

This will be your last chance to keep FPL from running new transmission lines through Pinecrest, South Miami, Coral Gables and the City of Miami and to oppose the construction of two new nuclear plants 18 miles away at Turkey Point

The hearing that will determine the final outcome is occurring now, right here in Miami. You have a chance to speak out at the public hearings described below. FPL's "Eastern Preferred Transmission Line Corridor" would enter Pinecrest at US 1 and SW 136 street and run north along US 1, through the heart of the South Miami, Coral Gables and city of Miami all the way to I-95. Lines would be strung along monstrous concrete towers 105 feet tall and 4 feet in diameter. Their purpose would be to deliver new power to the rest of their grid throughout Florida.

Urban transmission lines are bad for the economy, and US 1 is the gateway to all of our cities along that corridor as well as being the primary commercial land for our cities

Properties within sight of a transmission lines lose 10% off their real estate value, with similar consequences for the local economy and tax base. UM economist, Dr. Richard Weisskoff, characterized FPL's proposed transmission lines as: ***"...both the assassin and graveyard of economic activity and growth"***.

In addition, all 4 cities place a high value on the aesthetics of the US 1 corridor, which serves as the main transit and transportation link to downtown Miami, and also as a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly corridor along the MPath. All 4 cities have invested heavily in a tree canopy and our intent to have nothing higher to mar the view along the corridor. The proposed 105 foot high transmission poles would destroy the character of the corridor, and inhibit any further commercial and residential development. Our regional goals of building a sustainable transit oriented corridor would be destroyed forever.

If you want to know more about economic costs and health hazards of transmission lines, look here: <http://tinyurl.com/transmission-lines>

Sea level rise makes Turkey Point a really bad place for nuclear plants

The new transmission lines are tied to construction of 2 new nuclear reactors at Turkey Point, situated between two national parks on a hurricane-swept coastline subject to storm surge and inundation from sea level rise. Who remembers Fukushima?

FPL has planned for only one foot of sea level rise over the life of the plants (until 2080). Scientists are projecting 2-4 feet over this period, and it could be higher. A sea level rise of 2 feet would flood the access roads to Turkey Point, rendering the reactors inaccessible. Same with storm surge.

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/why-the-city-of-miami-is-doomed-to-drown-20130620>

The storm surge model (SLOSH) used for safety calculations on FPL's nuclear application is out of date and underestimates potential surge heights. NOAA has a new model but FPL is still using the old model's figures for their safety calculations.

The Alternate Corridor Procedure

We would rather see the lines shielded and underground or not built at all, but the Transmission Line Siting Act (written by the utilities) gives us only one way to fight new lines: **propose an alternate corridor**. Pinecrest and Coral Gables have proposed an alternate corridor that adds another set of lines to existing power line assemblages to the west. These were the transmission lines built by FPL over 40 years ago, when they first built Turkey Point. These existing lines will remain unimproved and will never go away, even if the US 1 corridor is approved and built. If this existing corridor in Kendall were approved as the alternate corridor to US 1, FPL would be required to upgrade and make significant improvements to the Kendall corridor and that community will see a significant improvement they would otherwise never realize.

PUBLIC MEETINGS - Please come and speak out. This is your last chance.

FPL always stacks the speaker's roster and we need OUR voices heard.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY SESSIONS

Pursuant to section 403.508(4)(b), Florida Statutes, local public hearings where members of the public who are not a party to the certification hearing may testify under oath as to relevant facts will be held at the dates, times, and locations listed below. All parties shall be given an opportunity to cross-examine or challenge or rebut such communications.

The closest hearing is:

Thursday, July 18, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Coral Gables Youth Center 405 University Drive Coral Gables, FL 33134

If you are busy or out of town that evening, Here are three alternate dates:

Wednesday, July 17, 2:00-6:00 pm and 7:00-9:00 pm

Keys Gate Golf and Country Club Banquet Hall 2300 Palm Drive Homestead, Florida

Tuesday, July 23, 3:00-6:00 pm and 7:00-9:00 pm

Miami Airport Convention Center Room MACC1 711 NW 72nd Ave, Miami, FL

Thursday, July 25, 6:30-9:00 pm

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Here is a link to a set of talking points you can use to support the Alternate Corridor Proposals and oppose new nuclear plants at Turkey Point:

<http://tinyurl.com/talking-points-2013>

Focus on one or two points and make them well. Plan on having two minutes to speak.

Thank you.

Philip Stoddard, Mayor, City of South Miami
Cindy Lerner, Mayor, Village of Pinecrest