

Community Partnership for Energy Planning

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

Meeting Summary

Plantation Inn
February 7, 2008

Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Facilitated By: STAR Group, LLC
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Attendees

CWG Members Present:	Guests:
Janey Baldwin – Withlacoochee River Basin Board	Barbara Hampton – Crystal River
Jimmy Brooks – SWFWMD	Gail Simpson – Progress Energy Florida
Pat Casselberry – Audubon Society	Robert Bellemare – UtiliPoint International
Richard Clay – Citrus 20/20	
Duane Dueker – Sugarmill Woods Civic Association	
Curt Ebitz – Citrus 20/20, Save Our Waters Committee	
Rose Fagler – Progress Energy Florida	
Roger Goettelmann – Crystal River Redevelopment Agency	
Morris Harvey – Citrus County Homeowners Association	
Dixie Hollins – Hollinswood Ranch	
Susan Kirk – Crystal River	
Gary Maidhof – Citrus County	
John Marmish – United Way	
David Miles – Hernando County	
Nick Nicholson – Nicholson Engineering	
Justin Rooks – TBF Partners, Ltd.	
Roy Smith – Inglis Police Dept.	
Eugene Trimpert – Withlacoochee River Regional Planning Council	
Larry Watson – Progress Energy Florida	
Kurt Woerner – City of Crystal River	

Bill Moyer of STAR Group welcomed the Community Working Group (CWG) members and guests and reviewed the ground rules and agenda for the meeting.

The group spent several minutes discussing the issue of whether to have members of the media in attendance at CWG meetings. The group recommended that representatives from Progress Energy, the CWG and the



Leadership Team meet with and brief members of the media on the specifics of the public involvement process to date, including how participants were selected to be including in the process, and from that point forward the media should be invited to future CWG meetings. The group also felt that the media and the public should be aware that while they are welcome to attend future CWG meetings, they may do so as observers rather than participants.

Regina Chavez reviewed the group's work at its January 8, 2008 meeting and Chris Kenny led a discussion regarding the upcoming Open House meetings and described the information presented and lessons learned from the Open House meetings that were held in Lakewood and Wildwood earlier in the week.

The group recommended that Progress Energy Florida (PEF) develop a "Frequently Asked Questions" document for the Open House meetings, to address the following issues:

- The reason(s) PEF is proposing this project and the impact, if any, that the slowing rate of population growth in Florida might have on PEF's decision
- How are changes in electricity usage (electric cars, plasma T.V.'s, etc.) affecting the decision to build this project?
- Permitting process/timeline
- Factors for corridor selection and who makes the final corridor decision
- Width of ROW for a 500kV line
- EMF
- Eminent domain: when is it used and what is the process?
- Who to contact for more information
- Why does PEF need to identify a 1 mile corridor for this filing?
- Undergrounding transmission: what technologies are available, what factors are used in deciding whether or not to underground, and who decides?
- Make clear the final decision to build the plant and the related transmission has not been made yet
- If it is built, what are the benefits of the project (jobs – construction phase and permanent, average salary, economic impact, electric costs)
- Present the information that Jeffrey Lyash presented to the USC participants regarding spent fuel rods
- What is the status of being able to re-process spent nuclear fuel?
- Describe water usage, water quality and environmental issues associated with the plant

It was also suggested all poster boards/information sheets should be on CD or a website where the information can be downloaded. It should also be clear who to contact at Progress Energy to arrange a presentation.

The group agreed that the Open House meetings should be held from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. during the first week of March and that the following schedule should be considered:

Monday, March 3	Levy County
Tuesday, March 4	Hernando County
Wednesday, March 5	Hernando County
Thursday, March 6	Citrus County

The group felt this schedule would avoid possible meeting conflicts in the various counties and would also ensure that many property owners who are only in the area during the winter months will be able to attend the Open House meetings. Members also felt that 2 Open House meetings were necessary for Hernando County, given the number of potentially affected property owners in that county. It was also suggested that PEF consider holding informational meetings or make information available at local libraries.

