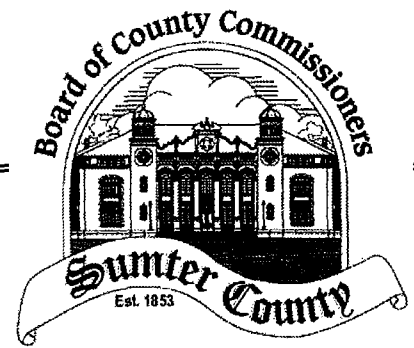


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September 9, 2008

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Mr. Halpin:

Pursuant to Section 403.526(2)(a)5, Florida Statutes, Sumter County submits the following report related to Progress Energy Florida (PEF) transmission line corridor and proposed substation in Sumter County. This report contains a recommendation for action including conditions for certification to be attached to any approval for the proposed transmission line facilities.

1. The proposed PEF corridor in Sumter County will have an impact on numerous county residents, citizens, and property owners. The expansion of the existing corridors and addition of new corridors may affect property values, result in aesthetic concerns, impact development potential of some properties, and may result in concerns regarding the health, safety, and welfare of those who reside or own property within or adjacent to the PEF corridors.
2. Notwithstanding the foregoing concerns, Sumter County recommends the proposed transmission line corridors and proposed substation location within the County be approved subject to the following conditions to minimize impacts referenced above.
3. Sumter County proposes the following conditions as the minimum necessary to comply with the Sumter County Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code and to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Sumter County:

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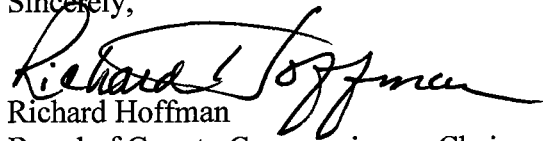
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- a. PEF should use existing infrastructure right-of-ways wherever possible and feasible.
- b. PEF should provide for aesthetic protection of adjacent uses from the corridors. The aesthetic protection may be accomplished through screening, buffering, and fencing of the corridors.
- c. PEF should consider placing transmission lines underground, where feasible, and/or make maximum use of monopole towers for overhead lines.
- d. PEF should minimize construction impacts related to type of equipment used, clearing and grubbing, dust control, soil stabilization, erosion control, drainage control, noise, and traffic disruption.
- e. Where feasible, PEF should retain existing vegetation within the corridor.
- f. PEF should minimize impacts to wetlands and other sensitive habitats and must obtain and comply with all applicable environmental permitting from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Southwest Florida Water Management District and any other applicable State or Federal agency.
- g. PEF should obtain appropriate permits from Sumter County for all applicable County right-of-way crossings.
- h. PEF shall coordinate construction traffic with Sumter County Public Works Division to minimize traffic disruption and to implement appropriate maintenance of traffic procedures.
- i. PEF should provide a post-certification submittal of the final design plan for the new transmission lines throughout Sumter County to the Sumter County Division of Planning & Development.
- j. PEF should commit to allow for the co-location of public utilities, pedestrian/trail facilities, or other public uses within the transmission line corridors, to the extent compatible and feasible based on engineering and design constraints.
- k. PEF should coordinate final transmission line plans with the County, Lake-Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization, Florida Department of Transportation, and other impacted local governments to assure that the new transmission line locations will not hinder future transportation planning for the county and region.

1. If the proposed Central Florida Substation is located within unincorporated Sumter County, then PEF is required to obtain Special Use approval from the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners.
- m. PEF should coordinate with Sumter County Emergency Management for the management of these major transmission lines during times of emergency declaration.

If you have any question or require additional information do not hesitate to contact Bradley Arnold, County Administrator, or Brad Cornelius, Planning Manager, at (352) 793-0270.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Hoffman", written over a horizontal line.

Richard Hoffman
Board of County Commissioners Chairman

Copy: Bradley Arnold, County Administrator
Brad Cornelius, Planning Manager
Derrill McAteer, County Attorney