

June 8, 2010

Jessica Dalton
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Siting Coordination Office
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RE: Agency Report Relating to Gainesville Renewable Energy Center

Dear Ms. Dalton:

This letter will serve as the Agency Report for the City of Gainesville pursuant to the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act (F.S. 40.501 – 403.539). The City has reviewed the Site Certification Application for the Gainesville Renewable Energy Center (GREC) and makes the following observations:

1. The City Commission has previously (May 9, 2009) unanimously approved the GREC project and, in fact, has participated as a joint petitioner with GREC, LLC in the Determination of Need at the Florida Public Service Commission.
2. The proposed GREC site is wholly within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Gainesville.
3. The approximate 130 acre site of GREC is wholly within the confines of the City's (d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities) Deerhaven Generating Station, and is subject to that certain Lease Agreement between the City and GREC, LLC dated September 28, 2009.
4. The Site Plan for GREC has been reviewed by the City and is:
 - consistent with the Gainesville Comprehensive Plan,
 - consistent with the Gainesville Land Development Code,
 - consistent with the Public Facilities Future Land Use Designation and Public Services (PS) Zoning District,
 - consistent with applicable provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gainesville.

5. Site Plan Review is on the agenda of the City Development Review Board (DRB) for June 10, 2010. Any conditions that may be imposed by the DRB will be enforceable under Gainesville Code of Ordinances and the City will manage any such issues under applicable local ordinances. Accordingly, no conditions for certification are requested.

Recommendation:

Based upon the foregoing, the City recommends approval and certification of the proposed Gainesville Renewable Energy Center.

Should you have any questions concerning the above report and recommendation, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Russ Blackburn
City Manager

xc: Robert Hunzinger