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Re: DEF DeLand West – Dona Vista 230 kV Transmission Line Project Completeness Responses
DOAH Case No.: 25-4655, OGC Case No.: 25-1510

Dear Mr. Senn,

Pursuant to Section 403.5252(2)(b), Florida Statutes, Duke Energy Florida (DEF) hereby submits information responsive to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) First Determination of Incompleteness issued September 29, 2025.

Copies of these responses are being distributed to the other reviewing agencies as indicated on the attached list. Additional copies are available upon request.

We look forward to continuing to work with you, the Department and other agencies participating in the site certification process. Should you, your staff, or any other agency representatives have any questions regarding this submittal please do not hesitate to contact me at (615) 967-6759 (or at jason.rust@duke-energy.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Rust". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jason" and last name "Rust" clearly distinguishable.

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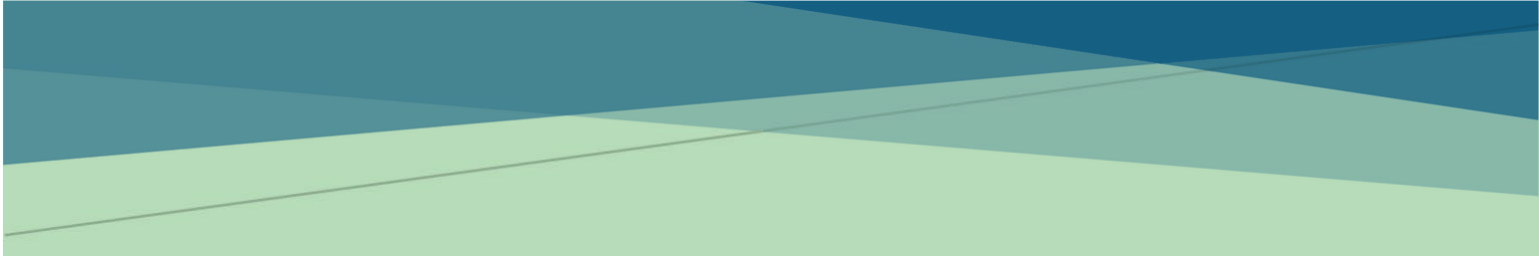
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DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, INC

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I. Florida Department of Environmental Protection Comments

Siting Coordination Office Comments

1. *Rule 62-4.050, Florida Administrative Code, requires that “...All applications for a Department permit shall be certified by a professional engineer registered in the State of Florida...” The Department requests professional certification of the Application filed by DEF.*

RESPONSE:

Please see Attachment 1 for the requested certification.

2. *Do the EMF data provided in Table 8 of the Application include the existing circuit as well as the proposed transmission line?*

RESPONSE:

Yes, the EMF calculations in Table 8 include the existing circuit as well as the proposed transmission line.

Central District Office Comments

The following Response applies to all comments (1-6 and subparts) from the FDEP Central District Office:

DEF is seeking certification of the proposed DeLand West – Dona Vista (DWDV) Project under the Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act (TLSA), section 403.52, *et seq.*, Florida Statutes. The TLSA process includes certification of a “corridor” within which the transmission line right-of-way will be located. § 403.522(10), Fla. Stat. The final location of the route and right-of-way within the corridor will be determined post-certification, following detailed design of the DWDV transmission line.

Once the design for the DWDV transmission line is finalized, detailed design information typically provided in an environmental resource permit (ERP) application will be submitted to reviewing agencies for post-certification monitoring and compliance with the conditions of certification, as authorized by Rule 62-17.191, F.A.C. Consistent with the ERP application requirements, the detailed design information will include the quantification of canopy clearing within forested wetlands, dredge and fill impacts associated with installation of transmission line facilities, new structure pads, and access roads, management of surface waters during construction, evaluation of

floodplain compensation, application for use of sovereign submerged lands for the crossing of the St. Johns River, and a mitigation proposal to compensate for the loss of wetland functions in accordance with the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) and Chapter 62-345, F.A.C.. The existing wetland condition and functional loss associated with unavoidable wetland fill and canopy clearing will be quantified in accordance with the UMAM based on consultation with the FDEP Central District. It is anticipated that unavoidable wetland impacts will be compensated through purchase of credits from one or more agency-approved mitigation banks. The DWDV transmission line is within the service area of four agency-approved wetland mitigation banks: the Barberville, Blackwater Creek, Wekiva River, and Emeralda mitigation banks.

Although DEF will not be obtaining a separate ERP, DEF is willing to accept a condition of certification that requires submittal of all information necessary for a complete Application for Individual and Conceptual Approval Environmental Resource Permit and authorization to Use State-Owned Lands (ERP), DEP Form 62-330.060(1), F.A.C. to the FDEP Central District and the FDEP Siting Coordination Office (SCO). More specifically, DEF would be willing to accept the following general condition of certification:

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

A. General

1. Submittals for Construction Activities

a. Prior to the commencement of construction of new facilities and/or new associated facilities the Licensee shall provide to the applicable district office for review all information necessary for a complete Application for Individual and Conceptual Approval Environmental Resource Permit and authorization to Use State-Owned Lands (ERP), DEP Form 62-330.060(1), F.A.C., or other applicable ERP authorization form(s). A copy of the submittal shall also be provided to the SCO.

This form may: a) be submitted concurrently with a TLSA application; b) be submitted as part of an amendment request or a petition for modification; or c) be submitted as a post-certification submittal following approval of a project through certification, modification or amendment. Such ERP submittals, once received, shall be reviewed in accordance with the non-procedural standards and criteria for issuance of an ERP, including all the provisions related to reduction and elimination of impacts, conditions for issuance, additional conditions for issuance, and mitigation contained in Chapter 62-330, F.A.C., as applicable unless otherwise stated in these Conditions. While the information is provided for review via submittal of the Environmental Resources Permit form, pursuant to Section 403.531, F.S., issuance of a separate Environmental Resources Permit is not required for certified facilities, and therefore, a separate ERP will not be issued. Those forms submitted as part of a TLSA Application, an amendment, or modification, shall be processed concurrently with

the respective Application, amendment, or modification in compliance with the applicable TLSA procedures.

Those forms submitted as a post-certification submittal (after certification, modification, or amendment and prior to construction) shall be processed in accordance with Section A. General Conditions, Condition XXI. Procedures for Post-Certification Submittals. Post-certification submittal information may be submitted for discrete portions of the certified facilities for a determination of compliance with these Conditions.

No construction shall commence on a Project feature, or in a particular segment for a linear facility, until the Department has determined that there is a demonstration of compliance with these Conditions. For post-certification submittal reviews, the Department's determination is governed by Section A. General Conditions, Condition XXI. Procedures for Post-Certification Submittals.

b. Concurrent with submittal of the DEP form required in Subparagraph A.1.a. above, the Licensee shall submit, as applicable, a survey of wetland and surface water areas as delineated in accordance with Chapter 62-340, F.A.C., and verified by appropriate agency staff for Department compliance review. Available DEP-approved wetland and surface water delineations within the boundaries of a certified corridor or a portion thereof may be used and reproduced for this delineation submittal and verification. Formal DEP-approved wetland and surface water delineations are valid only for a period of five years

[Section 373.416, F.S.; Chapters 62-330 and 62-340, F.A.C.]

2. Construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed project (including any access roads and structures constructed within wetlands and other surface waters, and/or associated facilities) shall satisfy any applicable non-procedural requirements in the Department rules.

[Section 373.414(1)(a), F.S.]

3. Any delineation of the extent of a wetland or other surface water submitted as part of the DEP ERP Application Form required by Subparagraph A.1.a. above, including plans or other supporting documentation, shall not be considered binding on the Department unless a specific condition of this Certification or a formal wetlands jurisdictional determination under Section 373.421(2), F.S., provides otherwise.

[Sections 373.421 and 403.523, F.S.]

B. Surface Water Management Systems

1. Information regarding surface water management systems (SWMS) will be reviewed for consistency with the applicable non-procedural requirements of Part IV

of Chapter 373, F.S., following submittal of Form 62-330.060(1) F.A.C., to the applicable district office.

2. All construction, operation, and maintenance of the SWMS(s) for the certified facilities shall be as set forth in the plans, specifications and performance criteria contained in the SCA and other materials presented during the certification proceeding, post-certification submittals, and as otherwise approved. If specific requirements are necessary for construction, operation and/or maintenance of an approved SWMS, those requirements shall be incorporated into a SWMS Operation and Maintenance Requirements for that system and included in Attachment C (Surface Water Management System Plans). Any alteration or modification to the SWMS Plan or the SWMS as certified requires prior approval from the Department.

3. To allow for stabilization of all disturbed areas, immediately prior to construction, during construction of the SWMS, and for the period of time after construction of the SWMS, the Licensee shall implement and maintain erosion and sediment control best management practices, such as silt fences, erosion control blankets, mulch, sediment traps, polyacrylamide (PAM), temporary grass seed, permanent sod, and floating turbidity screens to retain sediment on-site and to prevent violations of state water quality standards. These devices shall be installed, used, and maintained at all locations where the possibility exists of transferring suspended solids into the receiving waterbody due to the licensed work, and shall remain in place at all locations until construction in that location is completed and soils are permanently stabilized. All best management practices shall be in accordance with the guidelines and specifications described in the State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual (Florida Department of Transportation and Florida Department of Environmental Protection, by HydroDynamics Incorporated in cooperation with Stormwater Management Academy, June 2007), as updated, unless a project-specific erosion and sediment control plan is approved as part of this License. If project-specific Conditions require additional measures during any phase of construction or operation to prevent erosion or control sediments beyond those specified in the approved erosion and sediment control plan, the Licensee shall implement additional best management practices as necessary, in accordance with the guidelines and specifications in the State of Florida Erosion and Sediment Control Designer and Reviewer Manual. The Licensee shall correct any erosion or shoaling that causes adverse impacts to the water resources as soon as feasible. Once project construction is complete in an area, including the re-stabilization of all side slopes, embankments and other disturbed areas, and before conversion to the operation and maintenance phase, all silt screens and fences, temporary baffles, and other materials that are no longer required for erosion and sediment control shall be removed.

4. The Licensee shall complete construction of all aspects of the SWMS described in the ERP Application Form, submitted as part of a post-certification submittal, amendment, modification, or Application, including water quality treatment features and discharge control facilities, prior to use of the portion of the certified facility being served by the SWMS.

