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Petition of Florida Power Corporation to Open Investigation into Tampa Electric Company's Proposed Construction of a 69 kV Transmission Line to Serve Cities of Wauchula & Ft. Meade Docket No. 930676-EI

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed for filing is an original and fifteen copies of rebuttal testimony of Samuel F. Nixon, Jr., Dr. Robert B. Parente, Jeffry Pollock and Donald R. Stillwagon and a Certificate of Service.

Please acknowledge your receipt of the above filings on the enclosed copy of this letter and return to the undersigned. Thank you for your assistance.

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REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

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# REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF SAMUEL F. NIXON, JR.

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- A. My name is Samuel F. Nixon, Jr.
- Q. Are you the same Samuel Nixon who filed Direct Testimony in these proceedings?
- A. Yes.

- Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?
- A. My testimony will address seven specific issues raised in the prefiled testimony of TECO and the cities of Ft. Meade and Wauchula.
  - -First, I will respond to TECO's incorrect and inappropriate speculation about Florida Power's motives for initiating these proceedings.
  - -Second, I will address the real focus of these proceedings: the application of the Grid Law.
  - -Third, I will address the relevance of TECO's arguments about the impact of TECO's offer to construct additional transmission facilities on its securing contracts to supply power to the Cities of Fort Meade and Wauchula.

-Fourth, I will respond to TECO's suggestion that utility commitments (specifically Florida Power's) to make their transmission systems available for use by others are insincere.

- -Fifth, I will explain why the "transmission dependent utility" argument of TECO and the cities is irrelevant and inaccurate.
- -Sixth, I will address TECO's misinterpretation of a letter from Fiorida Power to the City of Fort Meade concerning Florida Power's system planning as it relates to transmission service to the cities.
- -Seventh, and finally, I will explain why TECO's discussion of the Saint Cloud issue is incorrect and inapt.
- Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits to your rebuttal testimony?
- A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibit \_\_\_\_(SFN-1), a copy of which is attached to my prefiled rebuttal testimony.
- Q. How specifically do you take issue with Mr. Ramil's testimony concerning Florida Power's motives for initiating these proceedings?
- A. Ever since Florida Power initiated these proceedings, TECO has attempted to distract the Commission from its investigation of the proposed TECO transmission project by making allegations about Florida Power using this case to "retaliate" against TECO for winning the competition to provide wholesale power to the two cities. As I explained in my direct testimony, this case actually concerns only transmission issues. Florida Power recognizes that TECO has valid

wholesale contracts to provide bulk power to the cities. Florida Power believes that TECO can and should continue to serve the cities under these contracts, but should do so in compliance with the Grid Law. This will, we believe, prevent real economic harm to the retail customers of both utilities. The testimony we have filed in this proceeding even demonstrates that the rates the cities will pay to TECO for bulk power will be lower if TECO does not build unneeded facilities.

Florida Power believes the Commission's decision in this case will provide valuable and necessary guidance to all utilities regarding the application of the Grid Law in circumstances such as these.

- Q. Please state your understanding of the transmission issues that should serve as the focus of these proceedings.
- A. When there exists an adequate and reliable third party path that has been and will continue to be available for transmission service, this Commission should apply the provisions of the Grid Law to prevent the construction of a redundant transmission facility when that construction would impose net costs that are substantially higher than those that would accrue through the use of a third party transmission system.

In this case, Florida Power owns the "adequate and reliable" transmission facilities. The total cost differential between using those transmission facilities or constructing duplicate transmission facilities

approaches a factor of ten. Such a vast differential makes the uneconomic duplication self-evidently clear. In fact, TECO's testimony concedes that their plan and their preference would have been to use Florida Power's transmission facilities and that such use would have substantially reduced the total cost involved in serving the cities. (See Testimony of John B. Ramil at pages 21, line 9 and page 10, line 25.) TECO's claims only that because of the desires of the two cities, TECO was unable to use the Florida Power and still win the business.

- 1. How do you respond to TECO's testimony that the new transmission facilities are "necessary" because construction was required for TECO to win the contracts with the cities?
- A. Whatever the line's importance in the negotiations, the fact is that TECO and the cities now have a contract for the sale and purchase of bulk power and Florida Power does not challenge the validity of those contracts. Florida Power simply believes the Commission should avoid uneconomic duplication of transmission facilities as prescribed by the Grid Law.
- Q. What conclusions can we draw about the weight that construction of the proposed transmission facilities had on the negotiations?
- A. We can essentially rule out that any reliability problems with Florida Power's existing facility were a material factor in the negotiations. This is so for several reasons. First, it is clear from our evidence, and it is

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unchallenged by TECO and the cities, that reliability comparable to that of Florida Power's transmission facilities was the standard prescribed, at least by Fort Meade, from the beginning of the bid solicitation. Second, the direct testimony of the two witnesses from the cities contains no significant criticism of any aspect of Florida Power's transmission reliability. Third, TECO, as Mr. Ramil himself testifies, was perfectly willing to provide service through Florida Power's transmission facilities. TECO would not have been willing to do this had it had any reliability concerns about Florida Power's facilities. This conclusion is reinforced by the fact that coordinated system planning practices among utilities in Florida gives them early and ample opportunity to make known to us any such concerns. They have done so on other occasions, as have we. We have received no complaints regarding the service reliability of Florida Power's existing transmission facilities referred to in this case since TECO began using them to provide transmission service to Wauchula in 1991.

The next conclusion we can draw relates the construction of the new facilities and their costs. First, it is important to observe that the proposed transmission facilities' costs are not to be assigned directly to the cities. Second, the proposed TECO transmission facilities' construction represented a principal basis upon which TECO was willing to forego charging the cities for transmission services, beginning in 1995. Therefore, the contracts relieve the cities from responsibility for

TECO plans to serve them, whether or not any such new facilities are built and in service by that time. Additionally, neither TECO not the cities have alleged that their contracts will fail if the Commission orders TECO not to build the duplicate facilities.

- Q. Is there any objective reason the cities could not continue to be served by TECO, if the Commission orders TECO not to build the proposed transmission facilities?
- A. No. There is no reason TECO could not continue to serve the cities. In fact, the cities could continue to be served by TECO at somewhat cheaper costs than if the facilities were constructed. This is primarily because TECO can still relieve the cities from paying transmission service costs and recover those costs from its entire customer base as it would any other transmission cost reasonable and necessary for providing service. As explained further in Mr. Pollock's testimony, this would even result in slightly lower rates for the cities. TECO's full recovery of its transmission service costs means that the cities, TECO and TECO's shareholders should all benefit from TECO continuing to serve the cities, even if the duplicate transmission facilities are not built.
- Q. What about the cities' allegations that they are harmed economically, since by not having two transmission lines they do not benefit from the competition between Florida Power and TECO?

