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The Honorable Gus Bilirakis
United States House of Representatives
35111 U.S. Highway 19 North
Palm Harbor Professional Center, Suite 301
Palm Harbor, Florida 34684

Dear Representative Bilirakis:

This letter is in response to your May 20, 2008, letter regarding Progress Energy's proposed transmission lines within Pasco County.

On June 2, 2008, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Siting Coordination Office received an application from Progress Energy for the construction of a new nuclear power plant in Levy County, as well as approximately 188 miles of transmission lines through multiple counties in west central Florida. In reviewing the application, DEP has determined that Progress Energy no longer plans to add new transmission lines in Pasco County in association with this project. Hopefully this will address the concerns raised by your constituents.

DEP is committed to helping ensure a sufficient, reliable supply of electricity that minimizes adverse environmental impacts. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (850) 245-2036.

Sincerely,

Mimi Drew
Deputy Secretary, Regulatory Programs and Energy

cc: Hannah Walker, Policy Analyst, Executive Office of the Governor
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