

Community Partnership for Energy Planning

Community Working Group - C

Meeting Summary

**Wildwood Community Center
November 27, 2007**

Time: 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Attendees

CWG Members:

Jean Lamb
Almee Webb
Marty Dzuro
Sean Parks
Albert Peek
Chris McKendree
Paul Marraffino
Robert Smith
Chris Gray
Larry Watson
Paul Kalv
Rebecca Matthey

Guests:

Gail Simpson
Robert Bellemare

Bill Moyer 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 purposes of the CWG, as determined by the Leadership Team at its meeting on October 11, 2007. Those purposes are:

1. To refine the recommendations developed at the September 25-26, 2007 Utility Search ConferenceSM;
2. To provide input to the PEF project team regarding the Baseload Transmission project; and
3. To recommend additional public outreach methods and content.

Gail Simpson reviewed the project timeline. In the short term Progress Energy Florida (PEF) would like the CWG's help in refining the corridor opportunity recommendations developed at the USC so that PEF can complete the work necessary to submit the information required for its regulatory filing under the Power Plant Siting Act (PPSA). As part of the recommendation refinement process, Ms. Simpson requested that the CWG help PEF develop a series of open house meetings in the region so that additional public input could be obtained by PEF prior to March 31, 2008.

According to Ms. Simpson, after the initial filing under the PPSA, PEF will be working with the CWG and others to narrow the corridor opportunities to more specific route alternatives. PEF plans to begin construction of the transmission lines in 2012, with an in-service date of 2015.

Finally, Ms. Simpson stressed that PEF is committed to working with the CWG and other stakeholders on the non-transmission related recommendations that were developed at the USC.

Chris Kenny reviewed the CWG member list and requested feedback on the ethnic, geographic and socioeconomic diversity of the group, noting that members of the CWG need not be restricted to individuals who participated in the CWG. Members noted that the group could benefit from the possible inclusion of additional members and offered to provide Mr. Kenny with relevant contact information.

Bill Moyer led a review of the recommendations that were developed at the USC. The CWG agreed that the USC recommendations and the CWG's work to refine these should be regrouped and prioritized as follows:

- 1.) Refine Transmission Line Corridor to 1 Mile**
 - Maximize co-location on route corridors
- 1.a.) Regional Planning (sub category of transmission line)**
 - Form TPO
 - Require coordination with state and local programs
- 1.b.) Environmental**
 - Environmental protection – e.g., during construction phase
 - Maintain environment quality
- 2.) Communications**
 - Form focus groups
 - Establish speakers' bureau
 - Include educational material in monthly billings, via the Internet and through other media
 - Develop a comprehensive community strategy outreach plan to touch all stakeholders affected (homes, government, communities, special interest groups) via a TPO, etc.
 - Create a community outreach/focus group

- Maintain this group of community advisors
- Continued communication and stakeholder involvement.
- Continued communication, public education and outreach

3.a) Pole Design and Safety

3.b) Aesthetics

- Flexible design considerations based upon location
- Maximize the public good for implementing our recommended route corridor. If not, quantifiably communicate reasons

4.) Evaluate local co-generation facilities

5.) Be aware of the consequences of a “yes” vote on Hometown Democracy

The group then discussed possible Open House meetings in the area and agreed to the following:

- The meetings should be held for a period of 3 – 4 hours in the late afternoon or early evening (e.g., 4 – 8 p.m.), in order to maximize the opportunity for individuals to attend
- Wednesday nights should be avoided
- The meetings should be advertised locally and should indicate that individuals may come and go as they wish (the meetings will be set up in “exhibit hall” format, with workstations and with no formal presentation)
- Advertisements should indicate that the content will be the same at each of the meetings and that individuals may attend any or all of the meetings
- Attendees should be given multiple means to provide input, both during the meeting as well as via email or a project web site
- It would be highly beneficial if the project web site could provide information so that individuals who may not be able to attend the scheduled meetings could see the information and provide input via the web site
- It would be very helpful to have a continuously-running, 10 minute video presentation on the need for the project
- The meetings should be held from 4 – 8 p.m. at the following locations and on the dates indicated:

Leesburg City Hall – Monday, January 21, 2008

Dunnellon City Hall – Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Wildwood Community Center – Thursday, January 24, 2008

Members were asked to provide information on what had gone well in today's meeting (Plus) and what they would like to see differently for the next meeting (Delta). Observations included:

Plus

- + Openness of the meeting format
- + Having the maps from the USC on hand for viewing
- + Meeting length
- + Good location
- + Cake!!

Delta

- Δ Have copies of all materials (e.g., Background Report)
- Δ Room temperature (cold)
- Δ Can maps be put online/PDF?
- Δ Send meeting invitation in Outlook Calendar Format
- Δ Circulate CWG contact list (attendees agreed that STAR Group could forward members' contact information to other members)

The next CWG meeting will be held at the Wildwood Community Center on January 7, 2008 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. A key purpose of the January 7 meeting will be to prepare for the Open House meetings.