines the application to be incomplete, the time schedules under this act are not tolled if the applicant makes the application complete within the 14-day period. A subsequent finding by the department that the application remains incomplete tolls the time schedules under this act until the application is determined complete;
(c) A statement contesting the department's determination of incompleteness; or
(d) A statement agreeing with the department and requesting additional time to provide the information necessary to make the application complete. If the applicant exercises this option, the time schedules under this act are tolled until the application is determined complete.
(3)(a) If the applicant contests the determination by the department that an application is incomplete, the administrative law judge shall schedule a hearing on the statement of completeness. The hearing shall be held as expeditiously as possible, but not later than 21 days after the filing of the statement by the department. The administrative law judge shall render a decision within 7 days after the hearing.
(b) Parties to a hearing on the issue of completeness shall include the applicant, the department, and any agency that has jurisdiction over the matter in dispute. Any substantially affected person who wishes to become a party to the hearing on the issue of completeness must file a motion no later than 10 days before the date of the hearing.
(c) If the administrative law judge determines that the application was not complete, the

applicant shall withdraw the application or make such additional submittals as necessary to complete it. The time schedules referencing a complete application under this act do not commence until the application is determined complete.
(d) If the administrative law judge determines that the application was complete at the time it was declared incomplete, the time schedules referencing a complete application under this act shall commence upon such determination.
(4) If the applicant provides additional information to address the issues identified in the determination of incompleteness, each affected agency may submit to the department, no later than 14 days after the applicant files the additional information, a recommendation on whether the agency believes the application is complete. Within 21 days after receipt of the additional information from the applicant submitted under paragraph (2)(b), paragraph (2)(d), or paragraph (3)(c) and considering the recommendations of the affected agencies, the department shall determine whether the additional information supplied by an applicant makes the application complete. If the department finds that the application is still incomplete, the applicant may exercise any of the options specified in subsection (2) as often as is necessary to resolve the dispute.

403.526 Preliminary statements of issues, reports, and project analyses; studies.—
(1) Each affected agency that is required to file a report in accordance with this section shall submit a preliminary statement of issues to the department and all parties no later than the submittal of each agency's recommendation that the application is complete. The failure to raise an issue in this preliminary statement of issues does not preclude the issue from being raised in the agency's report.

We value your opinion. Please take a few minutes to share your comments on the service you received from the District by clicking this link

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