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Board of County Commissioners

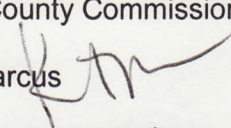
County Administrator
Robert Weisman



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

January 28, 2009

TO: Honorable Jeff Koons, Chairman, and
Members of the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Commissioner Karen T. Marcus 

SUBJECT: Commission Comments/January 29th Zoning Hearing

Under my comments, I would like to request the Board to direct staff to fast track amending the ULDC, Article 4, Supplemental Note 44 for Power Plants for Renewable Energy Facilities.

I met recently with representatives from Florida Power and Light and staff concerning our permit process for solar and renewable energy projects. It appears that the ULDC does not address renewable energy projects. Attached is an example of proposed language that staff will be reviewing when moving the amendment forward.

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Attachement

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Robert Banks, Assistant County Attorney

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

Add to table 4.A.3.A-1 – Use Martix as a use be right (P) in all land use categories.

Definition: Energy generated from natural sources such as, but not limited to, sunlight, wind, rain, tides and geothermal heat which are naturally renewable and replenished.

44-3. Renewable Energy Facilities

The principal use of the property is for renewable energy generation.

- a. **Setbacks** – There shall be a 25 foot setback (excluding poles) for all renewable energy generation equipment;
- b. **Screening and Perimeter Buffers** – A type III incompatibility buffer shall be required on all property lines. This buffer may be modified in accordance with Article 7.B.3;
- c. **Maximum Height** – No renewable energy structure shall exceed 35 in height as measured from finished grade;
- d. **Electric Transmission Facility** – An electric transmission facility co-located with a new request or DOA for a renewable energy generation facility may be reviewed and approved as one application;
- e. **Minimum Lot Size** – 10 acres;
- f. **Site Lighting** – Site lighting shall be shielded as to prevent light spill over on adjacent property