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Dear Friend and Neighbor,

We have selected a route for the proposed Bobwhite-Manatee project. On behalf of FPL's project team, I would like to thank you for participating in the route selection process for the new electric power transmission line proposed for your area. We received almost 1,900 surveys back from our mailing, talked to more than 270 people at our public open house events, shared information about the project with over 150 people who called our toll free telephone line, and responded to about 40 email messages. From these contacts, we have developed a project mailing list of more than 2,800 people who indicated they wanted to be kept informed about the project.

A map showing the route is enclosed, and a color version is available on our web site at www.FPL.com/Bobwhite. The route we have chosen generally takes the following path:

- Beginning at the FPL Manatee Energy Center in Parrish, the route runs south across FPL property for approximately one-half mile to SR 62,
- East along SR 62 for approximately one-half mile,
- South on a cross-country alignment for approximately five miles to CR 675,
- South along CR 675 for approximately four miles to SR 64,
- West along SR 64 (crossing the Manatee River at an existing bridge) for approximately three miles to Dam Road,
- South following property lines approximately six miles to University Parkway,
- West for approximately three miles to the intersection of Lorraine Road, and
- South along Lorraine Road, the proposed Lorraine Road extension, and Dog Kennel Road, approximately three miles to the site of the proposed Bobwhite substation.

This route was chosen after evaluating 1,275 alternatives using objective data as well as taking into consideration a wealth of information provided by you. The selected route's chief advantages compared to other routes are:

- It provides an appropriate balance of the many factors considered important in locating a transmission line (including community, environmental, and engineering/cost factors)
- It is fairly direct, minimizing the length of new transmission line in the landscape.
- It has relatively few homes in close proximity.
- It generally avoids schools and school sites.
- The route chosen provides the ability to serve new customers in the growing areas of Manatee and Sarasota Counties east of I-75.
- Most of the new line will follow property lines or be co-located with road rights-of-way.

- The selected route provides a new right-of-way, widely separated from and parallel to the existing lines connecting the Manatee Energy Center and the Ringling substation in Sarasota County, thereby enhancing the reliability of service to electric customers in the area.
- The route crosses the Manatee River at an existing bridge.
- It avoids large areas of environmentally sensitive lands.
- The route offers the opportunity to consolidate the new transmission line with several miles of existing FPL distribution lines on a single set of poles.
- The line can be built along this route for a reasonable cost.

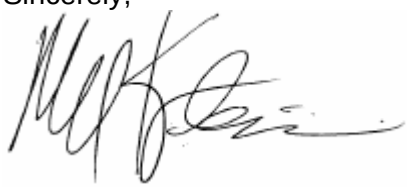
Through our contact with property owners, residents, and representatives of local groups and organizations, we learned many things that were of great value in choosing a route that would meet the needs of the community while minimizing the effects on the local area.

Now that we have reached a decision on a preferred route, the next step in the process is to submit the route for approval. We will apply to the Department of Environmental Protection through the Transmission Line Siting Act for certification of a corridor of variable width that generally follows this route. The corridor will provide flexibility for FPL to locate the right-of-way, which is only expected to be a maximum of 75-feet wide, and much less when co-located with a road. The actual right-of-way acquisition would begin sometime in 2008.

A unique feature of the Transmission Line Siting Act is the opportunity it affords others to propose alternate corridors that deviate from FPL's route in whole or in part. While FPL will continue to support its own corridor along the selected route through the certification process, the final corridor chosen by the Governor and Cabinet may include some or all of other parties' alternate corridor proposals.

As we begin the permitting process, we look forward to continuing our close working relationship with the community. Thank you again for participating and for assisting our project team in the route selection. We will continue to post new information to the project web site at www.FPL.com/Bobwhite as it becomes available. If you have questions, or would like to discuss the project further, please feel free to email us at Bobwhite-Manateeproject@FPL.com or call us toll free at 1-800-951-8849.

Sincerely,



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