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RE: FPL Andytown-Oasis Transmission Line Application for Certification
DEP Case Number (TA26-21)

On August 18, 2026, Miami-Dade County (MDC or County) submitted its agency report including proposed conditions and a recommendation on whether the Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) Andytown-Oasis Transmission Line Site Certification Application (Project) should be approved pursuant to section 403.526(2)(a)5., F.S.

MDC stated in its report that it found some sections of the Proposed Corridor to be inconsistent with the County Code and Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP). As a result, MDC recommended that certification be denied for those portions of the Andytown-Oasis Corridor within Everglades National Park and Environmental Protection Subarea B as proposed by FPL. Specifically, MDC stated that it could not recommend approval of certification for the Proposed Corridor unless the project was modified to comply with the following:

- a) No transmission line infrastructure is placed within the boundaries of Everglades National Park, and
- b) No transmission line infrastructure is placed within the area designated as Environmental Protection Subarea B in the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan, except where co-located with existing transmission line right-of-way or where no reasonable alternative exists, and
- c) The project is modified to comply with all requirements of Miami-Dade County Code and the CDMP. This includes compliance with all requirements of Chapter 33B, including Section 33B-28 for any work in the East Everglades Area of Critical Environmental Concern, and
- d) For construction of all segments, FPL commits to all conditions of certification proffered within this report, to minimize the impacts of the proposed Corridor and meet substantive Code requirements.

In order for MDC's recommendations to be fully considered, the Department's Siting Coordination Office respectfully requests that MDC provide the following information:

- a) Please list MDC's specific applicable requirements, which MDC believes that the project would not meet, as proposed, and identify the specific portions of the corridor on a map or other figure, showing where MDC believes those requirements would not be met. The map or other figure should include only those areas under the County's jurisdiction.
- b) Please provide a list of the conditions proposed by the County. Each condition must include a citation to the specific applicable County regulation.

Please note that in accordance with the March 18, 2016, Exchange Agreement between U.S. National Park Service (NPS) and FPL, NPS shall adjust the boundary of Everglades National Park to reflect that the final land ownership of FPL is outside the boundary of ENP once all regulatory approvals for any other future project have been obtained.¹

Pursuant to section 403.201(1), F.S., the Department "in its discretion" upon application "may grant a variance from the provisions of this act or the rules and regulations adopted pursuant" thereto, including the TLSA. In addition, section 403.531(2)(b), F.S., provides that certification may include conditions that constitute variances and exemptions from applicable nonprocedural standards or rules of any agency, if expressly considered during the certification review, and that the standard for granting variances under the TLSA is provided in section 403.201, F.S.

Should MDC not submit the additional information/clarification requested above, the Department believes it will lack reasonable information needed to fully consider the County's recommendations and/or conditions of certification. The Department further notes the TLSA provides that any party may propose alternate transmission line corridors for consideration under the provisions of section 403.5271, F.S.

The Department appreciates and is looking forward to MDC's continued participation in the process outlined under the TLSA.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Nate Senn at (850) 717-9111 or Kelley Corbari at (850) 245-8405.

Sincerely,



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¹ [2016 Agreement for Exchange of Lands and Interests in Lands Located in Everglades National Park Between the United States of America and Florida Power & Light Company](#)