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Palm Beach, Florida 33480
November 5, 2017

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TOWN OF PALM BEACH

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Town Manager's Office

Dear Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice Chairman and Members:

My wife and I live at 230 Arabian Road, on the SE corner of Arabian Road and North Lake Way.

Request. We are asking you to change the current plans to put a transformer on the existing FPL 5 foot wide easement next to our property on the North Lake Way side.

We request that instead, that transformer be put on the same existing FPL 5 foot wide easement across the street, in a far less intrusive way.

I attach the Kimley Horn map of the location, to facilitate your review of our request.

Background. The current Project plans call for a 4X4X3 transformer box on a larger concrete pad on the corner of our property next to our garage. That box is about the size of half a car, for perspective.

To do this, a 13.5' x10' (135 square foot) easement, was requested from us by the Town. We have refused to give that easement, and will continue to do so.

Why? Because that siting will be less than 20 feet from the corner bedroom where my wife, who is quite ill from an auto-immune disease, and awaiting a liver transplant, lives and where we both sleep. That siting will also take out half the land next to our driveway.

Project Response. The response, politely said, so far has been:

- sorry, that is the plan,
- that location is required to meet FPL's electric service standards, and
- if you will not give us the 13.5X10 easement we want, we will just put the pad and transformer box on FPL's 5 foot wide easement next to the easement we wanted. So that is the plan, period, even though FPL's clearance "standards" will not be met by placing it in the existing easement. But we can do that without getting a further easement from you, so that's what we will do.

The Better Placement, I have pointed out, strongly, that directly across the street, using the same 5 foot wide easement that FPL is now planning to use on my side, there is more than enough space to put in the same box on the pad, in a much less obtrusive way. And, it would be much farther away from the proximate houses than the current plan.

This has been dismissed as "not what's been planned" and not meeting FPL's clearance standards (though neither will the current plan).

That is because across the street, while there is the requisite eight feet clearance front and back, and three feet clearance on the sides, on the right side of where the transformer box would be, a wall curves in, such that at the very corner of the box - and only that corner - there will be less than three feet.

Therefore, the site does not comply with FPL's "standards" - though this pertains only to the box's sidewall that has no openings (only the front and back do for access), and there is more than enough room for a FPL workman even on the "afflicted" side.

At my request, the relocation was raised last week at the Project's internal weekly meeting and - what a surprise - turned down.

The Facts. I am retired now, but worked with utilities - Entergy, CP+L, UI, GPU, PSNH, you name it - for thirty plus years.

I know - very well - that there's no engineering impediment to this siting change - the loop cabling simply will just go one way, not the opposite, and the same tree, foliage and pole removal and pad pouring etc. will apply in either case.

It's a simple pre-construction change order, where no greater costs or effort should be required.

I also know - full well - that FPL's clearance standards do not have the rule of law - they are what the utility planning engineers would like. So that is what they require of customers for new transformers on the customer's property, when they can get their way. FPL cannot hide behind this.

And - in terms of clearances - if their current plan continues and the transformer is placed on the existing 5 foot easement next to my property, they will not have the clearance they want anyhow. That is because those clearances on the side will require my giving the easement they want - and I will not. So - either way - their "clearance requirements" will not be met.

They can put the transformer across the road in a very manageable way for them - they just are bulling forward on this. A change order to do this is a pain - so let's see if the customer will roll over and give up. Which I have not, and will not.

Please Resite This. So - both my wife and I would greatly appreciate your intervention on this current situation, and your redesignating the transformer to across the street.

The outcome putting the transformer across the street is not perfect, but it is a lot more perfect than the current plan.

I am sorry for being difficult, but this one is far more important to me and my ill wife, than it should be to FPL and the construction company.

And doing the right thing here, which is moving the transformer to across the street, can very much be easily done, by the stroke of your pen.

Thank you for your consideration on this.

Sincerely,



Jack Hollihan



Mary Ann Hollihan

cc: Thomas G Bradford, Town Manager

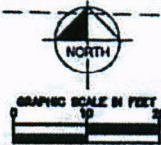
ARABIAN RD

N. LAKE WAY

230 ARABIAN ROAD

Bedroom

PROPOSED
13.5'x10'
EASEMENT -
Not given.



SCALE		Kimley»Horn	OCT 2016	EASEMENTS EXHIBIT PREPARED FOR TOWN OF PALM BEACH	DESIGN ENGINEER	SHEET NUMBER
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Our Requested
Siting: the better
placement