This is all part of the cities' unwarranted apprehensions regarding their transmission dependent status which I have mentioned and will discuss in more detail later in my testimony. I will observe at this point, however, that even if the cities did have valid concerns in this regard, the term of their contract with TECO is so long that the next opportunity they would have to use this hypothetic increase in their negotiating power would be two decades from now, assuming the electric utility industry as we know it still exists.

Q. How do the circumstances surrounding Fort Meade's and Wauchula's efforts to secure new power supply agreements contravene the notion that they suffer as a result of being transmission dependent utilities?

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A. Mr. Ramil's testimony demonstrates that the City of Fort Meade received five bids that it deemed competitive. Furthermore, the City of Ft. Meade concedes having received three which were extremely competitive. If Florida Power Corporation had any ability to wield market power to limit Ft. Meade's options, which it does not, it is abundantly clear that it was not exercised. In fact, a bid that came from FMPA was initially assessed as the most economic. Ultimately, after TECO made cost concessions related to the proposed duplicate transmission facilities, its bid was accepted. These circumstances show that Florida Power Corporation had no excessive market power which worked to the detriment of the cities.

I would also note that neither TECO nor the cities have presented testimony (nor could there be any) to demonstrate that Florida Power Corporation's power supply contracts vary substantially between transmission dependent and non-transmission dependent utilities.

Q. Mr. Saddler states that "Tampa Electric's direct transmission pervice will bring additional competitive sources to the City Gates" (at page 5). Is that statement accurate?

- A. I believe it is not accurate. Florida Power has adequate transmission capacity and is legally committed to make that capacity available to sell power to Fort Meade and Wauchula or to deliver competitive sources of power to them, from TECO or another power supplier. The proposed TECO facilities would not make potential power suppliers more competitive. They would merely duplicate facilities already available.
- Q. How is Florida Power legally committed to deliver the cities' power purchased from another utility over Florida Power's transmission system?
- Florida Power's transmission tariff, which is in effect as a rate schedule under the Federal Power Act (see Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_ SFN-1). Also, independent of the tariff, the cities have rights to transmission service under Section 211 and 212 of the Federal Power Act.

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A. The tariff sets out the terms and conditions under which Florida Power is committed to provide transmission service and the charges. Both the terms and conditions and the charges are subject to review by FERC to ensure that they are just and reasonable. The tariff, as a filed rate schedule under the Federal Power Act, has the force and effect of a statute and binds the Company to its term. Florida Power consequently has a legal obligation to provide the service offered in the tariff under the charges, terms and conditions it contains.

Q. Please describe the cities' right to transmission service under the tariff.

A. The tariff provides that both firm and non-firm transmission service are available to "municipal electric utilities", among other types of utilities, for "all types of capacity and energy from sources to which the Company is directly or indirectly electrically interconnected over the facilities of the Company" (Articles I and II). The service is "to or from existing points of delivery and such other points as may be established on the Company's interconnected system" (Article I).

The service is offered "where and as long as facilities have adequate capacity to permit the transmission requested by the Customer on a technically feasible basis" (Article I). If the requested service would require new facilities, or would cause Florida Power to install facilities earlier than otherwise would be the case, or otherwise would cause it

to incur exceptional expense, Florida Power must offer the service "under a compensatory contract or rate schedule subject to the approval to the Federal Energy Regulation Commission" (Article !).

As municipal electric utilities which have interconnections with Florida Power's transmission system as existing points of deliver, the cities have the right under the tariff to transmission service for "all types of capacity and energy from sources to which the Company is directly or indirectly interconnected" (Article II). Florida Power is interconnected to TECO, among other Florida utilities. Thus, the cities have the right under the tariff to transmission for power supplied by TECO or any other supplier with which Florida Power has adequate direct or indirect interconnections. TECO has a like right to have its power delivered to the cities, if it chooses to be the transmission customer.

The tariff rates are based on the average embedded costs of Florida Power's transmission system. The tariff preserves Florida Power's right to offer service under a special contract at higher rates than those set out in the tariff, but only if the service would cause Florida Power to incur exceptional expense. The delivery of power from TECO to the cities would not cause Florida Power to incur any such exceptional expense.

- Q. Has Florida Power ever refused a request for transmission service under the tariff since the tariff became effective in the early 1970's.
- A. Yes, but only when there were constrained facilities preventing Florida

  Power from providing the service requested. There are no such

  constraints for delivery of TECO's power to the cities.
- Q. If Florida Power were to turn down a request by the cities for transmission service under the tariff, would they have remedies to obtain the services, based on the Federal Power Act?
- A. Yes, they certainly would. They could file complaints with FERC requesting FERC to order Florida Power to comply with the terms of its tariff. Since, as stated earlier, the tariff has the force and effect of a statute, it binds Florida Power to its terms.
- Q. Do the cities have rights under the Federal Power Act to seek transmission service other than by enforcing the terms of Florida Power's tariff?
- Yes. Sections 211 and 212 of the Federal Power Act, as implemented by FERC in rulemakings, require a party seeking transmission service first to make a good faith request. The recipient of the request must then supply a good faith answer. If the recipient can provide service from existing capacity, the answer must include an executable service agreement. If it cannot supply service from existing capacity, the recipient must identify any constraints and offer an executable study

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agreement to evaluate the cost of alleviating those constraints. After such an exchange, the requesting party may choose either to enter into the study agreement or to file a request for a transmission order with FERC.

- Q. Can you explain why Florida utilities need guidance from the Commission with respect to transmission issues related to wholesale power supply?
  - Yes. Florida Power initiated these proceedings under the provisions of the Grid Law, which, interestingly, TECO's Direct Testimony never mentions. Mr. Ramil's testimony essentially urges upon this Commission. the standard that, so long as net benefits exceed net costs, then the construction of unnecessary facilities should be allowed as justifiable in an economic sense. That standard is inconsistent with the stated purpose of the Grid Law. Therefore, utilities need guidance regarding the Commission's expectations concerning the development of wholesale business when such development affects the interests of retail customers. Florida Power believes that electrically unneeded duplication makes no sense, even if it is argued that a business transaction involving substantial investment would not take place without such duplication. If the Commission disagrees with us and agrees with TECO, however, it is important for us to know that, so all utilities in Florida operate under a common set of ground rules. The reason we need this guidance now is to avoid situations where

 expensive competition occurs under ratemaking assumptions that are later declared to be invalid.