5. At least 48 hours prior to beginning the authorized activities, the Licensee shall submit to the applicable district office, a fully executed Form 62-330.350(1), “Construction Commencement Notice,” (October 1, 2013), <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-02505>, indicating the expected start and completion dates. A copy of this form may be obtained from the Department, as described in subsection 62-330.010(5), F.A.C., and shall be submitted electronically. However, for activities involving more than one acre of construction that also require a NPDES stormwater construction general permit, submittal of the Notice of Intent to Use Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharge from Large and Small Construction Activities, DEP Form 62-621.300(4)(b), shall also serve as notice of commencement of construction and, in such a case, submittal of Form 62-330.350(1) is not required.

6. Each phase or independent portion of the approved system must be completed in accordance with the submitted DEP Form prior to the operation of the portion of the certified facility being served by that portion or phase of the system.

7. Within 30 days, or such other date as agreed to by DEP and the Licensee, after completion of construction of any new portions of the SWMS, the Licensee shall submit to the applicable district office, and copy the SCO, a written statement of completion and certification by a registered professional engineer (P.E.), or other appropriate registered professional, as authorized by law, utilizing the required “As-Built Certification and Request for Conversion to Operation Phase” (DEP Form 62-330.310(1), F.A.C.). Additionally, if deviations from the approved drawings are discovered, the As-Built Certification must be accompanied by a copy of the approved drawings with deviations noted.

8. Any substantial deviation from the approved drawings, exhibits, specifications or Conditions, may constitute grounds for revocation or enforcement action by the Department.

9. The operation phase of any new SWMS approved by the Department shall not become effective until the Licensee has complied with the requirements of the conditions herein, the Department determines the system to be in compliance with the approved plans, and the entity approved by the Department accepts responsibility for operation and maintenance of the system.

10. The applicable district office must be notified in advance of any proposed construction dewatering. If the dewatering activity is likely to result in offsite discharge or sediment transport into wetlands or surface waters, a written dewatering plan must be submitted to and approved by the Department prior to the dewatering event. Additional authorizations may be required for certain dewatering activities.

[Section 373.414, F.S.; Chapters 62-25, 62-302, 62-330, and Rule 62-4.242, F.A.C.]

C. Wetland and Other Surface Water Impacts

1. All certified facilities shall be constructed in a manner which will eliminate or reduce adverse impacts to on-site and/or adjacent wetlands or other surface waters to the extent practicable or otherwise comply with the Department's substantive criteria for elimination or reduction of such impacts. When impacts to wetlands will occur as a result of a future amendment, modification, or certification, and cannot be practicably eliminated or reduced, the Licensee may propose, and the Department or Board shall consider, mitigation to offset otherwise such impacts under the ERP review process pursuant to subparagraph A.1.a. above.

2. Proposed mitigation requirements submitted with the DEP ERP Application forms required in Condition A.1.a. above, or submitted as part of an amendment, modification, or certification, and that are deemed acceptable by DEP, shall include applicable construction conditions, success criteria monitoring plans, and remedial actions (if applicable), and shall be incorporated into these Conditions as Attachment D (Mitigation Requirements/Plans).

[Sections 373.413, 373.414, 373.4145, and 403.531, F.S.; Chapters 62-330, 62-340, 62-342, and 62-345, F.A.C.]

1. *Provide satisfactory evidence of sufficient upland interest for all parcels, in the form of a warranty deed, certificate of title issued by a clerk of the court, legal opinion of title, lease or easement, or other documents that clearly demonstrate the Applicant has control and interest necessary to conduct the proposed activity across all parcels prior to any clearing or construction.*

RESPONSE:

DEF will not know the precise route of the transmission line until post-certification. Approximately 95% of the preferred corridor is located within or adjacent to DEF's existing right-of-way. While The DWDV corridor largely follows existing transmission line right-of-way, it is wider than the existing DEF right-of-way in most areas to allow for flexibility in the routing

of the transmission line during detailed design. The final width of any necessary additional acquired right-of-way will be dependent upon adjacent land uses, structures, and span lengths. Once the necessary additional property interests for the project have been acquired, the corridor boundaries will narrow to the final existing and acquired right-of-way. The post-certification ERP submittal will include documentation of DEF's real property interest over the land upon which the activities will be conducted in accordance with Section 4.2.3(d) of Applicant's Handbook (A.H.) Volume I.

2. *The Department requires a conceptual layout of the Project and associated wetland and other surface water impacts that show direct, secondary, permanent and temporary impacts to the biological communities each identified according to Florida Land Use Cover and Forms Classification System (FLUCCS) codes. Areas of potential wetland, and other surface water dredging and filling, should be indicated by hatching and/or crosshatching. Please also include:*
 - a) *Location and configuration with complete dimensions of all dredge and/or fill activities,*
 - b) *Side slope stabilization methods and slope dimensions for all proposed fill/dredge areas;*
 - c) *Existing and proposed elevations within the areas to be filled/dredged;*
 - d) *Erosion control type and locations, and*
 - e) *Total number of acres for any wetland impacts [Ch. 62-330.060, F.A.C.]*

RESPONSE:

DEF will not know the precise route of the transmission line and any associated wetland and other surface water impacts until post-certification. Once the final route of the transmission line is determined, all information necessary for a complete ERP (DEP Form 62-330.060(1), F.A.C.), including a delineation and quantification of wetland and other surface water impacts; identification of direct, secondary, permanent and temporary impacts to biological communities according to FLUCCS codes, and the information requested in subparts a-e, above, will be provided post-certification.

3. *Please demonstrate that the proposed project meets the requirements of Section 10.2.1 of the Applicant's Handbook Volume I (Vol. I) with regard to the elimination or reduction of wetland and other surface water impacts. Any unavoidable wetland impacts will require submittal of a detailed mitigation proposal that provides adequate compensation for wetland and other surface water impacts in accordance with the requirements of Section 10.3, Vol. I. In addition, please include an estimation of credits for functional loss to determine the extent of potential wetland and other surface water impacts associated with the proposed activity. [Ch. 62-330.060, F.A.C.]*

RESPONSE:

DEF will not know the precise route of the transmission line and any associated wetland and other surface water impacts until post-certification. All information necessary for a complete ERP (DEP Form 62-330.060(1), F.A.C.), will be provided post-certification. The existing wetland condition and functional loss associated with unavoidable wetland fill and canopy clearing will be quantified in accordance with the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method (UMAM) (Rule 62-345, F.A.C.) based on consultation with the FDEP Central District. A mitigation proposal to compensate for the loss of wetland functions will also be provided post-certification in accordance with Section 10.3 of A.H. Vol. I.

4. *The Department requires reasonable assurance of compliance with Rule 62-330.301, (1)(e) F.A.C. The proposed construction activities shall not adversely affect the quality of receiving water. Please demonstrate in detail how the proposed project will not result in unacceptable secondary or cumulative impacts to wetlands and other surface waters. [ERP AH, Sections 10.2.7 and 10.2.8]*

RESPONSE:

DEF will not know the precise route of the transmission line and any associated wetland and other surface water impacts until post-certification. All information necessary for a complete ERP (DEP Form 62-330.060(1), F.A.C.), including a demonstration of reasonable assurance of compliance with Rule 62-330.301(1)(e), F.A.C., and A.H. Vol. I, Sections 10.2.7 and 10.2.8 related to secondary and cumulative impacts, will be provided post-certification.

5. *This project may be on sovereign submerged state lands (Wekiva River) and an easement may be required. A title determination is currently being run to confirm if the proposed activity is on or over Sovereign Submerged Lands and if an easement will be required. If so, the following information and documentation will be required [Ch. 18-21.005 (e) F.A.C]:*
- a. *Easement processing fee as specified in either (for public easements) paragraph 18-21.009(1)(g), or (for private easements) paragraph 18-21.010(1)(i), F.A.C.*
 - b. *A survey/sketch was received with the submittal. Additional information may be needed, once it is reviewed by the Division of State Lands.*
 - c. *Indicate the desired easement term (5-year, 10-year, 25-year, 50-year or other).*

RESPONSE:

To DEF's knowledge, the proposed corridor does not include any portion of sovereign submerged state lands associated with the Wekiva River. DEF does, however, anticipate the potential use of sovereign submerged lands associated with the crossing of the St. John's

River. All information necessary for a complete ERP (DEP Form 62-330.060(1), F.A.C.), including the information related to and required for authorization for use of State-owned lands, will be provided post-certification.

6. *Prior to construction Form 62-330.060(1), Section E will be required along with all required supporting documentation including:*
 - a. *Provide drainage calculations demonstrating that the water quality analysis is in compliance with the criteria described in Part 1:2. of 62-330.060(1), Section E.*
 - i. *Provide the results of any percolation tests and soil borings that are representative of the actual site conditions. Identify the wet season high water table elevations, soil profiles, and hydraulic conductivity. Include dates, datum, and methods used to determine these soil parameters in accordance with Part 1:1.b of 62-330.060(1), Section E.*
 - ii. *The proposed activities are located within an area that has an adopted Basin Management Action Plan for nitrate, total phosphorus and dissolved oxygen. Provide drainage calculations and/or construction plans demonstrating that the proposed activities will not contribute to violations of state water quality standards in accordance with Part 1:2.b. of 62-330.060(1), Section E.*
 - iii. *The proposed activities appear to have a direct discharge to an Outstanding Florida Water (OFW). Provide drainage calculations and construction plans demonstrating that the proposed activities are in compliance with the additional treatment volume requirements in accordance with Part 1:2.c. of 62-330.060(1), Section E.*
 - b. *Provide drainage calculations demonstrating that the water quantity analysis is in compliance with the criteria described in Part 1:3. of 62-330.060(1) Section E.*
 - c. *Provide drainage calculations demonstrating that the floodplain analysis is in compliance with Part 1:4. of 62-330.060(1) Section E.*
 - d. *Provide construction plans that the water quality and quantity analysis are in compliance with the criteria described in Part 1:2 and 1:3 of 62-330.060(1) Section E.*
 - i. *Provide plans that include the groundwater and seasonal high groundwater elevations depicted in the cross sections for all the existing and proposed stormwater management areas, in accordance with Part 2:1.e of 62-330.060(1), Section E.*
 - e. *Provide the Stormwater Management System Operation and Maintenance Plan that is signed and sealed by the registered professional in accordance with Part 4 of 62-330.060(1), Section E and 12.4.1 of the AH Vol. I; including the following executed forms, as applicable:*

