



The City of
NORMAN

225 N. Webster
Norman, Oklahoma 73069

July 17, 2023

NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, LLC
c/o Kim Austin
700 University Blvd.
Juno Beach, FL 33408

Re: Floodplain Permit Application #675

Dear Ms. Austin:

Floodplain Permit Application #675 was denied by the Floodplain Permit Committee by a vote of 4 for 2 against and 1 absent. The no votes indicated that not enough information was provided by the applicant to properly address the concerns of the property owners whom expressed concern with rights of access and potential negative impacts of installation of the transmission line. Per City of Norman Flood Hazard Ordinance 36-533:(f)2 referenced below, at least five (5) members of the committee are required to approve a floodplain permit application.

(f)Floodplain permit administration.

(2)Uses listed above requiring a floodplain permit may be allowed only upon issuance of a special permit by a super majority vote of five or more of the Floodplain Permit Committee composed of the Director of Planning and Community Development, the Director of Public Works, City Engineer, the Subdivision Development Manager, the Planning Services Manager and two citizens appointed by the Mayor with advice and consent of the Council. The citizen members of the Floodplain Permit Committee shall serve staggered three-year terms. All members shall have successfully completed the basic floodplain training offered by the State Water Resource Board or equivalent training or education, and at least one member shall be a Certified Floodplain Manager. The Floodplain Permit Committee shall meet on an as-needed basis the first and third Monday of each month and shall post public notice accordingly. Floodplain permit application forms shall be furnished by the Department of Public Works. Upon receiving an application for the special permit involving the use of fill, construction of structures, or storage of materials, the Committee shall, prior to rendering a decision thereon, obtain and study essential information and request technical advice as appropriate. Such information and technical advice becomes a part of the application and is retained with the application.

You may request a hearing from the City's Board of Adjustment to appeal this decision. Please contact the City's Planning and Community Development Department at (405) 366-5433

If you have further questions about the floodplain permit application or the City's Flood Hazard Ordinance, please contact City Public Works staff at (405) 366-5455.

Respectfully,

Shawn O'Leary, P.E., C.F.M.
Director of Public Works – Floodplain Administrator

cc: Jane Hudson, Director of Planning and Development
Scott Sturtz, City Engineer
Ken Danner, Subdivision Development Manager
Lora Hoggatt, Planning Services Manager
Bill Scanlon, Citizen Member
Sheri Stansel, Citizen Member
Jason Murphy, Stormwater Program Manager
Todd McLellan, Development Engineer