



**Burnt Store Lakes Property Owners Association**  
**Community Information Network**



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**PROGRESS REPORT FROM UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC COMMITTEE (UEC) – PART I**

The UEC is an ad hoc committee made up of interested property owners in Burnt Store Lakes who have been studying the various stages of this project for over a year. The UEC is nearing completion of its investigation of benefits, technical feasibility, costs, payment plans and timing for conversion of electrical service from overhead to underground within Burnt Store Lakes. The UEC will share its findings with all property owners over the next few weeks through CIN messages and a presentation at the Annual Membership Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, FL. In the interim, if you have any comments, please email the UEC at [undergroundelectric@yahoo.com](mailto:undergroundelectric@yahoo.com)

**Facts we should all know:**

- A. Burnt Store Lakes (BSL) could not have decided on a better time to explore conversion to Underground Electric. Florida Power and Light (FPL) is under a mandate from FL-Public Services Commission to “Harden” the current over-head electric system to withstand windstorms. “Harden” results in wider, taller wooden (sometimes metal or concrete) poles placed closer together (every other house). Many more pole transformers will also be added. Cape Horn Blvd. is scheduled to be “hardened” in 2009 or 2010. Other major BSL roads would follow at later dates. Those likely would be Trading Post, San Edmundo, Acapulco, Peppercorn, Vincent, Santa Inez, Boca Vista, Cedar Rapids, Cabana and Saragossa.

***Underground delivery will eliminate all of this***

- B. Technically, placing the electrical service underground in Burnt Store Lakes NOW, is better than anytime in the future.
1. We have less than 25% of our lots with driveways. Therefore, 75% of lots could be done with the less expensive method of rapid trenching.
  2. 456 of our lots are on streets with no houses/poles OR have few houses/poles.
  3. BSL is largely sandy soil which makes trenching and boring easier.
  4. Our utility poles are mostly depreciated, thereby minimizing the cost of removal.
  5. Contractors are looking for large sized projects.

**WATCH FOR PART II: BENEFITS OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC DELIVERY**

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