- i. Financial Capability Certification, form 62-330.310(26).*
- ii. Transfer to Operation and Maintenance Entity, form 62-330.310(2)*
- iii. Operation and Maintenance Inspection Certification, form 62-330.311(1)*
- iv. Inspection Checklist, form 62-330.311(3)*
- f. Provide a survey that is signed and sealed by the appropriate registered professional in accordance with Part 4:f 62-330.060(1) Section E and 2.3 of AH Vol. II.*
- g. The proposed activities are located within the Ocklawaha River Hydrologic Basin (ORHB), in accordance with Section 13.0 of the Applicant's Handbook Volume II (AH Vol. II). In accordance with 62-330.301 (1)(k) and Section 13.0 of the AH Vol. II, F.A.C., any proposed activity must be in compliance with the ORHB requirements. Provide drainage calculations and/or construction plans that qualitatively and/or quantitatively demonstrate how the proposed activities are in compliance with 62-330.301 (1)(k), F.A.C., the ORHB requirements of Section 13.0 of the AH Vol. II and Part 6 of 62-330.060(1) Section E.*
- h. The proposed activities are located within the Wekiva River Hydrologic Basin (WRHB), in accordance with Section 13.0 of the AH Vol. II. In accordance with 62-330.301 (1)(k) and Section 13.0 of the AH Vol. II, F.A.C., any proposed activity must be in compliance with the WRHB requirements. Provide drainage calculations and/or construction plans that qualitatively and/or quantitatively demonstrate how the proposed activities are in compliance with 62-330.301 (1)(k), F.A.C., the WRHB requirements of Section 13.0 of the AH Vol. II and Part 6 of 62-330.060(1) Section E.*

RESPONSE:

DEF will not know the precise route of the transmission line until post-certification. Once the final route of the transmission line is determined, all information necessary for a complete ERP (DEP Form 62-330.060(1), F.A.C.), including Section E and the A.H. Vol. I and Vol II, will be provided post-certification.

II. Lake County Comments

1. *Duke shall comply with Lake County Code of Ordinances Sec. 18-3 –Right-of-Way Utilization Permit.*

RESPONSE:

Pursuant to Section 403.531(1), Florida Statutes, certification under the TLSA “shall constitute the sole license of the state and any agency as to the approval of the location of transmission line corridors and the construction, operation, and maintenance of transmission lines.” “Agency” includes, among others, “a county, municipality, or other regional or local governmental entity.” §§ 403.522(2), Fla. Stat. Therefore, DEF is not allowed or required to obtain a separate Right-of-Way Utilization Permit.

DEF will, however, comply with all applicable non-procedural Lake County requirements, including any applicable substantive requirements in Section 18-3, Lake County Code of Ordinances. Local government regulations governing land development are not applicable to electric transmission lines under State law. §§ 163.3164(14), 380.04(3)(b), 380.04(3)(h), Fla. Stat.

The TLSA process includes certification of a “corridor” within which the transmission line right-of-way will be located. § 403.522(10), Fla. Stat. The final location of the route and right-of-way within the corridor will be determined post-certification, following detailed design of the DWDV transmission line. Therefore, information required by Section 18-3 will not be available until post-certification. As suggested in FDEP’s September 29, 2025, Determination of Completeness, DEF is willing to accept the following condition of certification:

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 of Ordinances for review as a post-certification submittal pursuant to Rule 62-17.760, F.A.C., and these Conditions. A copy of the submittal shall also be provided to FDEP 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.

2. *Duke shall comply with Resolution 1992-99 and Resolution 1994-118, specifically Appendix A: Transportation Planning, Design, and Construction Standards.*

RESPONSE:

DEF will comply with all applicable non-procedural Lake County requirements, including any applicable substantive requirements in Appendix A: Transportation Planning, Design, and Construction Standards (Appendix A) adopted by Resolutions 1992-99 and 1994-118. Local government regulations governing land development are not applicable to electric transmission lines. §§ 163.3164(14), 380.04(3)(b), 380.04(3)(h), Fla. Stat.

The final location of the route and right-of-way within the corridor will be determined post-certification, following detailed design of the DWDV transmission line. Therefore, information necessary to determine compliance with any applicable non-procedural requirements of Appendix A will not be available until post-certification. Section 18-3, Lake County Code refers to Appendix A. As such, DEF suggests that compliance with any applicable provisions of Appendix A is addressed by the condition proposed in Response to Lake County Completeness Comment No. 1 above.

3. *Duke shall comply with the FDOT Utility Accommodation Manual, available online at this [FDOT Utilities link](#).*

RESPONSE:

The final location of the route and right-of-way within the corridor will be determined post-certification, following detailed design of the DWDV transmission line. Therefore, all information necessary to determine compliance with applicable non-procedural requirements of the FDOT Utility Accommodation Manual (UAM) will not be available until post-certification. FDOT has proposed Conditions of Certification requiring adherence to the UAM. Because the FDOT UAM is within the jurisdiction of FDOT, DEF will work with FDOT to ensure compliance with applicable provisions.

4. *All work must adhere to County design and construction standards, including the protection of existing traffic controls, installation procedures for overhead and underground power lines, and permanent restoration of both pavement and areas beyond the edge of pavement. Please ensure all poles are monopoles, and also minimize pole height wherever possible, and provide a map that shows the specific height of each pole.*

RESPONSE:

The final location of the route and right-of-way within the corridor will be determined post-certification, following detailed design of the DWDV transmission line. Structure locations and heights will be determined during the detailed design phase of the transmission line. DEF will minimize pole height in the design of the transmission line and will utilize monopole engineered steel and concrete structures where practicable. As instructed by FDEP in its Determination of Completeness specifying that DEF “should identify the items/questions

where no specific requirement appears to be applicable,” (see also section 403.526(2)(b)(3), Florida Statutes), DEF is not aware of an applicable requirement requiring the use of monopoles or minimization of pole height.

5. *The preferred route for the proposed transmission line involves the sharing of existing rights-of-way. Please note that some existing roadways along the route are expected to be widened in the future. Rights-of-way may need to be expanded accordingly.*

RESPONSE:

The final location of the route and right-of-way within the corridor will be determined post-certification, following detailed design of the DWDV transmission line. DEF does not have a “preferred route” at this time. If the new transmission structures for the DWDV transmission line are placed within existing road rights-of-way, DEF will coordinate with the FDOT and Lake County on sharing the existing rights-of-way for planned expansion of roadways.

6. *The County maintains a regional trail system. Please confirm that Lake County trails can be co-located adjacent to or underneath the proposed transmission lines, within both County rights-of-way and Duke-owned property or easements. Additional details regarding the County’s Trail Master Plan are available at this [Trails Test App](#) link. Specific areas of concern include SR 19 and CR 450.*

RESPONSE:

The final location of the route and right-of-way within the corridor will be determined post-certification, following detailed design of the DWDV transmission line. Once the final route of the transmission line is determined, DEF will coordinate with Lake County on co-location of trails adjacent to or underneath the new transmission line.

7. *Duke shall conduct a minimum of two public meetings during the permit application, design, and construction phases of the project. Duke is expected to address concerns raised by residents, organizations, and community groups affected by the transmission line.*

RESPONSE:

DEF is committed to ensuring an open and transparent process throughout the design, licensing, and construction of the DWDV Project. To that end, DEF developed a public engagement program with the primary goals of providing accurate, clear, and timely information to the public.

DEF voluntarily sent direct mail letters inviting approximately 1,000 property owners in proximity to the DWDV corridor to an open house meeting held on May 29, 2025, where approximately 200 people attended. All property owners who received the announcement, others who attended the open house, visitors to the website, and interested members of the public were given the opportunity to complete questionnaires and provide comments on the DWDV Project through interactive maps, email, telephone, and hardcopy forms. Thus, DEF has already held one large public meeting and responded to concerns raised by attendees.

In addition, if a certification hearing is necessary because disputed issues of fact or law remain, the hearing is scheduled to be held in Umatilla, Florida, January 12-16, 2026, and will be open to the public. A public hearing where members of the public who are not parties to the certification hearing may provide testimony in conjunction with the certification hearing is currently scheduled for January 12 from 5-7 pm.

Beyond the open house and public hearing, DEF published the attached newspaper notices (Attachment 2) of the filing of the application in the Daily Commercial, Volusia Review, and Hometown News. DEF will publish notice of the certification hearing in the same three newspapers.

On October 3, 2025, DEF sent the attached letter (Attachment 3) to approximately 2,900 property owners and occupants in proximity to the proposed corridor, informing them of the filing of the TLSA application, providing information regarding the Project and process, and providing contact information and resources for obtaining additional information.

DEF is not aware of a non-procedural requirement to conduct additional public meetings beyond those specified in the TLSA, despite having voluntarily held the open house. DEF will, however, continue to work to ensure that members of the public are informed regarding the DWDV transmission line and will continue to respond to any concerns raised throughout the permitting, design, and construction processes, including through the maintenance of a phone number and email address for any questions. DEF's priority is to work closely with communities and property owners respectfully and transparently throughout the process.

In addition, DEF is willing to accept the following voluntary condition of certification:

The Licensee shall host at least one informational public session in Lake County regarding the final route location of the transmission line at least 60 days prior to commencing clearing or construction activities. The Licensee shall provide information to Lake County regarding the format(s) and location(s) of the informational public session(s) prior to the scheduled date of the session(s).

8. *Duke shall coordinate with the Public Works Department regarding any road closures (per Code of Ordinances Sec. 15-16) and must obtain appropriate Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) permits. A schedule of construction activities must be provided to County construction inspectors and updated weekly.*

RESPONSE:

DEF is not allowed or required to obtain separate MOT permits pursuant to section 403.531(1), Florida Statutes. DEF will, however, comply with all applicable non-procedural Lake County requirements, including any applicable substantive requirements in Section 15-16, Lake County Code of Ordinances.

The final location of the route and right-of-way within the corridor will be determined post-certification, following detailed design of the DWDV transmission line. Therefore, information required by Section 15-16 will not be available until post-certification. As suggested in FDEP's September 29, 2025, Determination of Completeness, DEF is willing to accept the following condition of certification:

The Licensee shall comply with all applicable non-procedural provisions of Section 15-16, Lake County Code of Ordinances.