FPL's "fallback" siting

300 Arabian
Main House



Electric Service Standards

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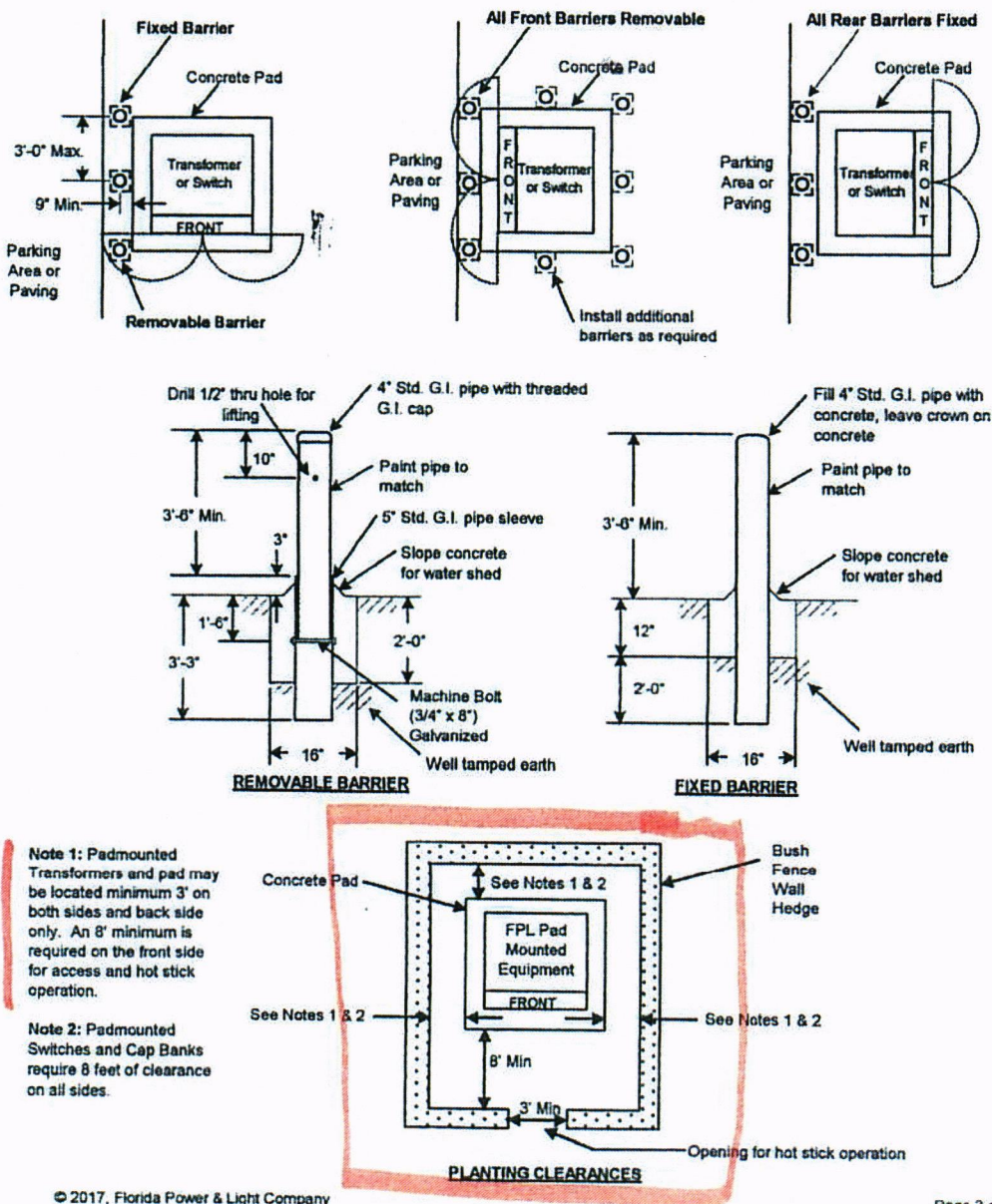
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V. REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFORMERS SITUATED ON CUSTOMER PROPERTY

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FIGURE V-1

Protective Barrier and Planting Clearances for Padmounted Transformers and Switches



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Underground Utility Task Force Meeting on: November 7, 2017

TO: Underground Utility Task Force

FROM: Steven Stern, Project Manager

RE: Project Update, Supplemental

DATE: November 7, 2017

Key Project Updates:

1. FPL Network Topology

After the Hurricane Irma update in the October 3rd UUTF meeting, the task force asked questions regarding FPL topology inclusive of hardening of feeders and power distribution serving the Town. Questions were asked of FPL, such as:

- Which FPL power plants support the Town of Palm Beach?
- How many FPL substations support the island and where are they?
- Are the transmission lines hardened from the power plants to the substations? If not, is there a plan and timeframe to harden the facilities?

FPL External Affairs acknowledged receiving our questions and working on a response. We have requested a December reply to our questions.

2. Grant Submission:

This month we submitted our "Fall 2017 Project Prioritized List (PPL)." This is our application for P.B.C. Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) grant funding.

The P.B.C. Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group and sub-committees are coordinated by the P.B.C. Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management.

Mitigation projects carried on the LMS Prioritized Project List (PPL) may be eligible for funding under a variety of programs, such as the Pre Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program, Public Assistance (PA), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program, and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

3. Cost Savings:

In recent UUTF meetings we discussed exploring cost saving opportunities such as alternatives to lower legal services fees associated with easement acquisition.

- a. Consultant, Outsource Option: Easement acquisition RFP will be issued by Purchasing on 11/12/17 with bidder's conference scheduled 11/21/17.

4. Communications Update

- a. On November 27th, 2017, the town insourced communications management for the ToPB undergrounding project. Support by cornerstone was terminated for all aspects of the project including support for Burkhardt Construction and Whiting Turner Construction.
- b. Transition priorities include but are not limited to:
 - i. Transfer of Intellectual Property files from cornerstone.
 - ii. Working with IT for Web hosting platform and domain name service invoicing and registrant migration from Cornerstone's third party provider.
 - iii. Mail list creation for future Undergrounding communications.
 - iv. Familiarization with word press for Web site updates.
 - v. Content support and development for the ToPB and CMARS, graphics for invitations.
 - vi. Printing for projects such as door hangers.
 - vii. Developing presentation and content for upcoming meetings such as the presentation on 11/16 for the Civic Assn.

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Community Forum



Hurricane Recovery and Underground Utilities

Find out what's going on
And how YOU are affected

Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 10:00am
Bethesda-By-The-Sea Episcopal Church
141 S County Road, Palm Beach

Everyone Welcome!
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