RESOLUTION NO. 2010-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, OPPOSING FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT'S ("FPL") PLAN TO PLACE OVERHEAD HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES ON US 1 TO CONNECT THE TURKEY POINT POWER PLANT TO THE DOWNTOWN MIAMI SUBSTATION; URGING THE PLACEMENT OF UNDERGROUND LINES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST; REQUESTING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ("PSC") TO REVISIT ITS OPINION WITH REGARD TO THESE UNDERGROUND COSTS NOT BEING SHARED BY ALL FPL USERS IN FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Power and Light ("FPL") desires to place overhead high voltage transmission lines through Miami-Dade County ("County"), specifically on Pinecrest Parkway ("US 1") between Turkey Point and Downtown Miami; and

WHEREAS, many experts claim transmission lines can be safely placed underground; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route for the overhead transmission lines will negatively impact the residents, businesses, quality of life, and possibly public health, along the US 1 Corridor; and

WHEREAS, many experts claim overhead transmission lines may be dangerous to the public due to the electromagnetic fields surrounding the lines; and

WHEREAS, many residents and stake holders are opposed to above ground transmission lines anywhere near their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, due to South Florida's high proclivity to hurricanes, overhead transmission lines pose a serious danger to the public and underground lines seem to be the only viable option to counter this danger; and

WHEREAS, underground lines will serve the public health, safety and welfare of the community by maintaining the County's busiest thoroughfare, free from the post disaster relief related to tropical storms and hurricanes in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, US 1 is a major thoroughfare and cannot risk interruption from a down power line;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Village Council hereby opposes FPL's plan to place overhead high voltage transmission lines on US 1 to connect the Turkey Point nuclear plant to the Downtown Miami Substation, urges the placement of underground lines within the Village of Pinecrest instead, and requests the Public Service Commission ("PSC") to revisit its opinion with regard to these underground costs not being shared by all FPL users in Florida, instead of the underground costs being paid fully by the affected municipality.

Section 2. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the PSC.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of March, 2010.

Cindy Lerner, Mayor

Attest:

Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr., CMC
Village Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

Cynthia A. Everett
Village Attorney

Motion by: Vice Mayor Corradino
Second by: Councilmember Ross

Vote: Councilmembers Cutler, Harter, Ross, Vice Mayor Corradino, and Mayor Lerner voting Yes

Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr. (OVC)

From: Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr. (OVC)
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 12:02 PM
Subject: Resolution Opposing FPL's Plan to Install Overhead Transmission Lines on US 1
Attachments: 2010-13.pdf

Commissioners:

Attached please find a copy of Resolution 2010-13, adopted by the Pinecrest Village Council on March 9, 2010, opposing FPL's plan to install overhead transmission lines on US 1.

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