As instructed by FDEP in its Determination of Completeness specifying that DEF "should identify the items/questions where no specific requirement appears to be applicable," (see also section 403.526(2)(b)(3), Florida Statutes), DEF is not aware of an applicable Lake County requirement to provide a weekly construction schedule. That said, DEF will coordinate with Public Works to address potential impacts by deliveries or construction traffic, as these activities are included in DEF's standard practice. This will include coordination with Public Works on any road closures and a schedule of applicable construction activities.

9. *A Truck Route Plan must be submitted and approved prior to the start of construction. All construction-related truck traffic must adhere to this plan.*

RESPONSE:

DEF will coordinate with Public Works to address potential impacts by deliveries or construction traffic, as these activities are included in DEF's standard practice. As instructed by FDEP in its Determination of Completeness specifying that DEF "should identify the items/questions where no specific requirement appears to be applicable" (see also section 403.526(2)(b)(3), Florida Statutes), DEF is not aware of an applicable Lake County requirement to provide a truck route plan.

10. *Please provide GIS files and a KMZ file of the proposed transmission line route.*

RESPONSE:

DEF provided GIS and KMZ files of the proposed DWDV corridor to Lake County on October 10, 2025. The final location of the route and right-of-way within the corridor will be determined post-certification, following detailed design of the DWDV transmission line. Therefore, DEF does not have GIS or KMZ files of the route of the transmission line at this time.

11. *Transmission poles should be placed as close as possible to the right-of-way line. Poles may need to be relocated in the future at Duke's expense to accommodate roadway widening.*

RESPONSE:

The final location of the route and right-of-way within the corridor will be determined post-certification, following detailed design of the DWDV transmission line. If it is determined poles will be placed within existing road rights-of-way, DEF will work with the FDOT and Lake County on 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. As instructed by FDEP in its Determination of Completeness specifying that DEF "should identify the items/questions where no specific requirement appears to be applicable" (see also section 403.526(2)(b)(3), Florida Statutes) DEF is not aware of an applicable Lake County requirement to place poles as close as possible to the right-of-way line.

12. *If any structures are constructed outside of the existing right-of-way, accommodations must be made for future roadway widening.*

RESPONSE:

The final location of the route and right-of-way within the corridor will be determined post-certification, following detailed design of the DWDV transmission line. If any transmission structures are located outside of the existing road right-of-way, DEF will comply with all applicable requirements regarding accommodation of future roadway widening. As instructed by FDEP in its Determination of Completeness specifying that DEF "should identify the items/questions where no specific requirement appears to be applicable" (see also section 403.526(2)(b)(3), Florida Statutes) DEF is not aware of an applicable Lake County requirement to accommodate future roadway widening.

13. *All access roads and construction pads must be designed to avoid adverse impacts on stormwater systems or increased flooding risks.*

RESPONSE:

The final location of the route and right-of-way within the corridor will be determined post-certification, following detailed design of the DWDV transmission line. Once the final route of the transmission line is determined, all access roads and structure pads will be designed in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local stormwater and floodplain requirements to avoid adverse stormwater and flooding risks.

14. *Please limit the number of ingress and egress points along County roadways.*

RESPONSE:

DEF will not know the precise route of the transmission line within the corridor, or necessary ingress and egress points, until post-certification. Once the final location of the route is identified, DEF will work to minimize ingress and egress points along Lake County roadways.

15. *Soil tracking prevention measures must be installed at all ingress and egress points.*

RESPONSE:

DEF will install soil tracking prevention measures at ingress and egress points as they are included in DEF's standard practice. As instructed by FDEP in its Determination of Completeness specifying that DEF "should identify the items/questions where no specific requirement appears to be applicable" (see also section 403.526(2)(b)(3), Florida Statutes) DEF is not aware of an applicable Lake County requirement to install soil tracking prevention measures.

16. *Duke shall restore sod, drainage features, and existing contours as construction progresses.*

RESPONSE:

DEF will restore sod, drainage features, and existing contours, consistent with DEF's standard practice. As instructed by FDEP in its Determination of Completeness specifying that DEF "should identify the items/questions where no specific requirement appears to be applicable" (see also section 403.526(2)(b)(3), Florida Statutes), DEF is not aware of an applicable Lake County requirement.

17. *Pre- and post-construction video and photo documentation of the project corridor and designated truck routes is required. Any damage caused shall be repaired by Duke.*

RESPONSE:

DEF will follow its standard procedures for pre-construction and post-construction video and/or photo documentation to help ensure any impacted areas are restored as fully as practicable. DEF will repair all damage caused by construction of the proposed transmission line. As instructed by FDEP in its Determination of Completeness specifying that DEF “should identify the items/questions where no specific requirement appears to be applicable” (see also section 403.526(2)(b)(3), Florida Statutes) DEF is not aware of an applicable Lake County requirement for video and photo documentation.

18. *Duke must coordinate with Lake County Emergency Management and ensure the ability to re-open closed roads within a 2-hour notice during emergency events.*

RESPONSE:

DEF will coordinate with Lake County Emergency Management to ensure the ability to re-open closed roads as well as communicate if DEF has any limitations that require more time to reopen lanes. As instructed by FDEP in its Determination of Completeness specifying that DEF “should identify the items/questions where no specific requirement appears to be applicable” (see also section 403.526(2)(b)(3), Florida Statutes) DEF is not aware of an applicable Lake County requirement to ensure roads may be re-opened with 2-hour notice.

19. *No disposal of construction materials, debris, drilling by-products, or any other waste shall occur within County rights-of-way.*

RESPONSE:

Solid waste generated from transmission line right-of-way preparation and line construction will be collected and removed for disposal in compliance with all applicable regulations, including Section 23-4, Lake County Code of Ordinances. DEF would be willing to accept the following condition of certification:

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

20. Duke shall not use North Lake Park for access purposes without explicit permission from Lake County.

RESPONSE:

Duke Energy Florida will not access North Lake Park without explicit permission.

III. Attachments

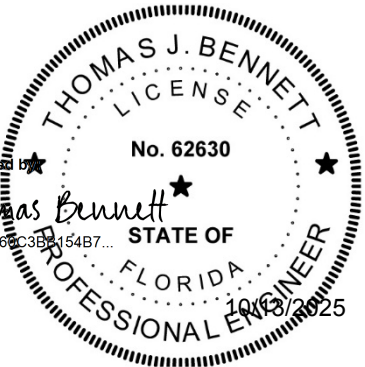
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APPLICATION FOR TRANSMISSION LINE SITING ACT CERTIFICATION

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August 22, 2025

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Weekend guide

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to attend. Barrel of Books is located at 530 N. Donnelly St., Mount Dora. Details: <https://barrelofbooksand-games.com/pages/2025-book-expo>

Bigfoot & Skunk Ape expo in Ocklawaha

Bigfoot World, Cryptids and the Paranormal Researchers of Central Florida gathers Floridians curious about weird lore at 777 S. 314A, Ocklawaha, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Participants will share exclusive clips of their reported evidence collected deep within the Ocala National Forest. Attendees can check out Bigfoot structures, signs and theories from their fieldwork.

Dive into the paranormal side of Central Florida’s strangest happenings. Meet local researchers, investigators and “fellow believers.” Light refreshments will be provided. Contact Kathy Westerman on Facebook for details.

Viva La Frida Festival in Mount Dora

Kick off Hispanic Heritage Month with a festive bang and enjoy a colorful, culturally enriching homage to the late great Frida Kahlo on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mount Dora Center for the Arts celebrates the diversity and artistic creativity of the famous Mexican artist with an outdoor fiesta that features a variety of food vendors, dancing, music and a free kids art zone.

Come dressed up like Frida to compete to win a basket of goodies. Community outreach groups will also be on hand to offer services to Spanish-speaking families. Details: facebook.com/MountDora

Phantasmagoria XVI: ‘Hauntingly Whimsical Tales’

The roving multitalented performers of Phantasmagoria take us on a journey through the tales of author Edward Gorey in celebration of his 100th birthday. Expect nods to “The Beastly Baby,” “The

Wuggly Ump” or “The Gashlycrumb Tinies” along with other Gorey stories, reimagined through performative storytelling, ghostly dances, puppetry, projections, original music and more.

“Renowned for his intricate pen-and-ink drawings, clever storytelling and a distinctive blend of elegance and playful whimsy, he left an indelible mark on the worlds of art, literature, and design,” says the Edward Gorey website, EdwardGorey.org.

The Melon Patch Players will pay tribute to the legendary and darkly enchanting author/illustrator on the weekend of Oct. 3-4 at the Tropic Theater, 122 W. Main St., Leesburg. Check out the event’s Facebook page for ticket link and updates.

Back the Blue 5K at Leesburg Int’l Airport

Talk about a project runway! The Leesburg Blue Foundation 5K invites runners to hoof it again on the runway of the Leesburg International Airport. Presented by Sunair Aviation, the event returns on Saturday, Oct. 4. As per tradition, all proceeds raised will go to the Leesburg Police Department through the Leesburg Blue Foundation.