Essentially, our position is that if retail rate cases were the proper means for addressing issues such as the one now before the Commission, there would never have been any need for a Grid Law. To give any real meaning to the Grid Law, it must operate not to retroactively mitigate impacts of unnecessary duplicative costs for ratemaking purposes, but to avoid uneconomic duplication by preventing unnecessary expenditure of those costs before the economies are lost. Once the facilities are built, whoever must ultimately pay for them, economic waste has occurred. Florida Power's overriding purpose in this docket is merely to obtain guidance for conducting utility business that will avoid the kind of waste the Grid Law was designed to address. TECO's argument that Commission review of its proposed project is premature, is rooted in traditional ratemaking concepts and conveniently ignores the Grid Law.

Q. How do you respond to Mr. Ramil's statement at Page 17 of his testimony that "all utilities with transmission market power have to say that" in response to the question addressing Florida Power's commitment to allow its transmission facilities to be used to deliver power from other suppliers?

Based upon the question to which he responded, Mr. Ramil implied that 1 2 a potential increase in Florida Power's wholesale power rates might justify the cities' apprehensions about Florida Power providing 3 4 transmission access to other potential power suppliers for the cities. Bulk power sales and transmission charges are separate issues. As I 5 have explained earlier, unlike TECO which has no such tariff, Florida 6 7 Power's T-1 Tariff imposes upon it the legal obligation to provide 11 transmission service. Consequently, Mr. Ramil's statement that the circumstances provided grounds for the cities to be insecure is without 9 basis. 10 11 On Page 17 of his Direct Testimony, Mr. Ramil argues that Florida 12

Q. On Page 17 of his Direct Testimony, Mr. Ramil argues that Florida Power's November 14, 1993, letter to Mr. Smith conveys to the cities a message that they should have concerns about the availability of transmission services if they were not long term Florida Power bulk power customers. Is that an accurate interpretation of that letter?

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A. No. Presumably Mr. Ramil refers to the top of page 2 of Mr. Richard David's letter. Mr. David is merely referring to a wide breadth of services that are available to all-requirements customers. Mr. David only says that if they are not all-requirements customers, then the full range of planning and services would not be available to them.

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TECO's use of this letter out of context belies the long history of commitment to open access transmission that this company has demonstrated.

- Q. On Page 4 of his Testimony, Mr. Ramil says that Florida Power's institution of proceedings before FERC last December shows an attempt to use regulatory authority as a weapon in the wholesale power market. Is that an adequate characterization of Florida Power's intentions in that proceeding?
  - Power led to the Institution of LLIC proceedings. The proceedings we filled in December of 1993 with FERC concerned attempts by the City of St. Cloud to transfer certain benefits under an agreement we made with them. It is a simple contract dispute between Florida Power and St. Cloud. TECO is involved because it happened to be the utility which agreed to repurchase from St. Cloud a portion of the capacity which St. Cloud is under contract to purchase form Florida Power. Florida Power would have brought this action at FERC, regardless of who had agreed to repurchase power from St. Cloud. We have asked FERC for a declaratory order on the terms and conditions of that contract. The case has nothing to do with limiting another entity's access to bulk power.
- Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- A. Yes.

# **EXHIBITS**

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# FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION TRANSMISSION SERVICE RESALE RATE SCHEDULE T-1

#### I. Availability

Service hereunder is available over the Company's facilities to or from existing points of delivery and such other points as may be established on the Company's interconnected system. Firm and non-firm transmission service is available where and so long as facilities have adequate capacity to permit the transmission requested by the Customer on a technically feasible basis.

If the requested transmission service would require the Company to install new facilities, would cause it to install facilities significantly earlier than it otherwise would do, or would otherwise cause it to incur exceptional expense, the Company reserves the right to decline to serve under this rate schedule and shall offer transmission service under a compensatory contract or rate schedule subject to approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (or such other regulatory agency as may have jurisdiction to the premises). Such compensatory contract or rate schedule would, to the extent appropriate in the circumstances, follow the provisions of this transmission service rate schedule and its associated terms and conditions.

If the requested transmission service involves transmission directly or indirectly on the facilities of a third utility system, the Customer will make arrangements for use of those

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facilities directly with that third system, and the Company shall not be obliged to commence transmission service until such arrangements have been made.

### II. Applicability

This rate schedule shall apply to the transmission for any rural electric cooperative, municipal electric utilities or other electric utilities of all types of capacity and energy from sources with which the Company is directly or indirectly electrically interconnected to the Customer's system over facilities of the Company and to the transmission for any qualifying facilities and independent power producers of all types of capacity and energy over facilities of the Company to rural electric cooperatives, municipal electric utilities or other electric utilities directly or indirectly electrically interconnected to the Company's facilities. The service under this rate schedule is 60 cycle alternating current of the phase and Company standard nominal voltage desired by the Customer at the above described delivery points, provided electric service of the voltage desired by the Customer is available generally in the area in which such service is desired.

# III. Monthly Rates

Service rendered hereunder shall be billed at the aggregate of the charges set forth

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below for the delivery point(s) specified in the Service Agreement:

# A. Charges for Transmission Service

(1) Charge for Firm Transmission Service. The following charges shall be applicable to all Firm Transmission Service:

Monthly Rate:\$1.16per kW-MonthDaily Rate:\$0.038per kW-DayHourly Rate:\$0.00255per kWh

(2) Charge for Non-Firm Transmission Service. A charge of \$.00159 per KWH shall be applicable to all Non-Firm Transmission Service.

# B. Additional Charges for Distribution Service.

(1) Charge for Firm Distribution Service. The following additional charge shall be applicable to Firm Transmission Service for Distribution Facility delivery points:

Monthly Rate: \$0.63 per KW
Daily Rate: \$0.021 per KW-Day
Hourly Rate: \$0.00150 per KWH

(2) Charge for Non-Firm Distribution Service. The additional charge of \$.00086 per KWH shall be applicable to all Non-Firm Transmission Service for Distribution Facility delivery points.

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C. <u>Interruptions of Firm Transmission Service</u>. If, because of constraints on the Company's transmission system, firm transmission service cannot be delivered at the level anticipated in the Service Agreement for more than two consecutive hours in any day, then the charge for that day shall be adjusted to the lowest level of service rendered during the period of constraint; and the bill for the remainder of the month shall be computed under the above daily rate.

