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GRU Authority
c/o Ed Bielarski, GRA Chief Executive Officer
301 SE 4th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601

RE: NW 122nd Street Extension Project, Alachua County Electric Transmission Facilities Separation

Dear GRU Authority Board Members:

Alachua County coordinated with GRU for many years regarding the design of the NW 122nd Extension extending north from State Road 26 to NW 17th Avenue. Throughout the design process, it was understood that the Alachua County owned property (Right-of-Way) to the east of the Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) property was not sufficient to construct the programmed collector roadway. For the area north of the GRU electric substation, a 20-foot-wide Transportation easement was granted to Alachua County to accommodate the roadway.

The GRU property to the west of the NW 122nd Street roadway corridor contains GRU electric facilities with 138,000-volt transmission lines situated near the east side. GRU has stated that these facilities require a minimum of 50-foot clearance for safety and maintenance purposes. The provided Transportation easement north of the GRU electric substation did not violate the noted minimum clearance.

The NW 122nd Street roadway design impacts several significant trees; therefore, Alachua County is requesting review of the minimum 50-foot clearance to the GRU Electric transmission facilities.

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners respectfully requests a reduction of thirty (30) feet of the clearance and expansion immediately adjacent to the five major Live Oaks in the center of the corridor, and expansion of the transportation easement to allow Alachua County to relocate the collector roadway to the west of the current 20' easement. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ken Cornell, Chair
Alachua County Commission
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Michele L. Lieberman, County Manager
Sylvia Torres, County Attorney
GRU Authority Board Members