

# Community Partnership for Energy Planning

## Community Working Group - A

### Meeting Summary

Franklin Templeton Conference Center – St. Petersburg  
January 9, 2008

Time: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM



## Attendees

CWG Members Present:	Guests:
Tom Aderhold – Keystone Civic Association	Gail Simpson – Progress Energy Florida
Ron Daniel – Pasco County	Loretta Murray – Progress Energy Florida
David Edwards – Pasco County	Robert Bellemare – UtiliPoint International
Ming Gao (attending for Elba Lopez) - FDOT	Karen Raihill – Golder & Associates
Tom Griggs – Newland Communities	
Ken Herd – Tampa Bay Water	
Ken Hoyt – KSH International	
Colleen Kruk - SWFWMD	
Dee Layne – Coalition 4 Responsible Growth	
Nancy Loehr – Progress Energy Florida	
Juan Lopez – Hillsborough County	
Ken Mathewson – Pasco County	
Marion Ryan – Sierra Club	
John Soler – District School Board of Pasco County	
Frank Starkey – Longleaf Development Company	
Randy Stovall – Pasco-Hernando Community College	
Larry Watson – Progress Energy Florida	

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

Chris Kenny reviewed the purpose of CWG as defined by the Leadership Team at its meeting on December 10, 2007:



- To refine the recommendations developed at the Utility Search Conference (USC).
- To provide input to the Progress Energy Florida (PEF) Project Team regarding the Baseload Transmission project.
- To recommend additional public outreach methods and content.

Gail Simpson reviewed the overall project timeline. The process started in 2006 when PEF began looking for a site for a possible new nuclear power plant. A potential site was identified in Levy County. PEF will file a "Needs Application" with the Florida Public Service Commission in early 2008. In June 2008 an application will be submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). PEF anticipates that DEP's review of the application will take approximately one year to complete. PEF also plans to file an application for an operating license for the new plant with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). PEF anticipates that the NRC's review of this application will take approximately 3 ½ years to complete.

For transmission specifically, PEF's focus is to finalize the corridor definitions within one-mile of where the actual routes will be placed, which is required for the June 2008 regulatory filing. Following the June 08 filing the process of narrowing down to a specific route will occur and contacting landowners will likely begin in late 2008. The process for securing the rights-of-way likely will take about 4 years to complete. Construction of the transmission facilities is expected to begin in 2011/12 so that the plant can be online by 2016.

PEF plans to host several informational Open Houses meetings to get further input on possible transmission corridors and other key issues identified by the Open House participants. Information obtained at the Open House meetings will be reviewed by the CWG at a future CWG meeting.

PEF also will reach out to groups that may not be involved in the Open Houses or on the CWG, so thoughts from CWG members on what other individuals and/or groups should be contacted would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, PEF is committed to working with the CWG to further refine the non-transmission recommendations that were developed at the USC.

A question was asked if the Open House meetings will present each of the one-mile corridors discussed at the USC or if, where the maps suggested that a much more defined line route was highly probable, participants at the Open House would be shown the more narrow route option. Gail responded that because PEF has not made any decisions regarding any of the ultimate route



options, and because PEF felt it important to present to the general public the same information that was presented to and considered by the USC participants, the plan is to present the full one-mile corridors that were presented at the USC. Some CWG members strongly recommended that if there are corridors that PEF knows to be narrower than the full one-mile corridor presented at the USC, PEF should indicate that at the Open House meetings.

Another suggestion made by the CWG was that citizens attending the Open House meetings should be apprised of who attended the USC and who is participating on the CWG. In addition, Open House attendees should be made aware that USC participants had recommended that the identified corridors be considered by PEF, given all of the factors presented to the USC participants.

Gail encouraged CWG members to participate in the Open House meetings so that members would have the opportunity to discuss these important issues with their fellow citizens. CWG members will be sent a sample invitation letter that they may send out to individuals and organizations, encouraging them to attend the Open House meetings. In addition to some suggestions made at the meeting (such as contacting [onebay.org](http://onebay.org)), members were asked to contact Chris Kenny of STAR Group with the contact information of any other organizations that should be invited to attend the Open House meetings.

Chris and Gail reviewed the Open House format and content. The group agreed that an exhibit hall, "open entry/open exit" format from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. was appropriate. Subject matter stations will be set up around the room. A subject matter expert will be at each station. CWG members are welcome and encouraged to also participate at the workstation of their choice so that they have the opportunity to listen to and discuss the concerns of their fellow citizens.

The topics for the subject matter stations that PEF currently is considering include: Reception area, the Project and Regulatory Process; the Community Outreach and Input process; Corridor Options; Construction; Progress Energy's Balanced Solution; and General Information (e.g., EMF).

A question was asked if PEF would have legal staff on hand to answer questions regarding right-of-way issues. Gail responded that PEF will have legal, right-of-way and land use experts at the Open House meetings. There will be written information available as well on topics such as land use.