# D. Definitions

- (1) <u>Transmission System:</u> For purposes of this tariff, the Company's Transmission System shall be deemed to consist of all transmission facilities operating at voltages of 69 KV and above.
- (2) <u>Distribution Facilities:</u> Distribution facilities consist of all distribution facilities operating at voltages of less than 69 KV.
- (3) <u>Firm Transmission Service:</u> Firm transmission service is defined as that type of transmission service which is requested and supplied on a continuous availability basis similar to service provided under the All Requirements Resale Service Rate Schedule RS-2.
- (4) <u>Non-Firm Transmission Service</u>: Non-firm transmission service is defined as that type of transmission service which is requested and is supplied on a when, as and if available basis and which is interruptible

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at the sole option of the Company. The Company will endeavor to give as much notice of interruption as practicable. In the event the Customer fails to interrupt or curtail its use of Non-Firm Transmission Service within one hour upon notification to do so by the Company, then such service shall be considered as Firm Transmission Service and billed as such by the Company for the current and succeeding eleven billing months. Non-Firm Transmission Service is available at hours specified by the Company. Non-firm Service is not available for transmission of firm power.

# IV. Billing Determinants for Firm Transmission Service

A. The kW demands, for commitment periods of a month or greater, to be used during the term of the transmission service agreement for billing of each firm transmission service commitment shall be either:

(1) If transmitted power and energy hereunder represents the Customer's total system power requirements at the delivery point(s), the billing demand shall be the maximum measured 60-minute integrated KW demand established during the current billing period, but not less than the maximum such demand established at the delivery point(s) during

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the twelve months ended with the current billing period nor less than the contract demand.

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- (2) If transmitted power and energy hereunder represents less than the Customer's total system power requirements at the delivery point(s), the billing demand shall be the maximum hourly KW demand scheduled to be delivered during the commitment period but not less than the contract demand.
- B. The kW demands, for commitment periods of less than a month but greater than 12 hours, to be used during the term of the transmission service agreement for billing of each daily firm transmission service commitment shall be the greater of:
  - (1) The maximum hourly kW demand scheduled to be delivered during the daily commitment period

or

- (2) The contract demand.
- C. The energy quantity, for commitment periods of 12 hours or less, to be used during the term of the transmission service agreement for billing each firm transmission

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service commitment shall be determined based on an hourly dispatch schedule as mutually agreed to between the Company and Customers.

# V. Billing Determinants for Non-Firm Transmission Service

The energy quantity to be used for billing Non-Firm Transmission Service shall be determined based on an hourly dispatch schedule as mutually agreed to between the Company and Customers.

# VI. Scheduling of Transmitted Power and Energy

It shall be the responsibility of the Customer to arrange a satisfactory schedule for transmitted power and energy and to notify Company of such schedule prior to commencement of the transaction. Where practicable, the Customer shall furnish the Company a 24-hour schedule by 3:00 p.m. of the prior day. The amount scheduled to be delivered will be rounded to the nearest whole MWH for dispatching purposes only. The difference between the scheduled deliveries to the Customer and the actual deliveries shall be classed as inadvertent energy. Inadvertent energy shall be returned in kind (on-peak or off-peak), as defined by North American Power Systems Interconnection Committee (NAPSIC) or its successor at times mutually agreed upon.

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VII. Losses

Billing hereunder shall be subject to an additional charge if power and energy losses are to be furnished from the Company's generation system. Loss quantities and charges to be applied shall be mutually agreed upon between the parties prior to the commencement of the transmission service transaction.

VIII. Power Factor

It shall be the responsibility of the Customer receiving transmission services to supply enough reactive power to maintain the power factor of transmitted power as near unity as practicable. In the event a minimum power factor of 97% is not maintained, monthly billing hereunder may be subject to an additional charge equal to 6.3 cents per KVAR for the KVAR's necessary to correct the power factor of the wheeled power to such required minimum. Such charge shall be based on the maximum such KVAR requirements established during the 12-month period ending with the current billing month.

IX. General Terms and Conditions

Service under this Transmission Service Rate Schedule is subject to the General Terms and Conditions applicable to transmission service as the same may be in effect from time to time pursuant to the filing and other provisions of the Federal Power Act.

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# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRANSMISSION SERVICE RESALE RATE SCHEDULE T-1

# ARTICLE 1. Obligations of Company and Customers

The Company will offer to the Customers the service described in the Transmission Service Resale Rate Schedule T-1. Acceptance of such service by the Customer binds the Customer to all provisions of the transmission service resale rate schedule and associated general terms and conditions, including those regarding payment, as they may be in effect from time to time.

Prior to commencement of service, a service agreement shall be executed between the Customer and the Company. The service agreement shall conform with the sample agreement and supplements thereto contained in the Company's FERC Electric Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, as the same may be in effect from time to time pursuant to the filing and other provisions of the Federal Power Act.

All obligations of the Company and the Customer are subject to action of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (or such other regulatory agency as may have jurisdiction in the premises).

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# ARTICLE 2. Exchange of Information

The Company and Customer will keep each other currently informed of plans for transmission services and facilities which would affect the planning of the other. The Company will advise the Customer of whether and how the Customer's transmission plans or transmission service plans can be accommodated within the Company's transmission plans at the least cost to both parties. In the event that the Company, pursuant to the first paragraph of the Availability Clause of the Transmission Service Resale Rate Schedule T-1, declines to offer transmission service under a contract or other rate schedule or under the second paragraph of that clause declines to offer service under this rate schedule, the Company will furnish a detailed explanation accompanied by relevant transmission flow charts.

### ARTICLE 3. Termination of Service

Unless other provision for termination of service is made in a service agreement, service may be terminated as follows:

a. If transmission service is for an unspecified, open-ended period, either party may terminate the service agreement or service under the transmission service rate schedule by giving two years written notice.

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- b. If transmission service is for a specified period of more than four years, the Customer may terminate the service agreement or service under the transmission service rate schedule prior to the end of the specified period by giving two years' written notice.
- c. If transmission service is for a specified period of four years or less, the Customer may terminate the service agreement or service under the transmission service rate schedule prior to the end of the specified period by giving three months' written notice
- d. If transmission service is for a specified period of three months or less, the Customer may terminate the service agreement or service under the transmission rate schedule prior to the end of the specified period by giving one week's oral notice, with confirming written notice mailed on the same day.
- e. If the Company builds special facilities to render the transmission service pursuant to an agreement between the Company and the Customer, the Customer, regardless of any other provision of this Article 3, shall not terminate the service agreement or service under the transmission service rate schedule without paying the Company for the undepreciated balance, less salvage, of the Company's investment in the special facilities.
- f. The provisions of this Article 3 shall apply separately to each transmission transaction under a transmission service agreement or the transmission rate schedule if there is more than one such transmission transaction.

