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Time to Stand Up and be counted if one is against FPL's plan for transmission lines along US 1

Pinecrest, Fla. – Pinecrest Mayor Cindy Lerner is urging those who are against FPL's plan to place 100 foot-tall transmission poles and lines along US 1 to call or email Governor Rick Scott and Cabinet members.

Governor Scott and the Cabinet will meet on Tuesday, May 13th to decide whether to approve FPL's request to build 100 foot-tall transmission poles and lines along US 1 and two proposed nuclear plants at Turkey Point. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is supporting FPL's application. Because this is an election year it is believed that Governor Scott may be sensitive to voter opinion.

Henry Su owns a successful mall along US 1 in Pinecrest. He is against FPL's plan because the power lines do not represent the county or the US 1 business corridor appropriately.

"Miami-Dade has blossomed into an internationally known destination that has caught the attention of retailers worldwide, and US 1 is a main thoroughfare," said Mr. Su. "The power poles and lines will take away the allure of the county's world-class status."

Ed Williamson owns a commercial property that runs 15,060 linear feet along the busway parallel to US 1. He is also opposed to FPL's plan to erect transmission poles and lines along the busy commercial thoroughfare.

"The value of my commercial property will be damaged immensely. There are credible studies that show that when this type of project is erected property values drop by as much as 31 percent. This is not only bad for property owners, but also for tax collectors," said Mr. Williamson, who owns Williamson Cadillac Buick-GMC.

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The two proposed nuclear plants at Turkey Point would be situated between two national parks on a hurricane swept coastline prone to storm surge and rising seas, at a cost of \$24 billion to taxpayers, if approved by the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Those who oppose the plan to erect transmission poles and lines along US 1 should contact Connie Byrd, who will relay the views of citizens to the Governor and Cabinet.

Connie Byrd's contact information is Connie.Byrd@dep.state.fl.us or 850-245-2024.

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