It was suggested the following locations be considered for open houses in Hernando:

- Fairgrounds
- VFW Hall
- Springstead High School
- Central High School
- Nature Coast Technical High School
- Libraries

PEF will provide CWG members with a copy of the Open House invitation and will let CWG members know when the invitation will be mailed out to individuals who own property within the one-mile corridors presently under study. CWG members were encouraged to attend open house and provide critiques.

Other suggestions for the Open House meetings included:

- Consider using a “continuous loop” video to provide Open House meeting attendees with background information regarding the project
- Consider making presentations to local elected officials (especially City and County) as well as chambers of commerce, prior to the Open House meetings

- Consider using larger print and/or 2 sided handouts at the Open House meetings, so that information is easy to read

Gail Simpson of PEF indicated that she would be willing to arrange for one-on-one meetings with other interested groups and organizations and invited CWG members to contact her with suggestions for these meetings.

A comment was made that people are interested in knowing how to get future jobs associated with the new plant and might ask about this during the Open House meetings. Gail mentioned that there would be approximately 2,000 employees working on the site during the construction phase and approximately 500 full-time employees at the site if the plant is approved and built. PEF expects that the average annual salary for permanent employees at the site will be around \$80,000.

Some CWG members requested an update on the result of visit to France by PEF executives to examine how the French are handling reprocessed nuclear fuel. Currently, it is national policy that U.S. nuclear power plants are not permitted to reprocess spent nuclear fuel. PEF and other utilities are engaged in conversations at the federal level regarding this issue. Gail told CWG members that she will find out if a report from the visit to France is available.

A CWG member mentioned that PEF recently was ranked as one of the dirtiest utilities in Florida. Several members suggested that at the Open House meetings, PEF should highlight the fact that a nuclear power plant does not emit any carbon dioxide and that the smoke coming from a nuclear power plant's cooling towers are steam, not pollution. Members also said that it would be important to inform Open House attendees that PEF is spending billions to add scrubbers to the existing Crystal River coal plant.

The next CWG meeting will be held at the Plantation Inn on Thursday, March 20th from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

Finally, members engaged in a "Plus/Delta" exercise regarding the meeting:

Plus

- + Learned a lot
- + Followed ground rules
- + Group worked well
- + PEF's commitment to speak to editorial boards about the project and the public involvement process to date
- + Worked through question about media and rules of engagement
- + Good facilitation

Delta

- Δ Eggs and bacon
- Δ Brighter lights
- Δ Did not accomplish agenda and ran over on time
- Δ "Someone" forgot to turn off cell phone
- Δ Mission creep – keep the meetings focused on transmission issues

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	Roger	Goettelmann	Crystal River Redevelopment Agency	Crystal River
(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	Sugar Mill 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 Gov't	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	Levy	Wally	Anderson	Health System	Inglis
(B) Major Power Consumers	Citrus	Vernon	Lawter	Cemex, Inc.	Inglis
(B) Major Power Consumers	Citrus	Dorothy	Pernu	Central Florida Community College	Lecanto
(B) Major Power Consumers	Citrus	Dorothy	Pernu	7 Rivers Regional Medical Center	Crystal River
(B) Private Landowners	Citrus	Dixie	Hollins	Hollinswood Ranch	Crystal River
(B) Private Landowners	Hernando	Justin	Rooks	TBF Partners, LTD.	Brooksville
(B) Public Service/First Responders	Levy	Evan	Smith	Levy County	Bronson
(B) Public Service/First Responders	Levy	Roy	Smith	Inglis Police Department	Inglis
(B) Tourism and Economic Development	Hernando	Mike	McHugh	Hernando County	Brooksville
(B) Tourism and Economic Development	Hernando	Nicholas	Nicholson	Nicholson Engineering	Brooksville
(B) Tourism and Economic Development	Citrus	Carl	Flanagan	Citrus County Chamber of Commerce	Hernando
(B) Tourism and Economic Development	Citrus	Daryl	Seaton	Best Western Crystal River Resort	Crystal River
(B) Utility	Citrus	Rosemary	Fagler	Progress Energy Florida	Ocala
(B) Utility	Citrus	Larry	Watson	Progress Energy Florida	Lake Mary

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