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# ARTICLE 4. Changes in Tariff

The provisions of this transmission service rate schedule and associated terms and conditions may be amended from time to time or superseded by the Company by notifying the Customer in writing of such change and making the appropriate filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (or such other regulatory agency as may have jurisdiction in the premises); provided, however, no such filing (unless agreed to by the Customer in writing) will be made without giving the Customer at least sixty (60) days written notice of the filing.

# ARTICLE 5. Service Facilities and Metering

- a. The Company and the Customer each will furnish, install, maintain, own and operate at its sole cost and expense, all lands and equipment located on its side of the delivery point(s) unless otherwise specified in the service agreement.
- b. Where practicable, the electric service demand and energy shall be measured by metering equipment to be furnished and installed by the Company at or adjacent to said point of delivery, which metering equipment shall constitute the basis of computation of bills for demand and energy consumption. The Customer likewise may provide similar metering equipment as check meters for measuring demand and energy contracted for herein at the said point of delivery.

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- c. Where it is impracticable to meter services rendered under the Transmission Service Tariff, a mutually agreed upon schedule of quantities delivered shall constitute the basis of computation of bills for demand and energy consumption.
- d. The Customer, upon notice to the Company, shall have the right in the presence of an officer, agent or designated employee of the Company, to read and check the Company's meters and/or metering equipment, should it so desire, and should there be any disagreement as to the correctness of the readings and/or accuracy of the said meters and/or metering equipment, the parties hereto shall jointly test said meters. In the event of disagreement as to tests and/or accuracy of same, the parties hereto shall have the right to have the said meters and metering equipment tested by a competent and impartial engineer mutually acceptable to the parties hereto, and the decision of said engineer shall be considered final as to the accuracy of the said meters and/or metering equipment, but it is hereby stipulated that the said meters and metering equipment shall be considered accurate provided calibration is within two (2) percent, fast or slow, of accuracy. Should either or both of said meters be beyond the said range of accuracy, an adjustment shall be made for the period of known inaccuracy, based on the average of the three (3) months' consumption prior to the period in question, but no adjustment shall extend over a period of more than three (3) months.

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# ARTICLE 6. Access for Company Employees

Unless covered in a separate interchange agreement, the Company will have the right, authority and privilege to enter upon the premises of the Customer at all reasonable times for the purposes of reading meters, inspecting or repairing apparatus used in connection with the service, removing its property and/or for any other purposes to carry on the work of the Company in connection with the delivery of energy herein provided for, and to do all things necessary and expedient in the proper operation of its said business, but in exercising its said right and privilege, the Company shall assume all liability for damage or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Company.

### ARTICLE 7. Use of Service

The Customer and the Company will cooperate in obtaining the most efficient use of their facilities and will avoid, insofar as practicable, the imposition of low power factor or widely fluctuating loads or unbalanced loads.

## ARTICLE 8. Payment of Bills

Bills for service shall be rendered monthly by Company and shall be due when rendered and payable within ten (10) days from date of bill. Bills not paid within ten (10) days from the date of bill shall be deemed delinquent and shall accrue interest at the current annual rate provided for refunds made under the Federal Power Act by the Federal Energy

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Regulatory Commission or any successor agency. In the absence of such an interest rate, interest will accrue at the rate of one (1) percent per month. In the case of a disputed bill, payment of the disputed portion either (1) may be made by the Customer to the Company during the ten (10) day payment period, in which case, any portion finally determined not to be owing will be refunded by the Company with interest computed as set out above for the period after the ten (10) day payment period, or (2) may be withheld by the Customer until the dispute is finally resolved, in which case, the Customer will pay the amount finally determined to be owing with interest computed as set out above the period after the ten (10) day payment period.

In the event of non-payment of a bill by Customer, Company shall have the right to terminate service sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the bill. Company shall be required to notify Customer in writing of its intent to terminate service for non-payment of bill at least thirty (30) days prior to the actual date of termination of service.

# ARTICLE 9. Continuity of Service

The Company shall exercise due care and diligence to supply electric service hereunder free from interruption; provided, however, the Company shall not be responsible for any failure to supply electric service, nor for interruption, reversal or abnormal voltage of the supply, if such failure, interruption, reversal or abnormal voltage is without negligence on its part. Whenever the integrity of the Company's system or the supply of electricity is

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threatened by conditions on its system or on the systems with which it is directly or indirectly interconnected, or whenever it is necessary or desirable to aid in the restoration of service, the Company may in conformance with sound operating and engineering practices and with the application of standards no more interruptive than applied in service to its retail customers in like circumstances; curtail or interrupt electric service or reduce voltage to some or all of its Customers and such curtailment, interruption or reduction shall not constitute negligence by the Company.

## ARTICLE 10. Liability

Each party hereto expressly agrees to indemnify and save harmless and defend the other against all claims, demands, costs or expense for loss, damage or injury to persons or property in any manner directly or indirectly connected with or growing out of, the generation, transmission or distribution of electric energy on its own side of the point of delivery hereunder, unless such claim or demand shall arise out of or result from the negligence or willful misconduct of the other party, its agents, servant or employees.

# ARTICLE 11. Delivery Voltage

The delivery voltage at each point of delivery shall be that generally available in the area that service is desired; provided, however, where more than a single voltage is available the Customer shall have the right to select the delivery voltage.

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The Company and Customer shall maintain close coordination with respect to future delivery points in the interests of system reliability and overall economics. Each party will endeavor, to the extent practicable, to keep the other party advised of significant developments related to their respective power supply facilities.

### ARTICLE 12. Permits and Ensements

The customer shall furnish the Company with all permits and easements which are necessary for the construction and maintenance of the facilities required for delivery of service to the Customer's substation. The obligations of the Company and the Customer are subject to and conditioned upon their securing and retaining all permits and easements and other rights and approvals necessary for service to be rendered.