CWG members made the following recommendations regarding the Open House format and content:

- At the first station, let people know what they can expect to see during the Open House and explain the various methods by which they can provide their input.
- Be sure to let people know who has participated in the public process to date (Leadership Team members, USC participants, CWG members).
- Consider having the individuals who could answer questions on a wide variety of topics at the first station or floating around the room, with specific subject matter experts at the subject-matter stations. This will enable PEF to answer many questions at once and provide guests with a good overview of the project/issues and layout of the Open House.
- Consider having many more photos of pole designs than those that were in the USC, and simulations of what the corridors could look like. In addition, these photos should be much more detailed than those presented at the USC.
- Consider having much more detailed information regarding EMF issues than what was presented at the USC.
- PEF should talk about their mission since they have an obligation to serve growth and are not the cause of it. They are also responsible for integrating with other utilities. PEF will be in areas where they are not known, so there will be a need to educate the public about their mission.
- Consider showing a video about the basics of Florida's energy needs, planning process, transmission, how many homes the transmission line serves, why nuclear, how PEF ties to the local distribution utility, energy efficiency, etc.
- Consider having someone available to explain avian protection plans and vegetation management.
- Consider giving Open House participants the opportunity to identify and weigh their key criteria for transmission infrastructure siting (similar to the exercise performed by the USC participants).
- Consider giving Open House participants the opportunity to identify their preferred corridor opportunities (similar to the "dot" exercise at the USC).
- Consider showing who else PEF is talking to, to demonstrate they are looking at co-location and to see if there is anyone else they should be coordinating with.
- Show in one visual where we are in the process/timeline.

- Be prepared for people blaming PEF for lines that are not yours or are unrelated to this project. Progress Energy will bring in local operations people.

Gail Simpson reviewed the Open House invitation process. Property owners within the one-mile corridors presented at the USC, city staff/planners, elected officials, USC participants (including all CWG members), and individuals nominated but not selected to participate in the USC all will receive invitations to the Open House meetings. The invitation will come from both Progress Energy and the Community Partnership for Energy Planning. PEF will advertise in local papers.

CWG members offered the following suggestions regarding publicizing the Open House meetings:

- In Pasco County, consider attending the joint meeting of the 5 local Chambers of Commerce.
- Consider making presentations to elected officials. This would give those officials the opportunity to understand the project and the public outreach being conducted and will also enable them to get the word out regarding the Open House meetings to their respective constituents.
- In Hillsborough and Pasco there are eight community newspapers that are very important and should be considered for advertising the Open House meetings.
- Consider contacting significant homeowner/neighborhood associations. For example, in Pasco County there is an umbrella organization.
- Develop an effective web site. Gail responded that the site is under development, including a “virtual Open House” that would enable individuals to see the information that is going to be presented at the Open House meetings and to provide input to PEF via the Internet.
- Utilize a bill insert or message on the utility bill regarding the Open House meetings.

Gail thanked members for their suggestions and encouraged the CWG members to email any further contacts and suggestions to Chris Kenny.

The group was then asked to offer guidance on possible dates and locations for the Open House meetings. The dates currently being considered are



February 25, 26, 27 and 28. The group offered the following suggestions and observations:

- Hillsborough: Carrollwood Cultural Center or USF, or University Community Center (22<sup>nd</sup> Street). February 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> are the preferred dates for Hillsborough.
- Pasco: Pasco-Hillsborough Community Center, Western Pasco (e.g., New Port Richey); if needed, the school district has sufficient facilities and would be happy to coordinate with PEF.
- Pinellas: Brooker Creek Preserve (but check parking capacity); East Lake High School; City of Tarpon Springs, St. Pete College, local churches on Tarpon Springs Road.
- Polk: Baptist church in Kathleen; Church without walls in Lakeland (the Old Carpenter's Home facility) – but note that you won't be able to use these facilities on Wednesdays (i.e., February 27 would not be a good day to hold an Open House meeting in Polk County).
- The Lutz Civic Association may be willing to co-host an Open House meeting.

Regina Chavez of STAR Group asked the group to prioritize the group's work around the non-transmission recommendations developed at the USC. The group made this preliminary assessment but will revisit this list at its next meeting:

1. State, regional, and local → state agencies, PEF and utilities (present and future)
2. Promote/encourage new technologies, smart growth design (energy efficiency), DRI design, county building and energy codes (insist they be incorporated into new facilities)
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.
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.
5. Cost effective measures (Life Cycle Costs)
6. Improve hardware design to enhance aesthetics and wildlife protection and allow 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
  - 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

It was suggested to combine 2-4-8 and 1-3. The following prioritization was suggested:

- 1) 1-3 combination
- 2) 2-4-8 combination
- 3) 6
- 4) 7
- 5) 10
- 6) Recommendation 5 is part of transmission selection

It was suggested to change the "Additional Recommendations" in the USC Executive Summary to something that sounds more significant and relevant. Because of time constraints, the group agreed to continue prioritizing the recommendations at their next meeting. STAR/PEF will email a draft of the changes thus far to the group in preparation for the next meeting.

Members were presented with a list of the existing members of the CWG (attached to these notes) and were asked to email any suggestions for additional CWG members to Chris Kenny prior to the next meeting. One suggestion mentioned at the meeting was to consider adding representatives from large developers/private business.

Finally, members were asked to engage in the “Plus/Delta” exercise regarding today’s meeting.

Plus

- + Lunch
- + Location
- + Times
- + Good media (projection, flip charts)
- + Specific agenda
- + Access to location
- + Discussion

Delta

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

The next CWG meeting will be held on February 6, 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
(A) Business	Hillsborough	Kenneth	Hoyt	KSH International, Inc. Pasco-Hernando	Tampa
(A) Business	Pasco	Randy	Stovall	Community College Malphus & Son	Dade City
(A) Business	Hillsborough	Wilbert	Malphus	General Contractors Keystone Civic	Tampa
(A) Civic Groups	Hillsborough	Tom	Aderhold	Association 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 Florida Department of Transportation District 7	New Port Richey
(A) Governmental	Hillsborough	Elba	Lopez	Tampa Bay Water	Tampa
(A) Governmental	Pinellas	Kenneth	Herd	Pasco County	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	Lambo	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	Nancy	Loehr	PEF	Clearwater
(A) Utility	Polk	Jerry	Miller	PEF	Lake Wells

CWG-A Members  
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