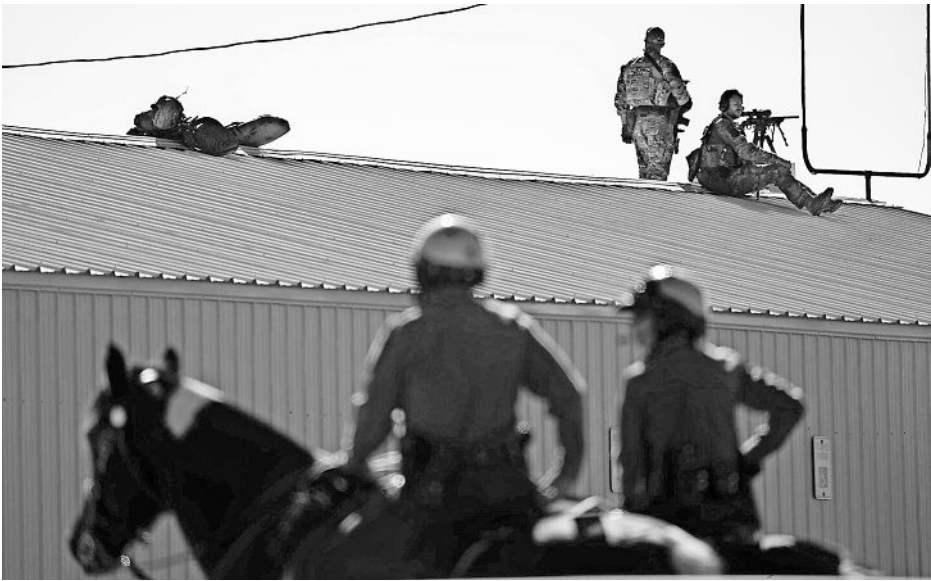
Participants can walk or run. Check in at 6 p.m. Race is at 7. Details: runsignup.com/.../Leesburg/LeesburgBlue-Foundation5K

Golf tournament to support disaster relief efforts

The Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club has announced a \$1,000 sponsorship of the First Annual District 35-O Golf Tournament. The event raises funds for disaster relief initiatives across Central Florida. The tournament, organized by Lions Club District 35-O, takes to the greens on Saturday, Oct. 4, at Harbor Hills Country Club in Lady Lake.

The tournament will feature an 8 a.m. shotgun start, with check-in beginning at 7 a.m. The entry fee is \$100 per person or \$400 for a team of four, which includes lunch. Attendees can also participate in raffles and compete for prizes throughout the day. Details: outreach@obglions.com

Planning an event? Email us details and photos at news@dailycommercial.com



Secret Service countersnipers survey from an elevated position before former President Donald Trump speaks at a campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, on Oct. 5, 2024. JASPER COLT/USA TODAY FILE

Snipers

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leaders, the Sept. 2 report warned.

“Failure to appropriately staff (snipers) could limit the Secret Service’s ability to properly protect our Nation’s most senior leaders, risking injury or assassination, and subsequent national-level harm to the country’s sense of safety and security,” Cuffari said in the report.

Cuffari recommended that the Secret Service develop a strategy to hire more countersnipers and to ensure that they receive the necessary training.

The Secret Service agreed with both recommendations. The agency has recommended hiring more sharpshooters since at least 2022.

Secret Service Director Sean Curran said in a written reply to the report that it recognized the importance of having a specialized unit with highly trained, precision marksmen.

“The Secret Service remains committed to both adequately staffing this function” and to ensuring adequate training, Curran said.

The need for Secret Service snipers was reinforced with the July 13, 2024, assassination attempt against Trump, who was then a former president campaigning to return to the White House. A gunman fired eight shots from a rooftop near where Trump was speaking and

wounded him in the ear before a Secret Service countersniper killed the assailant.

Countersnipers racked up 247,887 hours of overtime from 2020 to 2024, which is the equivalent of 24 full-time employees, the report said.

Snipers who didn’t meet mandatory re-qualification requirements were at 47 of 426 or 11% of events that people under the agency’s protection attended in 2024. Those events included President Joe Biden appearances at a wake in Dallas on Jan. 8, 2024; campaign receptions in New York on Feb. 7, 2024; and remarks in Manchester, New Hampshire, on March 11, 2024.

Before March 2024, it took almost three years for a uniformed Secret Service agent to become a countersniper. The minimum time period has dropped six months.

Each officer gets 13 weeks of police training and 16 weeks of uniformed training. Agents must now spend 18 months in uniform, down from the previous 24 months, before being eligible to apply to become a countersniper. The candidate attends a one-week selection process and a 10-week training program.

The Secret Service “will need to quickly hire and train substantially more countersnipers to meet growing operational demands and be prepared for the 2028 Presidential election cycle and beyond,” Cuffari said.

NOTICE OF FILING CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE CORRIDOR TO BE LOCATED IN LAKE AND VOLUSIA COUNTIES DELAND WEST – DONA VISTA 230 kV TRANSMISSION LINE

Duke Energy Florida DeLand West – Dona Vista 230 kV Transmission Line Application No.TA25-20 (OGC No. 25-1510) for certification to authorize location of a transmission line corridor, construction, operation and maintenance of a 230 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line commonly referred to as DeLand West – Dona Vista and maintenance of the transmission line right-of-way from, Lake County, Florida to Volusia County, Florida was received by the Department of Environmental Protection on August 22nd, 2025. The case is pending before the Division of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 25-004655TL, prior to action by the Governor and Cabinet (sitting as the Siting Board), or the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Florida Transmission Line Siting Act, Chapter 403, Part II, F.S. The proposed corridor passes through the following local government jurisdictions: Lake County, Volusia County, City of Umatilla, and City of Eustis (see accompanying map).

State agencies, water management districts, and local governments will be reviewing the application and preparing reports regarding the compliance of the proposal with applicable laws, and any needed conditions of certification to assure such compliance. It is recommended that interested individuals review the application and bring matters of concern to the appropriate agency's attention as soon as possible. Information regarding the appropriate contact persons in the agencies may be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection's Siting Coordination Office, (2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 3500, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850) 717-9111, Nate Senn). The application for certification which more specifically depicts the proposed transmission line corridor is available for public inspection at the following locations: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Siting Coordination Office, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Central District Office, 3319 Maguire Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32803; Duke Energy Florida, 299 1st Ave N, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701; Duke Energy Florida, 3300 Exchange Place, Lake Mary, Florida 32746; DeLand Regional Library, 130 E Howry Ave, DeLand, Florida 32724; Umatilla Public Library, 412 Hatfield Dr, Umatilla, Florida 32784. The application is also available on the Internet at Department of Environmental Protection's Siting Coordination Office website by clicking on "Applications in Process" or <https://floridadep.gov/water/siting-coordination-office/content/applications-process>.

Unless the administrative law judge cancels the certification hearing pursuant to Section 403.527(6), F.S., based on a stipulation of the parties to the proceeding that there are no disputed issues of material fact or law, a certification hearing will be conducted by the administrative law judge at a central location in proximity to the proposed corridor. Notice of the date and location of the certification hearing will be published in this publication at least 65 days before the date set for the hearing.

The Transmission Line Siting Act provides, among other things, that:

- (f) Subject to the conditions set forth therein, certification shall constitute the sole license of the state and any agency as to the approval of the location of transmission line corridors and the construction, operation, and maintenance of transmission lines. The certification is valid for the life of the transmission line, if construction on, or condemnation or acquisition of, the right-of-way is commenced within 5 years after the date of certification or such later date as may be authorized by the board.

(2) (a) The certification authorizes the licensee to locate the transmission line corridor and to construct and maintain the transmission line subject only to the conditions of certification set forth in the certification.

(b) The certification may include conditions that constitute variances and exemptions from nonprocedural standards or rules of the Department of Environmental Protection or any other agency which were expressly considered during the certification review unless waived by the agency as provided in s. 403.526 and which otherwise would be applicable to the location of the proposed transmission line corridor or the construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line.

Any person wishing to participate in the proceedings, as a party, must file an appropriate pleading with the Division of Administrative Hearings following the procedures in Chapter 28-106, F.A.C., and Section 403.527(2)(c), F.S., which provides that:

(f) Parties to the proceeding shall be: Duke Energy Florida, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Public Service Commission, the Florida Department of Commerce, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Florida Department of Transportation, the St. Johns River Water Management District, Lake County, Volusia County, City of Umatilla, and City of Eustis. Any of these parties, other than the Department of Environmental Protection and Duke Energy Florida, may waive its right to participate in this proceeding if the listed party fails to file a notice of intent to be a party on or before the 30th day before the certification hearing.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 120, F.S., to the contrary, upon the filing with the administrative law judge of a notice of intent to be a party by an agency, corporation, or association described in subparagraphs (a) and (b) below or a petition for intervention by a person described in subparagraph (c) below no later than 30 days before the date set for the certification hearing, the following shall also be parties to the proceeding:

(a) Any agency not listed in subparagraph (f) above as to matters within its jurisdiction.

(b) Any domestic nonprofit corporation or association formed, in whole or in part, to promote conservation of natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health, or other biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests; to represent labor, commercial, or industrial groups; or to promote comprehensive planning or orderly development of the area in which the proposed transmission line or corridor is to be located.

(c) Any person whose substantial interests are affected and being determined by the proceeding.

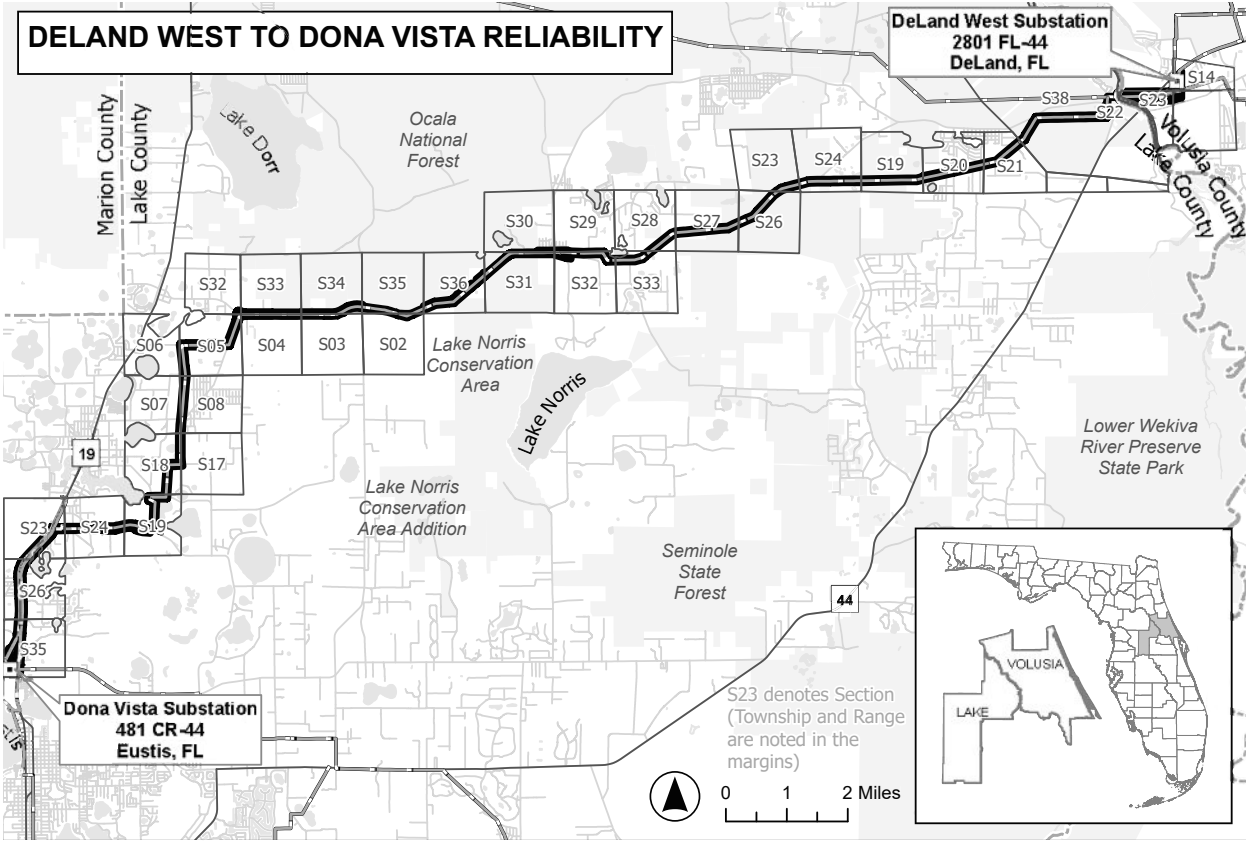
For further information about the certification process please see: <https://floridadep.gov/water/siting-coordination-office/content/rules-and-statutes>.

