

Community Partnership for Energy Planning

Community Working Group – B (Citrus, Hernando and Levy Counties)

Meeting Summary

Plantation Inn – Crystal River, FL
September 11, 2008

Time: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Facilitated By: STAR Group, LLC
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Attendees

CWG Members Present:	Guests:
Jim Bierly, Audubon Society	Gail Simpson – Progress Energy Florida
Pat Casselberry, Audubon Society	Tonya Elliott – Progress Energy Florida
Richard Clay, Synergy Architecture	
Chuck Dixon, Citrus County Schools	
Duane Dueker, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association	
Curt Ebitz, Citrus 20/20, Save Our Waters	
Rose Fagler, Progress Energy Florida	
Carla Groleau, Progress Energy Florida	
Susan Kirk, City of Crystal River	
Katie Lucas, Crystal Motors Co.	
David Miles, Hernando County	
Nicholas Nicholson, Nicholson Engineering, Inc.	
Dorothy Pernu, 7 Rivers Regional Medical Center	
Wilber Priest, Florida Division of Forestry	
Ed Schiller, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association	
Roy Smith, Town of Inglis	
Kurt Woerner, City of Crystal River	

Chris Kenny and Maria Wolfe of STAR Group welcomed the Community Working Group (CWG) members and guests. In recognition of the passing of CWG member Roger Goettelmann and the anniversary of 9/11, the group observed a moment of silence. Following this, they reviewed the ground rules and agenda for today's meeting.

Gail Simpson began with a brief update on the regulatory filings for the Baseload Transmission Project that have been made since the last CWG meeting in May. In June PEF filed the Site Certification Application (SCA) with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the proposed



Levy plant and related transmission corridors. In addition, PEF filed an application for a Combined Operating License (COLA) for the proposed Levy plant with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on July 31. The SCA filing may be viewed on DEP's web site: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/siting/Highlights/applications.htm>, then click on the link to Progress Energy Levy County Nuclear. The COLA may be found on the NRC's site: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/levy.html>.

Gail gave members a demonstration of PEF's new Internet Based Interactive Transmission Map. The map, which works best with a high-speed connection (wireless and dial-up connections are not recommended), enables users to search with a parcel number, an address or by simply pointing and clicking on a property with their cursor. The map tells the user the distance of the parcel from (1) the edge of the study corridor and (2) any existing transmission lines in the area. The tool may be viewed at the Baseload Transmission web site: <http://www.progress-energy.com/energyplanning>.

PEF is working with its environmental consultant on the various route studies. These studies will identify the possible locations for the actual transmission line within the study area, including the right-of-way. As these route studies are completed, PEF will host several open houses to present the conclusions of the route studies and receive public input on the results.

Members of the CWG offered the following observations, comments and recommendations for PEF's consideration as the public outreach process moves forward:

- CWG members strongly encourage PEF to develop more detailed information and handouts on the estimated economic impact of the plant and the transmission project on the region.
- The key to most home owners is to minimize impact – have regional corridors that hold transportation, transmission, rail, etc. The group suggested that PEF work with FDOT to identify long term corridors with space to run needed power lines as needed.
- Recognize the need for better community planning – local, county, regional, statewide.
- CWG members recommend that PEF address its recent rate case filing and be prepared to explain why it makes sense to begin collecting increased rates now and over time for the plant (vs. paying a larger one-time increase once plant construction starts).
- As PEF develops press releases and information sheets or packs, CWG members would like to receive them to use in their communications in their communities.



- Work with city and county planners so that PEF's plans are consistent with community growth plans.
- Make information available in local libraries and government offices.

The next round of Open House meetings were briefly reviewed. Based on feedback received at prior Open House meetings as well as feedback provided by the CWG, PEF is developing a video that will be shown at the upcoming Open House meetings and available for other uses. The purpose of the video is to provide the general public with an overview of the project as well as information about the involvement and input from the community.

Other information provided regarding the Open House meetings:

- The Open House meetings will be held in October, November and December as the Route Study Areas are completed. The open houses in this area will be the final set.
- PEF's existing Rights of Way (ROW) will be shown at the Open House meetings.
- The goal is to engage people and develop understanding.
- PEF will send letters, advertise, provide information to city and county staff and officials, etc. to get the word out.
- PEF will ask for feedback again on design options and try to use the input where it can.

CWG members recommended the following with respect to the Open House meetings:

- PEF should demonstrate how input from this process, including the last round of Open House meetings, has affected decisions made to date regarding the project.
- If possible, PEF should provide information about how environmentally sensitive areas will be impacted.
- Ideally, PEF staff should be prepared to discuss the advantages/disadvantages of various route options and the relative weight of the criteria used to determine the final route options.
- Hold the Open House meetings in the evenings (after work is the best time) during the week and as close to affected areas as possible.
- As soon as the dates are set, all CWG members should be notified.

