

Community Partnership for Energy Planning

Community Working Group - A

(Pinellas, Pasco, Hillsborough, Polk)

Meeting Summary

Franklin Templeton Conference Center – St. Petersburg
February 6, 2008

Time: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Facilitated By: STAR Group, LLC
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Attendees

| CWG Members Present: | Guests: |
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| Tom Aderhold – Keystone Civic Association | Gail Simpson – Progress Energy Florida |
| Ron Daniel – Pasco County | Robert Bellemare – UtiliPoint International |
| David Edwards – Pasco County | |
| Chuck Geanangel – Audubon Society | |
| Ken Hoyt – KSH International | |
| Jim Martin – Pasco County | |
| Ken Mathewson – Pasco County | |
| Jerry Miller – Progress Energy Florida | |
| Marian Ryan – Sierra Club | |
| Melissa Seixas – Progress Energy Florida | |
| John Soler – District School Board of Pasco County | |
| Larry Watson – Progress Energy Florida | |

Regina Chavez of STAR Group welcomed the Community Working Group (CWG) members and guests, reviewed the ground rules for the meeting, and reviewed the agenda. The group noted that the meeting notes from the January 9 CWG meeting were accurate and that the summary format was acceptable. Some members noted that care should continue to be taken not to summarize the discussion too much so as not to lose the meaning in comments made by members.

Chris Kenny reviewed the results of the two open houses held in Leesburg and Wildwood regarding the Baseload Transmission project. Leesburg was only lightly attended, which was not entirely unexpected. Approximately 150 people attended the event in Wildwood (Progress Energy Florida (PEF) sent out roughly 1,500 Open House invitations for the Wildwood event).

The CWG members for that region who attended the Open Houses provided some suggestions regarding presentation of materials but generally felt that



the information presented was very informative and that PEF had done a very good job of having staff members on hand who were able to answer questions raised by Open House attendees. One takeaway was the maps seemed a little confusing for people because they maps inadvertently gave attendees the impression that all of the corridors depicted on the maps would be utilized for the project.

Examples of the poster boards and one-page information sheets used in the open houses were provided to the CWG. CWG members suggested that maps and other materials presented at the Open House meetings be available on a web site or FTP site. PEF representatives noted that a Baseload Transmission web site is being finalized and that CWG members would be informed of the URL as soon as the site was completed.

The group agreed that the Open House meetings for Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough and Polk Counties should be held from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. as follows:

Monday, February 25th – Crescent Oaks Country Club, Tarpon Springs (Pinellas County)

Tuesday, February 26th – University Area Community Center, Common Room, Tampa (Hillsborough County)

Wednesday, February 27th – Pasco-Hernando Community College, New Port Richey (Pasco County)

Thursday, February 28th – The Lakeland Center, Lake Hollingsworth Meeting Room, Lakeland (Polk County)

At a member's suggestion, PEF agreed to put the specific room number on the Open House invitation, especially for the Lakeland and New Port Richey locations. CWG members will receive an electronic copy of the invitation and were encouraged to forward the invitation to individuals and groups that might be interested in attending.

Members discussed the potential for wildlife habitats within the transmission line corridors if the project is built. It was pointed out that the transmission corridor may provide a unique habitat for butterflies and rare or endangered species. Members encouraged PEF to consider developing a habitat maintenance plan and to develop the corridors as wildlife habitats wherever possible.

The group then discussed the presence of media at the CWG meetings. A consensus was reached that having the media present during CWG meetings



might cause some members to refrain from fully expressing their views, which would be contrary to the purpose of the group. Members agreed, though, that the media should be encouraged to attend Open House meetings.

Bill Moyer and Regina Chavez presented the group with a chart comparing the non-transmission recommendations developed at the Utility Search Conference with the CWG's revised version of those recommendations from its January 9 meeting. The group discussed the chart and revised the non-transmission recommendations as depicted in Exhibit A to these notes.

The group discussed the potential impacts of new transmission lines on avian species; PEF agreed to bring an avian expert to a future CWG meeting to further discuss this issue.

Finally, members were asked to engage in the "Plus/Delta" exercise regarding today's meeting.

Plus

- + Participation
- + Media decision
- + New member
- + Received notes from prior meeting in advance

Delta

- Δ Agenda/materials in advance of meeting
- Δ Bullets with numbers on it (Recommendations list)

The next CWG meeting will be held on March 19, 2008 at the Franklin Templeton Conference Center in St. Petersburg from 11:30 am. – 1:30 p.m.