Persons not wishing to participate in the proceedings as a party may nevertheless offer sworn testimony during the public hearing portion of the certification hearing, if a certification hearing is needed.

Any notice of intent to be a party or motion to intervene must be sent to; Re: DOAH Case No. 25-004655TL, Division of Administrative Hearings, 2001 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee, Florida, 32311, and must contain the following: reference to the application number; the name, address, and telephone number of the agency or person; and, allegations sufficient to demonstrate the agency or person is entitled to participate in the proceeding. The notice or motion must be sent by mail to the applicant and to all parties. (A list of parties may be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection's Siting Coordination Office at the physical address above.)

Consideration may be given in this proceeding to corridors alternate to the corridor preferred by Duke Energy Florida. Persons other than the applicant may propose alternate corridors for portions of or all of the corridor proposed by the applicant. To propose an alternate corridor, persons must request to become a party to the proceedings, and then must file a notice of proposed alternate corridor with the administrative law judge pursuant to Section 403.527(1), F.S., all parties, and any local governments in the jurisdiction of which the alternate is proposed, by no later than 45 days prior to the originally scheduled certification hearing. The filing must include the most recent United States Geological Survey 1:24000 quadrangle maps with the alternate corridor boundaries specifically delineated on it, a description of the proposed alternate corridor, and a statement of the reasons the proposed alternate should be certified. Each party proposing an alternate corridor shall have the burden to provide the data necessary for the agencies listed in Section 403.526, F.S., to prepare a supplementary report, to provide public notice in accordance with Section 403.5363(2), F.S., and the burden of proof on the certifiability of the alternate corridor at the certification hearing. See Section 403.5271, F.S., and Florida Administrative Code Rule 62-17.543 for further information and requirements. <https://floridadep.gov/water/siting-coordination-office/content/rules-and-statutes>

Issues relating to the use of, connection to, or the crossing of properties and works of the following agencies The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service, Lake County Water Authority, Lake County, Volusia County, City of Umatilla, and City of Eustis may be addressed in this certification proceeding.



Nancy Lohman to speak at upcoming 'Boss Lady' event

Clayton Park

Daytona Beach News-Journal
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DAYTONA BEACH – Nancy Lohman, a longtime local business leader and philanthropist, will be the opening keynote speaker at the fifth annual Boss Lady Women's Leadership Conference, Sept. 18-20, at the Daytona Grande Oceanfront Resort.



Lohman

"I was honored and flattered to be asked to speak," said Lohman. "I'm excited to support the mission of Boss Lady. I'm a firm believer in supporting women around me as a mentor, a confidant, and someone who openly shares life experiences in the hopes of empowering and empathizing with other women as we continue to reach our goals and reach our full potential."

What is the Boss Lady conference?

The event is a yearly gathering of professional businesswomen from throughout Central Florida that features speakers, interactive sessions and networking opportunities.

It is put on by the Boss Lady Ladder Network, a women's leadership organization founded in 2019 by Teresa Rand, the Volusia/Flagler Family YMCA CEO who now runs her own practice, Rand Consulting, and Jennifer Roberts, owner of Back Porch Communications.

More than 100 people are expected to attend. "Some come from as far away as Jacksonville and Orlando," said Rand. "The majority are from Volusia and Flagler counties."

Who is Nancy Lohman?

Lohman is the former owner with her husband Lowell, son Ty and late brother-in-law Victor of the Lohman Funeral Homes, Cemeteries & Cremation chain, which they sold in 2012.

She was the chain's vice president and chief operating officer.

She is also a former president of the International Cemetery, Cremation & Funeral Association.



Jennifer Roberts, left, and Teresa Rand are the organizers of the yearly Boss Lady Women's Leadership Conferences in Daytona Beach. They are pictured at the event in 2023. The fifth annual conference will be held Sept. 18-20, 2025 at the Daytona Grande hotel. DAVID TUCKER/NEWS-JOURNAL

She currently serves as chair of the Civic League of the Halifax Area and vice president on the board for the Halifax Humane Society.

Nancy recently spearheaded the development (along with Lowell, Ty and daughter-in-law Tovah) of The Cupola at Oceanside luxury townhome complex across the street from Oceanside Country Club.

She and Lowell have also been involved in philanthropic efforts including the Museum of Arts & Sciences, Ormond Memorial Art Museum & Gardens, and Halifax Humane Society.

Nancy served as president of the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Statuary Fund Board and she and Lowell donated \$4 million in 2020 to create the Lohman Diabetes Center of Excellence on the Halifax Health Medical Center campus in Daytona Beach.

"I'm hoping that I can provide information and golden nuggets of advice to every woman in the room," she said of her upcoming keynote address.

Who else will be speaking at Boss Lady?

The conference will also feature addresses by several others including mindfulness coach Krista Oakes (author of "Shedding Shame: Funding Freedom to Live an Authentic Life"); leadership strategist Tiffany Rufino; Jessica Brazier (vice president of people and culture strategy and chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer at AdventHealth); real estate investor/business strategist and founder of "Moxie & Money" Angie Aki; Dr. ArNelle Write (a dentist, speaker and podcast co-host); transformational speaker/author Phebe D. Fuqua (CEO of Elite Eagle Developments); Wynn Newingham (founder of

Tustle Marketing); leadership coach/speaker Indie Bollman (author of "Leadership Truth Bombs"); Laura Gilvary (senior vice president of consumer banking at Intracoastal Bank); business/intellectual property attorney Lori Sandman (the newly installed president of the Volusia County Bar Association); and family law/small business attorney and mediator MaryEllen Osterndorf.

Where is the Daytona Grande?

The Daytona Grande is at 422 N. Atlantic Ave. in Daytona Beach (east end of Oakridge Boulevard).

Where do you sign up?

For more information on the Boss Lady Ladder Network, the conference, ticket prices, and how to reserve a seat, visit the website ladderladder.org.

NOTICE OF FILING CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE CORRIDOR TO BE LOCATED IN LAKE AND VOLUSIA COUNTIES DELAND WEST – DONA VISTA 230 kV TRANSMISSION LINE

Duke Energy Florida Deland West – Dona Vista 230 kV Transmission Line Application No. 25-046550 (DGC No. 25-0550) for certification to authorize location of a transmission line corridor, construction, operation and maintenance of a 230 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line commonly referred to as Deland West – Dona Vista and maintenance of the transmission line right-of-way from, Lake County, Florida to Volusia County, Florida was received by the Department of Environmental Protection on August 22nd, 2025. The case is pending before the Division of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 25-046551, prior to action by the Governor and Cabinet (sitting as the Siting Board), or the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Florida Transmission Line Siting Act, Chapter 403, Part I, F.S. The proposed corridor passes through the following local government jurisdictions: Lake County, Volusia County, City of Umatilla, and City of Eustis (see accompanying map).

State agencies, water management districts, and local governments will be reviewing the application and preparing reports regarding the compliance of the proposal with applicable laws, and any needed conditions of certification to assure such compliance. It is recommended that interested individuals review the application and bring matters of concern to the appropriate agency's attention as soon as possible. Information regarding the appropriate contact persons in the agencies may be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection's Siting Coordination Office, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Central District Office, 3399 Maguire Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32803; Duke Energy Florida, 299 1st Ave N, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701; Duke Energy Florida, 3300 Exchange Place, Lake Mary, Florida 32746; Deland Regional Library, 130 E. Hwy 90, Deland, Florida 32724; Umatilla Public Library, 412 Hatfield Dr., Umatilla, Florida 32784. The application is also available on the Bureau of Environmental Protection's Siting Coordination Office website by clicking on "Applications in Process" or <https://floridadep.gov/water/siting-coordination-office/content/applications-in-process>.

Unless the administrative law judge cancels the certification hearing pursuant to Section 403.52(7)(b), F.S., based on a stipulation of the parties to the proceeding that there are no disputed issues of material fact or law, a certification hearing will be conducted by the administrative law judge at a central location in proximity to the proposed corridor. Notice of the date and location of the certification hearing will be published in this publication at least 65 days before the date set for the hearing.

The Transmission Line Siting Act provides, among other things, that:

(f) Subject to the conditions set forth therein, certification shall constitute the sole license of the state and any agency as to the approval of the location of transmission line corridors and the construction, operation, and maintenance of transmission lines. The certification is valid for the life of the transmission line. If construction, or condemnation or acquisition of the right-of-way is commenced within 5 years after the date of certification or such later date as may be authorized by the board.

(2)(vi) The certification authorizes the licensee to locate the transmission line corridor and to construct and maintain the transmission line subject only to the conditions of certification set forth in the certification.

(b) The certification may include conditions that constitute variances and exemptions from nonprocedural standards or rules of the Department of Environmental Protection or any other agency which were expressly considered during the certification review unless waived by the agency as provided in s. 403.526 and which otherwise would be applicable to the location of the proposed transmission line corridor or the construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line.