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FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSMISSION SERVICE RESALE RATE SCHEDULE T-1

Dated:

Parties:

Florida Power Corporation 3201 - 34th Street South Post Office Box 14042 St. Petersburg, Florida 33733 (The Company)

and

(The Customer)

## 1. Scope of Service Agreement

The Company agrees, subject to availability, to furnish transmission service to the Customer, and the Customer agrees to purchase and pay for such service. The terms on which the transmission service is offered and accepted are set out in the following exhibits:

(a) Exhibit A. The applicable rate provisions for service under this Agreement are contained in the "Transmission Service Resale Rate Schedule T-1" in the Company's FERC Electric Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1 or as the same may be amended from time to time or superseded pursuant to the filing and other provisions of the Federal Power Act. The "Transmission Service

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Resale Rate Schedule T-1" in the tariff as in effect from time to time is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement as Exhibit A.

- (b) Exhibit B. The general terms and conditions of service under this Agreement as set out in the "General Terms and Conditions for the Purchase of Transmission Service Resale Rate Schedule T-1" in the Company's FERC Electric Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1 or as the same may be amended from time to time or superseded pursuant to the filing and other provisions of the Federal Power Act. The "General Terms and Conditions for the Purchase of Transmission Service Resale Rate Schedule T-1" in the tariff as in effect from time to time is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement as Exhibit B.
- (c) Exhibit C. Supplemental Service Specifications for Transmission Service under this Agreement are set out in Exhibit C attached hereto. Exhibit C may be amended or supplemented as agreed upon by the Company and the Customer.

# 2. Term of Agreement.

This agreement shall become effective on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_, and remain in effect thereafter until and unless terminated by either party in accordance with Article 3

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or Article 8 of the General Terms and Conditions of the Transmission Service Rate Schedule.

#### 3. Addresses.

The address of the Company for written communication is 3201 - 34th Street South, Post Office Box 14042, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33733. (Correspondence should be directed to the attention of the Manager, Energy Control.)

The address of the Customer for such purposes is:

#### 4. Successors.

This Service Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and shall bind, the successors of the parties hereto but shall not be assignable.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed by their respective authorized officials.

|                |      | (Customer)                         |
|----------------|------|------------------------------------|
|                | Ву   | (Title)                            |
| Attest: Dated: |      |                                    |
|                | F    | LORIDA POWER CORPORATION (Company) |
|                | Ву _ | (Title)                            |
| Attest: Dated: |      |                                    |

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# EXHIBIT C SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS FOR TRANSMISSION SERVICE RESALE RATE SCHEDULE T-1

| Point(s) of Delive  | ery:                             |   |
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| Delivery Facilitie  | es at Point(s) of Delivery (this | designation is to be used in billing under  |
| Exhibit A of this   | Agreement):                      |   |
| ag:<br>pag          | reement are involved in rende    | r than interconnections covered by separate<br>ring transmission service, attach additional<br>e points of delivery and the delivery facilities |
| It is the intent of | the Company and the Custom       | er that transmission transactions under this  |
| Agreement be ar     | ranged between them as the op    | oportunity for them occurs and as they serve  |
| the parties' mutu   | al benefit. Specific firm transa | actions for time periods of one year or less  |
| and all non-firm    | transactions may be arranged     | orally, unless either party requests written  |
| agreement or cor    | nfirmation. Specific firm trans  | actions for time periods of more than one   |
| year shall be co    | vered by the execution of a      | Supplement to this Exhibit C. (All such   |
| Supplements shall   | l be numbered consecutively.)    |   |
| AGREED this _       | day of                           | , 19  |
|                     | POWER CORPORATION mpany)         | (Customer)  |
| By(Tit              | le) SUPPLEMENT NO                | By(Title) _ TO EXHIBIT C  |

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## SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS FOR TRANSMISSION SERVICE RESALE RATE SCHEDULE T-1

| Customer:   |   |
|---|---|
| (Note: To be executed only for specific firm more than one year. If no such transactions under this Agreement, please enter "None" of Supplement.)  | are anticipated during the initial operations   |
| Customer's Power Supplier:  |   |
| Point(s) of Receipt on Company's System:  |   |
| (Note: If point(s) of delivery for firm transmiss same as those set forth in Exhibit C, attach point(s) of delivery involved in the transact allocations of power, if any, to each delivery p | additional page(s) to this supplement listing ion covered by this supplement specifying |
| Duration of Commitment:   |   |
| Contract Demand:  |   |
| (Note: If the commitment involves delivery of initial contract demand shall be based on the adjusted as appropriate to reflect subsequently Addenda:  | ne nominal capacity rating and, thereafter, established ratings.)                       |
|   |   |
| AGREED this day of  | , 19  |
| FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION (Company)   | (Customer)  |
| Ву Ву   | (Trial)   |
| (Title)   | (Title)   |

# REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

JEFFRY POLLOCK

# FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION DOCKET NO. 930676-EI

# REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF JEFFRY POLLOCK

- Q. Please state your name and business address.
- A. Jeffry Pollock; 7730 Forsyth Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63105.
- Q. Are you the same Jeffry Pollock who has previously filed Direct

  Testimony on behalf of Florida Power Corporation (FPC) in this docket?
- A. Yes.

- Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?
- A. I shall respond to certain allegations raised in the testimony and exhibit of Mr. John B. Ramil on behalf of Tampa Electric Company (TECO). Specifically, Mr. Ramil alleges that TECO's "retail Customers will still be better off by approximately \$16.3 million, as a result of our obtaining these two power supply agreements." (Testimony of John B. Ramil at Page 7, Lines 13 through 17.) I shall demonstrate the serious flaws in Mr. Ramil's cost-benefit analysis which, when corrected, result in a net loss to TECO's retail customers.

Second, Mr. Ramil states that FPC has consistently overlooked the fact that the Transmission Project "...was necessary, indeed absolutely essential, for us to obtain the benefits of these two power supply

agreements." (Testimony of John B. Ramil at Page 11, Lines 8 through 12) This statement by Mr. Ramil falsely assumes three things: (1) that TECO's retail customers will benefit from the Transmission Project; (2) that the failure to construct the 69 kV transmission line would necessarily prevent TECO from providing power to the two cities at the price agreed upon; and (3) that the Commission should somehow overlook its obligation to protect the interests of and avoid injury to retail customers. (Testimony of John B. Ramil at Page 11, Lines 9 through 12.)

Mr. Ramil also implies that the issues raised in this Docket can be dealt with in TECO's next retail rate case. (Testimony of John B. Ramil at Page 29, Lines 8 through 15; Page 37, Line 12 through 16.) My response is that neither the Commission, the utilities nor retail customers in this State can afford to wait until TECO's next rate case to resolve this issue.