CWG members discussed PEF's plans for moving several other Utility Search Conference recommendations forward. In response to the recommendation that PEF be more engaged in regional planning efforts, PEF is forming an internal group to develop a system-wide approach to regional planning to



transmission, substations, etc. Members of the CWG recommended that the internal group should include PEF staff members who understand conservation and alternative energy issues. If PEF decides to reach out to the broader community with this group, PEF should consider engaging a broad range of skill sets and perspectives.

Many of the other USC recommendations dealt with the need to educate people on a variety of energy-related topics. In response, PEF has re-established its Speaker's Bureau, a group of PEF employees who are well-versed in energy-related topics and who are willing and able to speak with community organizations throughout the region. CWG members are encouraged to contact Gail if they know of groups that would be interested in having someone from PEF address their organization.

PEF will send detailed information to the CWG concerning its recent rate case filing. One of the key points is that there are several long-term benefits of the new plant, including a reduction in the price volatility associated with plants driven by fossil fuels. At the CWG's suggestion, PEF also committed to provide information to local libraries, including instructions on how to access and utilize the Baseload Transmission web site.

In closing, the group reviewed the meeting and expressed the value of the meeting with the excellent input, communication, information sharing and organization. A recommended improvement is that if lengthy time passes between meetings, CWG members would like to receive key information like the launch of the new website and future Open House meeting dates by email as soon as possible.



Community Working Group Roster (Citrus, Levy, Hernando Counties)

Category	County	First	Last	Organization	City
(B) Civic and Community Organizations and Citizens/Local Elected Officials	Citrus	Curt	Ebitz	Citrus 20/20, Save Our Waters Committee	Homosassa
(B) Civic and Community Organizations and Citizens/Local Elected Officials	Citrus	John	Marmish	United Way of Citrus County	Lecanto
(B) Civic and Community Organizations and Citizens/Local Elected Officials	Citrus	Scott	Carson	City of Inverness	Inverness
(B) Civic and Community Organizations and Citizens/Local Elected Officials	Citrus	Morris	Harvey	North Citrus Civic Association	Citrus Springs
(B) Civic and Community Organizations and Citizens/Local Elected Officials	Citrus	Duane	Dueker	Sugarmill Woods Civic Association	Homosassa
(B) Environmental/Public Landowners	Citrus	Pat	Casselberry	Audubon Society	Inverness
(B) Environmental/Public Landowners	Hernando	Janey	Baldwin	Withlacoochee River Basin Board	Brooksville
(B) Environmental/Public Landowners	Citrus	Wilbur	Priest	Florida Division of Forestry	Homosassa
(B) Government Staff/Planning Staff	Citrus	Chuck	Dixon	Citrus County School District	Lecanto
(B) Government Staff/Planning Staff	Hernando	Bill	Geiger	City of Brooksville	Brooksville
(B) Government Staff/Planning Staff	Citrus	Kurt	Woerner	City of Crystal River	Crystal River
(B) Government Staff/Planning Staff	Levy	Eugene	Trimpert	Withlacoochee River Regional Planning Council	Inglis
(B) Government Staff/Planning Staff	Citrus	Gary	Maidhof	Citrus County	Inverness
(B) Government Staff/Planning Staff	Citrus	Jimmy	Brooks	Southwest Florida Water Management District	Lecanto
(B) Government Staff/Planning Staff	Levy	Bruce	Greenlee	Levy County Road Dept.	Bronson
(B) Government Staff/Planning Staff	Hernando	David	Miles	Hernando County	Brooksville
(B) Major Power Consumers	Citrus	Katie	Lucas	Citrus Memorial Hospital	Inverness
(B) Major Power Consumers	Citrus	Vernon	Lawter	Health System	Inverness
(B) Major Power Consumers	Citrus	Dorothy	Pernu	Central Florida Community College	Lecanto
(B) Private Landowners	Citrus	Dixie	Hollins	7 Rivers Regional Medical Center	Crystal River
(B) Private Landowners	Hernando	Justin	Rooks	Hollinswood Ranch	Crystal River
(B) Public Service/First Responders	Levy	Evan	Smith	TBF Partners, Ltd.	Brooksville
(B) Public Service/First Responders	Levy	Roy	Smith	Levy County	Bronson
(B) Tourism and Economic Development	Hernando	Mike	McHugh	Inglis Police Department	Inglis
(B) Tourism and Economic Development	Hernando	Nicholas	Nicholson	Hernando County	Brooksville
(B) Tourism and Economic Development	Citrus	Carl	Flanagan	Nicholson Engineering	Brooksville
(B) Tourism and Economic Development	Citrus	Daryl	Seaton	Citrus County Chamber of Commerce	Hernando
(B) Utility	Citrus	Rosemary	Fagler	Best Western Crystal River Resort	Crystal River
(B) Utility	Citrus	Carla	Groleau	Progress Energy Florida	Ocala
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