

**AGENDA  
SITING BOARD  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
JULY 29, 2008**

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**Item 1        Minutes**

Submittal of the Minutes from the December 5, 2006 and December 19, 2006 Cabinet Meetings.

(See Attachment 1, Pages 1-5)

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

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**Item 2        Tampa Electric Company Final Order Certification/Willow Oak-Wheeler-Davis Transmission Line Project**

**REQUEST:** Consideration of an Order, to be executed by the Siting Board, adopting the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order recommending the Siting Board grant full and final certification to the Tampa Electric Company, under Section 403, Part II, Florida Statutes, for the location, construction and operation of the Willow Oak-Wheeler-Davis 230kV Transmission Line Project pursuant to Subsections 403.529, and 403.531(1), Florida Statutes.

**COUNTY:** Hillsborough and Polk

**APPLICANT:** Tampa Electric Company (TECO)

**LOCATION:** The transmission line will connect a new planned substation (Willow Oak) west of Mulberry in Polk County to the planned Tampa Electric Davis substation located in Temple Terrace, Hillsborough County. The line will also connect with the intermediate and existing Tampa Electric Wheeler substation located along Wheeler Road northeast of Brandon in Hillsborough County. The total length of the line is approximately 30 miles.

**STAFF REMARKS:** On October 12, 2007, TECO submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) a Site Certification Application (SCA) for certification of its proposed Willow Oak 230 Kilovolt (KV) transmission line project pursuant to the Florida Transmission Line Siting Act, Sections 403.520 through 403.539, F.S. The SCA proposes the construction and operation of a new 230KV transmission line extending from its planned Willow Oak Substation in Polk County to its planned Davis Substation in Hillsborough County. The line is scheduled to be in service by March 2012.

The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) approved the petition for Determination of Need for the transmission line on June 11, 2007. The Final Order determining the need for an electrical transmission line was issued June 21, 2007.

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**Item 2, cont.**

All reviewing agencies recommended certification of the proposed corridor and recommended conditions of certification to minimize adverse impacts and to insure compliance with local policies and applicable regulatory standards. The PSC found that the proposed transmission line is needed and that the geographically separate corridor would provide increased reliability. The Administrative Law Judge recommended that the Siting Board enter a Final Order approving TECO's Willow Oak-Wheeler-Davis transmission line.

(See Attachment 2, Pages 1-98)

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**