Finally, Mr. Ramil's claim that direct transmission service would solve the dilemma facing a transmission dependent utility (TDU) is false. (Testimony of John B. Ramil at Page 20, Lines 3 through 10.) Any disadvantage otherwise resulting from the cities being transmission dependent is greatly diminished by the transmission access provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and FPC's willingness to wheel electric power and energy. Also the excessively long (21 year) term of

the Fort Meade/Wauchula contracts merely transfers any such "dependence" by the cities from FPC to TECO. In fact, if TECO completes its proposed project, the two cities actually become more transmission dependent on a single power supplier (TECO) than would be the case by relying on TECO for wholesale power and on FPC transmission service.

- Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits in connection with your rebuttal testimony?
- A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibit (JP 8). This exhibit is based on analyses that were prepared under my direct supervision. A copy of this exhibit is attached to my prefiled rebuttal testimony.

The Commission Should Resolve Now the Issues Raised in FPC's Petition

- Q. Why shouldn't the Commission wait until TECO's next rate case to resolve the issues raised by FPC's Petition in this docket?
- A. As stated in my direct testimony, only by acting now can the Commission be assured that it will prevent the harm to both FPC and TECO retail customers which will result from the unnecessary expenditure of capital for the TECO Transmission Project. This will protect the interests of TECO's retail customers since they will not have to bear the costs of a transmission line which is duplicative and

uneconomic, and FPC's retail customers will continue to benefit from the revenues derived from transmission service.

As was demonstrated in Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (JP-7) attached to my direct testimony, the annual cost of wheeling through FPC is only \$289,000 on a levelized net present value basis. By contrast, the levelized annual revenue requirement of the Fort Meade-Wauchula 69 kV transmission line is over \$2.3 million, nearly eight times greater than the wheeling cost. Thus, retail customers will benefit if the Commission enjoins construction of the line.

Unless TECO would agree to have its shareholders absorb this annual \$2.0 million of excess cost to construct the Transmission Project (\$2.313 million less \$.289 million), it will be rolled into TECO's overall transmission cost of service. A portion of this excess cost will be allocated to the FERC jurisdiction. This will result in higher rates paid by the two cities. Thus, if the Commission grants the relief sought by FPC in this Docket, the cities will also benefit because the wholesale cost of service will be lower.

By pursuing a lower cost option (i.e., wheeling) rather than constructing a duplicative and uneconomic transmission line, TECO is more likely to be allowed to recover all costs associated with the sales to Fort Meade and Wauchula. This is because wheeling, like any other transmission

cost, would be a reasonable and necessary expense of providing service to the two cities. Full cost recovery would mean that TECO and its shareholders would benefit if the Commission grants the relief sought by FPC in this Docket.

In summary, the Commission, by acting now rather than waiting to resolve this issue in TECO's next rate case, can protect the interests of the retail customers, the two cities, FPC and TECO.

- Q. Are there any other reasons why the Commission should act in this docket to resolve the issues raised in Florida Power's petition?
- A. Yes. The Commission has historically acted as a "surrogate" for competition. With the trend toward more competition in the utility industry, it becomes essential for the Commission to establish policy guidelines to avoid the very problem raised by FPC's petition; namely the construction of a duplicate and uneconomic transmission line. Commission inaction could be misinterpreted as allowing parties to circumvent its authority to review the need for facilities to ensure their compatibility with the "Grid" law. Failure to clarify the meaning of the "Grid" law now could therefore lead to other potentially duplicative and uneconomic generation, transmission and/or distribution facilities. It could also erroneously imply that utilities can build unneeded facilities regardless of the impact on retail customers. To the extent that other utilities seek to force retail customers to underwrite these duplicative

and uneconomic investments, the real beneficiary of competition would be utility shareholders at the expense of retail customers. It would be ironic in the extreme if competition were abused to benefit only utility shareholders, rather than hold rates down for retail customers.

#### TECO's Cost-Benefit Analysis is Wrong

- Q. Have you reviewed the cost-benefit analysis sponsored by Mr. Ramil?
- A. Yes. Mr. Ramil's cost benefit analysis is provided in Exhibit No.

  (JBR 1), Document No. 2, Page 3. According to Mr. Hamil's analysis, because the Fort Mende and Wauchula non-fuel revenues would be \$33,956 million, while the transmission line revenue requirement would be only \$17,650 million (both on a cumulative net present worth basis), retail customers allegedly would be almost \$16.3 million better off because TECO secured these two power supply agreements.
- Q. Is Mr. Ramil's analysis correct?
- A. No. Mr. Ramil compared the non-fuel revenues to be derived from sales to Fort Meade and Wauchula only to the cost of constructing the 69 kV Transmission Project. This comparison is misleading and wrong. For example, it ignores all incremental generation and transmission plant costs and corresponding expenses that will be incurred to provide firm service to Fort Meade and Wauchula. By ignoring these costs, TECO has made the implicit assumption that the Fort Meade and Wauchula

power supply agreements would have no impact whatsoever on future generation and transmission planning. This is certainly not the case

First, the Fort Meade and Wauchula loads are firm. This means that the Fort Meade and Wauchula loads are considered by TECO in assessing the reliability of both the generation and transmission system. It is the projected firm demands that determine how much generation capacity TECO requires to maintain reliable service to all of its customers, including Fort Meade and Wauchula.

Second, TECO is planning to add generation capacity over the next tenyears. The Fort Meade and Wauchula power supply agreements are for a 21-year term.

Third, the fact the TECO is projecting to build new generation capacity means that it will not have surplus capacity from which service can be provided to Fort Meade and Wauchula. However, even if TECO were projecting to have surplus capacity throughout the entire 21-year term of the Fort Meade/Wauchula contracts, Mr. Ramil's analysis would still be flawed. This is because he failed to consider non-fuel variable operation and maintenance (O&M) expenses associated with these sales in his cost-benefit analysis.

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Finally, Mr. Ramil's analysis is also based on the false assumption that the sales to the two cities will inevitably alleviate the revenue responsibility borne by retail customers.