Community Working Group Roster (Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough and Polk)

| Category | County | First | Last | Organization | City |
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| (A) Business | Hillsborough | Kenneth | Hoyt | KSH International, Inc. | Tampa |
| (A) Business | Pasco | Randy | Stovall | Pasco-Hernando Community College Malphus & Son | Dade City |
| (A) Business | Hillsborough | Wilbert | Malphus | General Contractors Keystone Civic Association | Tampa |
| (A) Civic Groups | Hillsborough | Tom | Aderhold | Coalition 4 Responsible Growth Inc. | Tampa |
| (A) Civic Groups | Hillsborough | Dee | Layne | Pinellas County Utilities Environmental Lands Acquisition and Management Program | Lutz |
| (A) Environmental/Alternative Energy Advocates | Pasco | Annemarie | Hammond | Pinellas County Utilities Environmental Lands Acquisition and Management Program | New Port Richey |
| (A) Environmental/Alternative Energy Advocates | Pasco | Ronald | Daniel | Pinellas County Utilities Environmental Lands Acquisition and Management Program | New Port Richey |
| (A) Environmental/Alternative Energy Advocates | Polk | Marian | Ryan | Sierra Club | Winter Haven |
| (A) Environmental/Alternative Energy Advocates | Pasco | Ken | Mathewson | Pinellas County Utilities | New Port Richey |
| (A) Environmental/Alternative Energy Advocates | Polk | Chuck | Geanangel | Audubon Society Florida Department of Transportation District 7 | Winter Haven |
| (A) Governmental | Hillsborough | Elba | Lopez | Hillsborough County Planning Commission | Tampa |
| (A) Governmental | Pinellas | Kenneth | Herd | Tampa Bay Water | Clearwater |
| (A) Governmental | Pasco | Jim | Martin | Pasco County | New Port Richey |
| (A) Governmental | Pasco | David | Edwards | Pasco County Hillsborough City – Public Works Right of Way | New Port Richey |
| (A) Land Use Planners | Hillsborough | Juan | Lopez | Hillsborough County Planning Commission | Tampa |
| (A) Land Use Planners | Hillsborough | Paul | Flora | Hillsborough County District School Board of Pasco County | Tampa |
| (A) Land Use Planners | Hillsborough | William | Lamboy | Hillsborough County District School Board of Pasco County | Tampa |
| (A) Large Energy Users | Pasco | John | Soler | Longleaf Development Company | New Port Richey |
| (A) Large Landowners | Hillsborough | Frank | Starkey | Newland Southeast Southwest Florida Water Management District | Odessa |
| (A) Large Landowners | Hillsborough | Thomas | Griggs | Newland Southeast Southwest Florida Water Management District | Tampa |
| (A) Large Landowners | Pasco | Colleen | Kruk | Newland Southeast Southwest Florida Water Management District | Brooksville |
| (A) Utility | Hillsborough | Larry | Watson | PEF | Lake Mary |
| (A) Utility | Pinellas | Melissa | Seixas | PEF | Clearwater |
| (A) Utility | Polk | Jerry | Miller | PEF | Lake Wells |

CWG-A Members

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Community Working Group – A Proposed Non-Transmission Recommendations (February 6, 2008)

From the Utility Search Conference:

Final Version:

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| <p>1. State, regional, and local → state agencies, PEF and utilities (present and future)</p> | <p>1. Utilizing PEF’s human resource talent, increase PEF participation in local, state, and regional growth management planning by taking the lead with other corridor agencies to produce bolder, long-term utility/energy solutions.</p> |
| <p>2. Promote/encourage new technologies, smart growth design (energy efficiency), DRI design, county building and energy codes (insist they be incorporated into new facilities)</p> | <p>2. Increase PEF’s leadership role and visibility in the community by promoting and encouraging new technologies, smart growth design, energy efficiency with DRI design and building codes, and with consumer energy efficiency and conservation measures.</p> |
| <p>3. Greater PEF Participation in growth management planning a. Communications (EMF, Lake Egypt) b. PEF use its talents to take the lead with other corridor agencies to produce bolder, long-term solutions to co-location, designs, etc. and apply to this project ASAP.</p> | <p>3. Improve transmission line planning, design, and construction techniques to enhance aesthetics, protect wildlife habitat, minimize avian mortality, and allow for compatible multiple uses in the Right of Way (ROW).</p> |
| <p>4. While PEF has people and programs for working with local governments and agencies, the visibility in our communities is short of the need. Include more in depth discussions with large landowners – well in advance.</p> | <p>4. Provide the public with early and full disclosure of the specifics of the 3 alternative corridors and identified concerns by corridor.</p> |
| <p>5. Cost effective measures (Life Cycle Costs)</p> | |
| <p>6. Improve hardware design to enhance aesthetics and wildlife protection and allow</p> | |



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| for uses in ROW | |
| 7. Low impact construction techniques - an enhanced ROW habitat | |
| 8. Increase focus on energy conservation/efficiency (all levels), i.e. change building codes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage distributed generation b. Assistance with conservation and energy efficiency | |
| 9. Roll out with other WCF utilities on a consistent, comprehensive green program and sell it aggressively | |
| 10. Early and full disclosure of the specifics of the 3 alternative corridors and identified concerns by corridor | |
| 11. Increase PEF visibility in our community with local governments and agencies | |