Any person wishing to participate in the proceedings, as a party, must file an appropriate pleading with the Division of Administrative Hearings following the procedures in Chapter 28-05, F.A.C., and Section 403.527(2)(c), F.S., which provides that:

(f) Parties to the proceeding shall be: Duke Energy Florida, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Public Service Commission, the Florida Department of Commerce, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Florida Department of Transportation, the St. Johns River Water Management District, Lake County, Volusia County, City of Umatilla, and City of Eustis. Any of these parties, other than the Department of Environmental Protection and Duke Energy Florida, may waive its right to participate in this proceeding if the listed party fails to file a notice of intent to be a party on or before the 30th day before the certification hearing.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 120, F.S., to the contrary, upon the filing with the administrative law judge of a notice of intent to be a party by an agency, corporation or association described in subparagraphs (a) and (b) below or a petition for intervention by a person described in subparagraph (c) below on or later than 30 days before the date set for the certification hearing, the following shall also be parties to the proceeding:

(a) Any agency not listed in subparagraph (f) above as to matters within its jurisdiction.

(b) Any domestic nonprofit corporation or association formed, in whole or in part, to promote conservation of natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health, or other biological values; to preserve historical sites to promote consumer interests; to represent labor, commercial or industrial groups; or to promote comprehensive planning or orderly development of the area in which the proposed transmission line or corridor is to be located.

(c) Any person whose substantial interests are affected and being determined by the proceeding.

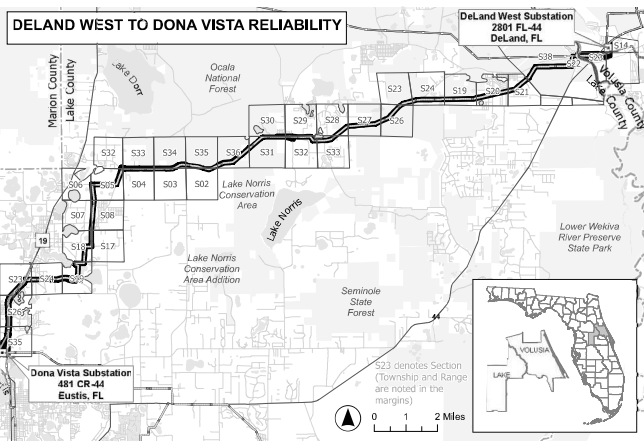
For further information about the certification process please see: <https://floridadep.gov/water/siting-coordination-office/content/rules-and-statutes>.

Persons not wishing to participate in the proceedings as a party may nevertheless offer sworn testimony during the public hearing portion of the certification hearing, if a certification hearing is needed.

Any notice of intent to be a party or motion to intervene must be sent to: Re: DOAH Case No. 25-046551, Division of Administrative Hearings, 2001 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee, Florida, 32311, and must contain the following reference to the application number; the name, address, and telephone number of the agency or person; and, allegations sufficient to demonstrate the agency or person is entitled to participate in the proceeding. The notice or motion must be sent by mail to the applicant and to all parties. (A list of parties may be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection's Siting Coordination Office at the physical address above.)

Consideration may be given in this proceeding to corridors alternate to the corridor preferred by Duke Energy Florida. Persons other than the applicant may propose alternate corridors for portions of or all of the corridor proposed by the applicant. To propose an alternate corridor, persons must request to become a party to the proceedings, and then must file a notice of proposed alternate corridor with the administrative law judge pursuant to Section 403.527(3), F.S., all parties, and any local governments in the jurisdiction of which the alternate is proposed, by no later than 45 days prior to the originally scheduled certification hearing. The filing must include the most recent United States Geological Survey 1:24000 quadrangle maps with the alternate corridor boundaries specifically delineated on it, a description of the proposed alternate corridor, and a statement of the reasons the proposed alternate should be certified. Each party proposing an alternate corridor shall have the burden to provide the data necessary for the agencies listed in Section 403.526, F.S., to prepare a supplementary report, to provide public notice in accordance with Section 403.536(3), F.S., and the burden of proof on the certification of the alternate corridor at the certification hearing. See Section 403.527, F.S., and Florida Administrative Code Rule 62-754.3 for further information and requirements. <https://floridadep.gov/water/siting-coordination-office/content/rules-and-statutes>

Issues relating to the use of, connection to, or the crossing of properties and works of the following agencies: The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service, Lake County Water Authority, Lake County, Volusia County, City of Umatilla, and City of Eustis may be addressed in this certification proceeding.



NOTICE OF FILING CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE CORRIDOR TO BE LOCATED IN
LAKE AND VOLUSIA COUNTIES
DELAND WEST – DONA VISTA 230 kV TRANSMISSION LINE

Duke Energy Florida DeLand West – Dona Vista 230 kV Transmission Line Application No. TA25-20 (OGC No. 25-1510) for certification to authorize location of a transmission line corridor, construction, operation and maintenance of a 230 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line commonly referred to as DeLand West – Dona Vista and maintenance of the transmission line right-of-way from, Lake County, Florida to Volusia County, Florida was received by the Department of Environmental Protection on August 22nd, 2025. The case is pending before the Division of Administrative Hearings, Case No. 25-004655TL, prior to action by the Governor and Cabinet (sitting as the Siting Board), or the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Florida Transmission Line Siting Act, Chapter 403, Part II, F.S. The proposed corridor passes through the following local government jurisdictions: Lake County, Volusia County, City of Umatilla, and City of Eustis (see accompanying map).

State agencies, water management districts, and local governments will be reviewing the application and preparing reports regarding the compliance of the proposal with applicable laws, and any needed conditions of certification to assure such compliance. It is recommended that interested individuals review the application and bring matters of concern to the appropriate agency's attention as soon as possible. Information regarding the appropriate contact persons in the agencies may be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection's Siting Coordination Office, (2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 3500, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850) 717-9111, Nate Senn). The application for certification, which more specifically depicts the proposed transmission line corridor, is available for public inspection at the following locations: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Siting Coordination Office, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399; Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Central District Office, 3319 Maguire Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32803; Duke Energy Florida, 299 1st Ave N, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701; Duke Energy Florida, 3300 Exchange Place, Lake Mary, Florida 32746; DeLand Regional Library, 130 E Howry Ave, DeLand, Florida 32724; Umatilla Public Library, 412 Hatfield Dr, Umatilla, Florida 32784. The application is also available on the Internet at Department of Environmental Protection's Siting Coordination Office website by clicking on "Applications in Process" or <https://floridadep.gov/water/siting-coordination-office/content/applications-process>

Unless the administrative law judge cancels the certification hearing pursuant to Section 403.527(6), F.S., based on a stipulation of the parties to the proceeding that there are no disputed issues of material fact or law, a certification hearing will be conducted by the administrative law judge at a central location in proximity to the proposed corridor. Notice of the date and location of the certification hearing will be published in this publication at least 65 days before the date set for the hearing.

The Transmission Line Siting Act provides, among other things, that:

- (1) Subject to the conditions set forth therein, certification shall constitute the sole license of the state and any agency as to the approval of the location of transmission line corridors and the construction, operation, and maintenance of transmission lines. The certification is valid for the life of the transmission line, if construction on, or condemnation or acquisition of, the right-of-way is commenced within 5 years after the date of certification or such later date as may be authorized by the board.
- (2) (a) The certification authorizes the licensee to locate the transmission line corridor and to construct and maintain the transmission line subject only to the conditions of certification set forth in the certification.
- (b) The certification may include conditions that constitute variances and exemptions from nonprocedural standards or rules of the Department of Environmental Protection or any other agency which were expressly considered during the certification review unless waived by the agency as provided in s. 403.526 and which otherwise would be applicable to the location of the proposed transmission line corridor or the construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line.

Any person wishing to participate in the proceedings as a party must file an appropriate pleading with the Division of Administrative Hearings following the procedures in Chapter 28-106, F.A.C., and Section 403.527(2)(c),F.S., which provides that:

- (1) Parties to the proceeding shall be: Duke Energy Florida, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Public Service Commission, the Florida Department of Commerce, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Florida Department of Transportation, the St. Johns River Water Management District, Lake County, Volusia County, City of Umatilla, and City of Eustis. Any of these parties, other than the Department of Environmental Protection and Duke Energy Florida, may waive its right to participate in this proceeding if the listed party fails to file a notice of intent to be a party on or before the 30th day before the certification hearing.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 120, F.S., to the contrary, upon the filing with the administrative law judge of a notice of intent to be a party by an agency, corporation, or association described in subparagraphs (a) and (b) below or a petition for intervention by a person described in subparagraph (c) below no later than 30 days before the date set for the certification hearing, the following shall also be parties to the proceeding:
- (a) Any agency not listed in subparagraph (1) above as to matters within its jurisdiction.
- (b) Any domestic nonprofit corporation or association formed, in whole or in part, to promote conservation of natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health, or other biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests; to represent labor, commercial, or industrial groups; or to promote comprehensive planning or orderly development of the area in which the proposed transmission line or corridor is to be located.
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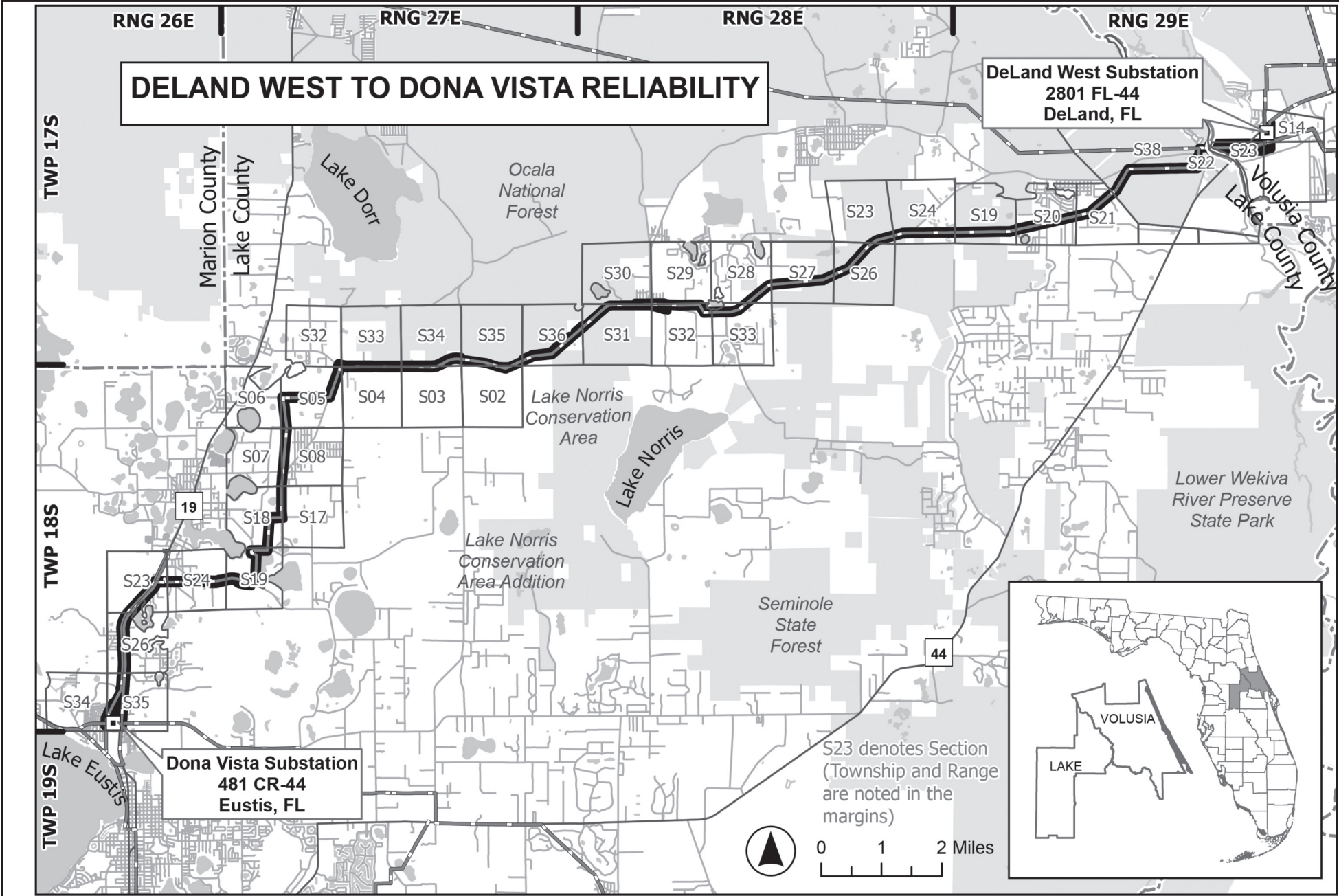
For further information about the certification process please see: <https://floridadep.gov/water/siting-coordination-office/content/rules-and-statutes>.

Persons not wishing to participate in the proceedings as a party may nevertheless offer sworn testimony during the public hearing portion of the certification hearing, if a certification hearing is needed.

Any notice of intent to be a party or motion to intervene must be sent to; Re: DOAH Case No. 25-004655TL, Division of Administrative Hearings, 2001 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee, Florida, 32311, and must contain the following: reference to the application number; the name, address, and telephone number of the agency or person; and, allegations sufficient to demonstrate the agency or person is entitled to participate in the proceeding. The notice or motion must be sent by mail to the applicant and to all parties. (A list of parties may be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection's Siting Coordination Office at the physical address above.)

Consideration may be given in this proceeding to corridors alternate to the corridor preferred by Duke Energy Florida. Persons other than the applicant may propose alternate corridors for portions of or all of the corridor proposed by the applicant. To propose an alternate corridor, persons must request to become a party to the proceedings, and then must file a notice of proposed alternate corridor with the administrative law judge pursuant to Section 403.5271(1), F.S., all parties, and any local governments in the jurisdiction of which the alternate is proposed, by no later than 45 days prior to the originally scheduled certification hearing. The filing must include the most recent United States Geological Survey 1:24000 quadrangle maps with the alternate corridor boundaries specifically delineated on it, a description of the proposed alternate corridor, and a statement of the reasons the proposed alternate should be certified. Each party proposing an alternate corridor shall have the burden to provide the data necessary for the agencies listed in Section 403.526, F.S., to prepare a supplementary report to provide public notice in accordance with Section 403.5363(2), F.S., and the burden of proof on the certifiability of the alternate corridor at the certification hearing. See Section 403.5271, F.S., and Florida Administrative Code Rule 62-17.543 for further information and requirements. <https://floridadep.gov/water/siting-coordination-office/content/rules-and-statutes>.

Issues relating to the use of, connection to, or the crossing of properties and works of the following agencies The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the St. Johns River Water Management District, the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service, Lake County Water Authority, Lake County, Volusia County, City of Umatilla, and City of Eustis may be addressed in this certification proceeding.





October 3, 2025

Project Reference: DeLand West to Dona Vista Reliability Upgrade Project Lake and Volusia counties

Notice of Filing Application under Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act

Dear Neighbor:

As part of Duke Energy's commitment to strengthen electric reliability and ensure a secure energy grid for Florida, we have identified the need for an approximately 27-mile new transmission line in Lake and Volusia counties. The new, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line will add capacity to help improve electric reliability to homes, businesses, and community resources such as schools and hospitals, and support a robust energy grid that is integral to the continued economic prosperity of communities, today and for decades to come.

On Aug. 22, 2025, Duke Energy filed an application (Application No. TA25-20TA25-20) for certification with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to authorize the location of an electrical transmission line corridor; construction, operation and maintenance of a 230-kV electrical transmission line; and maintenance of the transmission line right of way from the existing DeLand West Substation in DeLand, Fla., to our Dona Vista Substation in Eustis, Fla. We are sending you this notification because it is our understanding that you live or own property within a quarter mile of Duke Energy's proposed electrical transmission line corridor. A map showing the approximate location of the transmission line corridor is attached to this letter.

Duke Energy's application is pending before an administrative law judge at the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), in DOAH Case No. 25-004655TL, prior to action by the governor and cabinet (sitting as the siting board) or the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Florida Electric Transmission Line Siting Act, Sections 403.52 – 403.5365, Florida Statutes (F.S.). Unless the administrative law judge cancels the certification hearing based on a stipulation of the parties to the proceeding that there are no disputed issues of material fact or law, a certification hearing will be conducted by the administrative law judge at a central location in proximity to the proposed corridor. Notice of the date and location of the certification hearing will be published in a newspaper at least 65 days before the date set for the hearing.

Several state agencies, the St. Johns River Water Management District, and local governments will be reviewing the application and preparing reports regarding compliance of the proposal with applicable laws, and any needed conditions of certification to assure such compliance. It is recommended that all interested individuals review the application and bring matters of concern to the appropriate agency's attention as soon as possible. Information regarding the appropriate contact persons in the agencies may be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection's Siting Coordination Office at the address provided in the list below.

Duke Energy is committed to doing this thoughtfully, with the goal of minimizing impacts on homes, businesses, the environment and cultural resources. Our priority is to work closely with communities and property owners respectfully and transparently throughout the process.

On May 29, 2025, Duke Energy hosted an informational open house in Umatilla, Fla. There were approximately 200 people in attendance at the meeting. Open house attendees were asked to share their feedback via questionnaires, comment forms, email and by phone.

Duke Energy has also reached out to local community officials and leaders. We maintain a website with information regarding the project, which includes a phone number and email address for any questions, an interactive map and a virtual open house. After thoughtful consideration of comments received from the public, state and local regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders, Duke Energy selected the corridor presented to the public for the location of the proposed transmission line.

The majority of the corridor that the new transmission line will be located within follows existing Duke Energy transmission line right of way. Most of the corridor, however, is wider than the existing Duke Energy right of way to allow for flexibility in engineering design and construction. It is Duke Energy's intent that most of the new 230-kV circuit would be co-located with the existing transmission lines. Duke Energy will rebuild structures where necessary to support double circuit construction, and sections of the new transmission line will be single circuit.

Certification under the Transmission Line Siting Act does not convey any property interest to Duke Energy. While new land rights may ultimately be needed in some locations, those determinations will not be made until after the transmission corridor is certified and Duke Energy has conducted detailed engineering design to determine the location of the transmission line within the corridor. Duke Energy representatives will reach out to property owners who may be affected after the final right of way location within the corridor is determined.

The application for certification contains a detailed description of Duke Energy's proposed transmission line corridor and project. The application can be reviewed on the internet by going to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Siting Coordination website (<https://floridadep.gov/water/siting-coordination-office/content/projects-process>).

Copies of the application are also available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Siting Coordination Office

2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399
Contact: Nate Senn
Telephone: 850.717.9111
Email: nate.senn@floridadep.gov

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Central District

3319 Maguire Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32803
Contact: Cindy Stafford, Central District Siting Liaison
Telephone: 407.897.4100
Email: cindy.stafford@floridadep.gov

Duke Energy

3300 Exchange Place
Lake Mary, FL 32746
Email: FLTransmissionEnhancements@duke-energy.com
Call: 877.840.0101

DeLand Regional Library

130 E. Howry Ave.
DeLand, FL 32724
Call: 386.822.6430

Umatilla Public Library

412 Hatfield Dr.
Umatilla, FL 32784
Call: 352.669.3284

Duke Energy

299 1st Ave. N
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Email: FLTransmissionEnhancements@duke-energy.com
Call: 877.840.0101

Anyone wishing to participate in the proceeding as a party must file an appropriate petition pursuant to Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. with the Honorable Judge E. Gary Early, administrative law judge, at the Division of Administrative Hearings, 2001 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32311. The petition must be filed at the Division of Administrative Hearings no later than 5 p.m. on Dec. 15, 2025, and copies of the petition must be sent to all parties. A list of parties may be obtained from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Siting Coordination Office, at the Tallahassee address listed above. Any person wishing to intervene in the proceedings, unless appearing on their own behalf, must be represented by an attorney or other person who can be determined to be qualified to appear in administrative proceedings pursuant to Chapter 120, F.S. or Rule 28-106.106, F.A.C. Persons not wishing to participate in the proceedings as a party may nevertheless offer sworn testimony during the public hearing portion of the certification hearing, if a certification hearing is needed.

Our electrical system is essential to meeting the community's energy needs, and we are working to ensure that it is resilient and secure – now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Wen Tong

Director Transmission PGO Project Management, Duke Energy

Enclosure

