

Community Partnership for Energy Planning

Joint Leadership Team and Community Working Group – B

Meeting Summary

Plantation Inn
May 20, 2008

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Facilitated By: STAR Group, LLC
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Attendees

<u>CWG Members Present:</u>	<u>Guests:</u>
Janey Baldwin – Withlacoochee River Basin Board	Gail Simpson – Progress Energy Florida
Jim Bierly – Audubon Society	Robert Bellemare – UtiliPoint International
Warren Blodgett – Sugarmill Woods Civic Association (for Duane Dueker)	
Jimmy Brooks – SWFWMD	
Pat Casselberry – Audubon Society	
Duane Chichester – Hernando Progress	
Kevin Cunningham – Re/Max Realty One	
Richard Clay – Citrus 20/20	
Chuck Dixon – Citrus County School District	
Curt Ebitz – Citrus 20/20, Save Our Waters Committee	
Rose Fagler – Progress Energy Florida	
Roger Goettelmann – Crystal River Redevelopment Agency	
Carla Groleau – Progress Energy Florida	
Morris Harvey – Citrus County Homeowners Association	
Dixie Hollins – Hollinswood Ranch	
Susan Kirk – Crystal River	
Gary Maidhof – Citrus County	
Carol McQueen – Levy County Visitors Bureau	
David Miles – Hernando County	
Nick Nicholson – Nicholson Engineering	
Dorothy Pernu – 7 Rivers Regional Medical Center	
Wilbur Priest – Florida Division of Forestry	
Daryl Seaton – Best Western Crystal River Resort	
Larry Watson – Progress Energy Florida	
Kurt Woerner – City of Crystal River	

Chris Kenny and Bill Moye of STAR Group welcomed the Leadership Team (LT) and Community Working Group (CWG) members and guests, reviewed the ground rules for the meeting, and reviewed the agenda.

Gail Simpson gave a presentation to the group concerning the preferred corridor for the Baseload Transmission Project, which was announced publicly this morning. Gail noted that Progress Energy Florida (PEF) had determined the preferred corridor for the Project based on technical requirements and the information gathered to date, including public input received from the Utility Search Conferences, Community Working Groups and Open House Meetings. The preferred corridor will be presented as part of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Site Certification Application filing that will be made in June 2008. Gail notified the group that PEF's final corridor selection is posted on PEF's website. Two different letters went out yesterday – to those within/near the corridor and to those who fall outside the corridor but had previously participated or received some prior communication about the project in the past (nearly 100,000 letters). Gail asked that members of the group offer suggestions to PEF on other means of notifying potentially affected stakeholders about the final corridor selection.

Gail pointed out that ninety percent of the preferred corridor is within existing rights of way. The width of the preferred corridor does vary. Most is narrow because the proposed line will be placed in existing rights of way. However, there are about 20 miles of new right of way needed (about 10 percent of the project) and in these areas the preferred corridor study area can be as wide as 1-mile.

In Hillsborough County, the plan is to replace an existing 115-kV lattice tower design with a 230-kV monopole design. Based on comments received at the Open House Meetings, PEF hopes that people may view this as a visual improvement over the current structures. The existing easement in Hillsborough County generally is 100 feet wide and will be able to accommodate the proposed line upgrade; however, some additional right of way may be required, primarily in the eastern portions of the corridor.

PEF has also determined that no new construction is needed for the Baseload Transmission project in Pasco County. Ongoing analysis of forecast data led Progress to conclude that the existing lines from its Brooksville West substation to the Tarpon Spring substation have sufficient capacity to support the additional power generated by the 2 proposed nuclear units in Levy.

Gail noted that the project calls for four new 500-kV lines coming out of the Levy plant, two of which will go to a new substation that will be located in



Citrus County. The exact location for this new substation has not yet determined but about 70 acres will be needed. From the new substation, a single 500-kV line will be built to connect to PEF's existing nuclear plant in Citrus County; a new 500-kV line will run from the substation to a new substation near Leesburg. Coming out of the new Citrus substation and running south to its existing Brookridge substation along Sunshine Grove Road near Brooksville, PEF will replace existing lattice towers that hold a 115-kV line with a new, monopole structure that will hold both the existing 115-kV line and a new 230-kV line. This new 230-kV line, co-located with the 115-kV line, will continue south from the Brookridge substation to the Brooksville West substation near State Road 50. Some additional right of way may need to be acquired in the area west of the existing Brookridge substation and in the area between the Brookridge substation and the Brooksville West substation but this is not expected to impact homes.

A member of the group asked about the factors that determine pole height. Gail noted that pole height can be determined by several factors but that generally speaking pole height is determined by the distance between poles and by the height necessary for the line to meet Florida's EMF requirements. The 230-kV monopole structure being considered from Citrus to Hernando County generally will be less than 140-feet tall.

