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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti H. Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: June 24, 2009

SUBJECT: **CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED
ROUTES ALONG THE LUDLUM TRAIL OR ALONG US HIGHWAY 1
FOR THE FPL TRANSMISSION LINES.**

Attached is South Miami Resolution 67-09-12876 for your information.


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Cc: Hilda Fernandez, Assistant City Manager
Tim Hemstreet, Assistant City Manager
Robert Middaugh, Assistant City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 67-09-12876

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RELATING TO OPPOSING THE PROPOSED ROUTES ALONG THE LUDLUM TRAIL OR ALONG US HIGHWAY 1, FOR THE FPL TRANSMISSION LINE; AND PROPOSING THE EVALUATION OF AN ALTERNATE ROUTE ALONG SR 826, SR 836 OR SR 874; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE STATE, AGENCIES, AND OTHER COMMUNITIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Power and Light (FPL) is considering the construction of a transmission line in order to increase capacity and connect the turkey point power station to downtown Miami and points North; and,

WHEREAS, one proposed FPL route is along US Highway 1 and a second potential route is the railroad corridor along the Ludlum Trail through the City of South Miami; and,

WHEREAS, the Ludlum Trail proposed route runs adjacent to and in close proximity to established residential neighborhoods and two existing schools; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed US Highway 1 route runs adjacent to and in close proximity to an established residential neighborhood, hospitals, schools and other occupied commercial buildings; and,

WHEREAS, locating transmission lines through densely populated areas imposes an unreasonable burden on the affected community due to exposure to EMF, audible noise, visual impact and danger of collapsed lines; and,

WHEREAS, the siting of electric transmission power lines along public highway right-of-ways and other corridors with relatively small right-of-ways poses significant health and safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS, the siting of electric transmission power lines along public highway right-of-ways with larger buffers and wider right-of-ways such as State Road 826, State Road 836, and State Road 874 for example, minimizes impacts on residential communities, businesses, hospitals and schools; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission seek to lobby the State Legislature relating to same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA;

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Commission does hereby state its opposition to the Ludlam Trail route and the U.S. Highway 1 route for the proposed transmission line proposed by FPL, and propose the relocation of the FPL transmission lines along larger public highway rights-of-way, including, but not limited to SR 826, 836 and 874.

Section 2. In the event that one of the routes through the City of South Miami is ultimately selected that the Mayor and Commission formally request FPL to place the transmission lines running through the City under ground to reduce the adverse impacts of electric magnetic fields on the citizens and visitors to South Miami.

Section 3. The Mayor and City Commission encourage FPL to work with the Department of Transportation to identify transmission line routes that minimize exposure to population centers.

Section 4. The Mayor and City Commission directs the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation, the Presiding Officer and Members of the municipalities in Miami-Dade County and the Executive Director of the Miami-League of Cities, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and FPL.

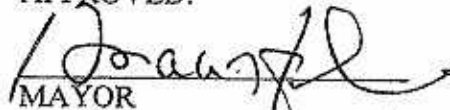
Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of April, 2009.

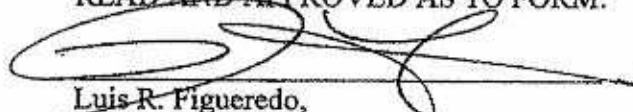
ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


MAYOR

READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Luis R. Figueredo,
Office of City Attorney

COMMISSION VOTE: 5-0
Mayor Feliu: Yea
Vice Mayor Beasley: Yea
Commissioner Palmer: Yea
Commissioner Beckman: Yea
Commissioner Newman: Yea

CERTIFICATION

Nikki Payne Deputy Clerk with
the City of South Miami, Miami-Dade
County, Florida, do hereby certify this
document to be a true and correct
copy of

Resolution No. 67-09-12876
dated April 7, 2009, according to
the records of the City of South
Miami, Florida. Given my hand
and the official Seal of the City
of South Miami, Florida this 8th day
of April, AD 2009.


Deputy City Clerk