

Community Partnership for Energy Planning

Community Working Group – A

(Pinellas, Pasco, Hillsborough, Polk)

Meeting Summary

Franklin Templeton Conference Center – St. Petersburg, FL
September 9, 2008

Time: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Facilitated By: STAR Group, LLC
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Attendees

<u>CWG Members Present:</u>	<u>Guests:</u>
Tom Aderhold – Keystone Civic Association	Gail Simpson – Progress Energy Florida
Tom Griggs – Newland Communities	Tonya Elliott – Progress Energy Florida
Jerry Miller – Progress Energy Florida	
Melissa Seixas – Progress Energy Florida	

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

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 also gave members a demonstration of PEF's new 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>.

Gail also reported that 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 plans to host several open houses to present the conclusions of the route studies and to 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:

- The key to most home owners is to minimize impact – have regional corridors that hold transportation, transmission, rail, etc.
- Recognize the need for better community planning – local, county, regional, statewide.
- CWG members can assist with identifying who else we need to contact for additional outreach.
- Suggest working with FDOT to identify long term corridors with space to run needed power lines as needed.
- Create consistency with community growth plans. Developers should know what is included in the plan and the impacts if they build out of the growth area.

Gail gave the group an overview of the Open House meetings. Based on feedback received at the last series of 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. 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.
- To the extent possible, PEF should show whether its ROW can be used to give the public access to open space, preserves, etc. granted to access preserves, etc.
- PEF should hold the Open House meetings in the evenings (after work is the best time) during the week.
- The meetings should be held as close to affected areas as possible.

The group then discussed PEF's plans for moving several other Utility Search Conference recommendations forward. Gail mentioned that 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.

Gail noted that 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.

The group also discussed membership in the CWG. Among the recommendations discussed were:

- The group needs to stay focused on Baseload Transmission corridor issues but also should look at big picture planning issues.
- PEF needs to keep Tampa Bay Partnership very involved.
- University programs may be able to provide some excellent candidates for CWG membership.
- David Ash – Neighborhood person for Hillsborough County
- The CWG should include City & County planning department representatives.



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

Category	County	First	Last	Organization	City
(A) Business	Hillsborough	Kenneth	Hoyt	KSH International, Inc.	Tampa
(A) Business	Pasco	Randy	Stovall	Pasco-Hernando Community College	Dade City
(A) Civic Groups	Hillsborough	Tom	Aderhold	Keystone Civic Association	Tampa
(A) Civic Groups	Hillsborough	Dee	Layne	Coalition 4 Responsible Growth Inc.	Lutz
(A) Environmental/Alternative Energy Advocates	Pasco	Annemarie	Hammond	Pinellas County Utilities	New Port Richey
(A) Environmental/Alternative Energy Advocates	Pasco	Ronald	Daniel	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) Governmental	Hillsborough	Ming	Gao	Florida Department of Transportation District 7	Tampa
(A) Governmental	Pasco	Jim	Martin	Pasco County	New Port Richey
(A) Governmental	Pasco	David	Edwards	Pasco County	New Port Richey
(A) Land Use Planners	Hillsborough	Juan	Lopez	Hillsborough City - Public Works Right of Way	Tampa
(A) Land Use Planners	Hillsborough	Paul	Flora	Hillsborough County Planning Commission	Tampa
(A) Land Use Planners	Hillsborough	William	Lambo	Hillsborough County	Tampa
(A) Large Energy Users	Pasco	John	Soler	District School Board of Pasco County	New Port Richey
(A) Large Landowners	Hillsborough	Thomas	Griggs	Newland Southeast	Tampa
(A) Utility	Hillsborough	Larry	Watson	PEF	Lake Mary
(A) Utility	Pinellas	Melissa	Seixas	PEF	Clearwater
(A) Utility	Polk	Jerry	Miller	PEF	Lake Wells