Gail advised members that the SCA will list possible endangered species in the area; however, at the present time PEF does not expect that the project will impact endangered species in its existing rights of way. She also agreed to advise members of the deadline for public comment regarding the Levy plant needs filing.

Members asked Gail whether PEF was actively engaged in conversations to make the 20 miles of new right of way into multi-use corridors. Gail responded that PEF is not at that stage of the process yet. She noted that the 500-kV line in Sumter County may run along the Florida Turnpike. She also noted that the 500-kV line in Marion County is proposed to go through the Ross Prairie area in an existing transmission corridor, so that might be another possibility for multi-use.

The group was asked to provide suggestions regarding the next steps in PEF's overall public involvement effort for the project. Members of the group suggested that PEF address the following issues in describing the project and the final corridor selection to the public:

- Health issues related to the transmission lines, particularly EMF (what are the Florida standards; how will the public be sure that PEF has met these standards with this new project)

- Safety, particularly how the planned overhead lines will be designed to withstand severe storms (e.g., versus underground lines, which would seem to not be vulnerable to severe storms)
- Provide a comparison of the proposed overhead lines to underground lines (aesthetics, reliability, cost, and safety)
- Cost of the Levy plant (what will the impact be to an average customer's monthly bill; what would the cost be to customers if the plant and transmission lines were not built; when will the new \$9/month charge begin; what is the cost of traditional fossil fuels vs. the cost of nuclear fuel)
- May those helping to pay for the new plant and transmission lines be treated in the same manner as PEF stockholders (i.e., create a special class of ratepayers who would receive some kind of return on their investment in exchange for funding the new project)?
- How long will actual construction of the new lines take?
- What impacts will there be to property values within the preferred corridor?
- What do property owners within the preferred corridor need to disclose to potential buyers and when do they need to disclose it?
- When does PEF acquire an entire parcel and when do they attempt to acquire an easement? How does the process of eminent domain work and when would PEF use it?
- Be sure to communicate regularly with those within the preferred corridors, to include the project web site, the project timeline, an indication of when the property owners can expect to hear again from PEF, and where individuals may obtain more information or get their questions answered
- Develop a link from county websites and newspapers to PEF
- Be sure to provide hard copies of maps and other relevant information with city and county planning agencies as well as in public libraries
- Conduct regular mailings to keep individuals apprised of developments; don't rely solely on the Internet, as many individuals may not have access to or use the Internet
- Update the project web site regularly (e.g., at least every 2 weeks), to include ongoing updates to the project timeline
- Continue to educate communities about water issues related to the Levy plant
- Provide information on the economic development aspects of the plant and transmission lines (e.g., how many employees and contractors will be working on the job; taxes to be paid to local communities by PEF as a result of the project, etc.)
- Utilize detailed visuals whenever possible (on the web site, in mailings, at city and county offices, at libraries, etc.), as people don't want to spend that much time reading large amounts of information

- EMF - have links to independent, third party EMF studies on the web site and provide references to these studies in the new background document
- Continue communicating with the LT/CWG as key project milestones are reached

Gail also mentioned an article that had been delivered to her by a CWG member concerning nuclear power and carbon issues. Gail offered to review the article and provide PEF's response.

Gail told members that PEF intends to continue working with the Leadership Team and Community Working Group. In addition to bringing these groups back together in late June to discuss ongoing public outreach developments, Gail would like the members to continue working on the other recommendations developed at the Utility Search Conference.

Before adjourning, the group engaged in a Plus/Delta exercise concerning today's meeting:

Plus

- + Location
- + Lunch
- + Timely information
- + Good presentation
- + Big Maps
- + Facilitation

Delta

- Δ Microphone
- Δ Written agenda for government officials

Progress Energy will communicate with LT/CWG when the SCA filing is made with the DEP in June and will get back with the LT/CWG about scheduling the next meeting of the two groups.

Leadership Team Roster (Citrus, Levy, Hernando Counties)

First	Last	Organization	City
Martha	Barnwell	Progress Energy Florida	Ocala
Jim	Bierly	Audubon Society	Homosassa Springs
Jimmy	Brooks	Southwest Florida Water Management District	Lecanto
Duane	Chichester	Hernando Progress, Inc.	Brooksville
Kevin	Cunningham	Re/Max Realty One	Lecanto
Rosemary	Fagler	Progress Energy Florida	Ocala
Carla	Groleau	Progress Energy Florida	Crystal River
Susan	Kirk	Resident	Crystal River
Carol	McQueen	Levy County Visitors Bureau	Bronson
Harold	Ross	Ross Hammock Ranch	Inglis
Brent	Whitley	Sierra Properties I, LLC	Tampa

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	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 Health System	Inverness
(B) Major Power Consumers	Levy	Wally	Anderson	Cemex, Inc.	Inglis
(B) Major Power Consumers	Citrus	Vernon	Lawter	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