- Q. Is there a legitimate reason for excluding generation and transmission plant costs from the cost-benefit analysis?
- A. No. TECO is, in fact, planning to add generation capacity during the 21 year term of the Fort Meade/Wauchula contracts. Further, the cities also require the use of 11 CO's high voltage transmission system in addition to the 69 kV transmission line to receive firm service from TECO. The inclusion of both generation and transmission plant costs is also consistent with cost benefit analyses conducted for various conservation and non-firm service options. Thus, there is no legitimate reason for excluding generation and transmission plant costs from the cost-benefit analysis.
- Q. Is Mr. Ramil correct in stating that TECO's retail customers will inevitably benefit because the non-fuel revenues in excess of the Transmission Project revenue requirements will make a contribution to fixed costs?
- A. No. As mentioned previously, Mr. Ramil understated the fixed costs by ignoring generation and transmission plant in his cost-benefit analysis. However, even assuming that TECO would have surplus generation and transmission capacity throughout the 21-year term of the Fort Meade/

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Wauchula contracts, it still does not follow that retail customers would benefit from these incremental wholesale sales.

Mr. Ramil cites the Commission's decision in TECO's 1985 rate proceeding, Docket No. 850050-EI, as providing an incentive for the Company "to pursue, to the greatest extent possible, revenues from off system sales in order to encourage the Company to make the fullest use of its generating capacity." (Testimony of John B. Ramil, Page 8, Lines 9 through 11.) The reality of that case was that at the time II CO had substantial surplus generating capacity which was not needed to meet the needs of its retail customers. Consequently, the Commission set aside the costs associated with 214 MW of capacity associated with TECO's Big Bend Unit No. 4 in determining retail revenue requirements. In other words, retail customers were not supporting the costs associated with this 214 MW of Big Bend Unit No. 4 capacity in base rates. Thus, any sales made from this surplus capacity would have benefitted TECO's shareholders, not retail customers.

Applying this same regulatory principle to Mr. Ramil's cost-benefit analysis, which implicitly assumes that TECO will have surplus capacity throughout the 21-year term of the Fort Meade/Wauchula contracts, it doesn't follow that pursuing these sales would alleviate the cost responsibility borne by retail customers. It is equally plausible is that the Commission would simply take this surplus capacity into account by

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excluding the associated costs from retail base rates. Thus, any sale of surplus capacity would only benefit TECO's shareholders.

- Q. Have you corrected Mr. Ramil's cost-benefit analysis to include generation and transmission costs?
- Yes. A corrected cost-benefit analysis is provided in Exhibit (JP-8). Α. Columns 1 and 6 were taken directly from Ramil's Exhibit (JBR-1), Document No. 4. In order to incorporate generation and transmission costs into the analysis. I calculated the per unit revenue requirement associated with these functions using the stipulated Cost of Service Studies (Late Filed Exhibit Nos. 98 and 99) from TECO's last base Docket 920324-EI. derived rate case, No. The generation/transmission plant cost is \$147 per kW-year. generation/transmission plant cost associated with Fort Meade and Wauchula (Column 4) is the product of the generation/transmission plant cost per kW-year (Column 3) and the projected average monthly Fort Meade/Wauchula loads (Column 2). The total revenue requirement associated with the Fort Meade/Wauchula sales is shown in Column 5. which is the sum of Columns 1 and 4. Comparing the total revenue requirement (Column 5) to the Fort Meade/Wauchula nonfuel revenues (Column 6) yields the net benefits, which are shown in Column 7.

As can be seen, the net benefits are projected to be negative in all 21 years of the contracts. On a cumulative net present value basis, the net benefits to retail customers would be a pountly \$10.321 million.

- O At various places in his testimony, Mr. Ramil alleges that it was Ti CO's commitment to build a transmission line that prevented the loss of these two wholesale transactions. Is this commitment a factor that the Commission should consider in evaluating FPC's petition?
- A I would suggest to the Commission that, as a policy matter this is not a relevant factor its analysis today of whether the proposed project is an "unecommic duplication" of an existing facility.

TECO now has wholesale power contracts with both of the cites. It is difficult to understand why the cities would not continue to accept service from TECO without the transmission line, so long as the price factors remain the same. As I have explained, any wheeling costs incurred by TECO on behalf of Ft. Meade and Wauchula are likely to be considered reasonable and necessary expenses. The cities will not have to pay two transmission charges because TECO is apparently obligated not to seek any further reimbursement from the cities for wheeling costs after July of 1995.

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22 23 TECO's Claim that Direct Transmission Service was Necessary to Offset the Disadvantages and Uncertainties of a Transmission Dependent Utility is False

- Mr. Ramil and the cities' witnesses have also discussed at length the Ω. value the cities allegedly placed on "direct transmission service". claiming that transmission dependent utilities, like fort Meade and Wauchula, are concerned about being locked out of the competitive bulk power market by a transmission controlling utility that could use its transmission market power to favor its own generation. Should the cities' desires for direct service from its wholesale supplier beconsidered by the Commission in evaluating whether the proposed 11 CO project is an "unaconomic duplication" of LPC's existing facilities?
- No. Mr. Ramil totally ignores the transmission access provisions contained in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPAct), which was enacted last September. The EPAct amended Section 211 of the Federal Power Act as follows: "Any electric utility, Federal power marketing agency, or any other person generating electric energy for sale for resale may apply to the Commission for an order under this subsection requiring a transmitting utility to provide transmission services (including any enlargement of transmission capacity necessary to provide such services) to the applicant." Thus, contrary to Mr. Ramil's testimony on Page 16, Lines 18 through 21, wholesale power purchasers can enjoy the full options available to them as are available to other entities.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) also has the authority to order a transmitting utility "to provide wholesale transmission services at rates, charges, terms, and conditions which permit the recovery by such utility of all the costs incurred in connection with the transmission services and necessary associated services, including, but not limited to, an appropriate share, if any, of legitimate, verifiable and economic costs including taking into account any benefits to the transmission system in providing the transmission service, and the costs of any enlargement of transmission facilities."

The bottom line is that FPC could not refuse to wheel electric power and energy on behalf of the cities of Fort Meade and Wauchula. Further, as discussed in Mr. Nixon's testimony, the cities could initiate a filing at the FERC and play an important role in determining the rates, terms and conditions under which FPC would provide transmission service.

All of this assumes, without evidence, that FPC would be unwilling to provide transmission services at reasonable rates. Mr. Nixon's testimony demonstrates the contrary. Further, as Mr. Ramil concedes, TECO currently wheels electric power and energy to support other of its wholesale power sales (Testimony at Page 23, Lines 4 - through 6).

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Q. Would the construction of the Fort Meade-Wauchula 69 kV transmission line result in the cities being less transmission dependent?

A. No. As Mr. Stillwagon testifies, present plans call for the removal of FPC's existing interconnections with the two cities. Further, no provisions have been made to reestablish an interconnection with FPC.

By eliminating the FPC interconnection, the cities will have given away their leverage to negotiate more favorable transmission rates, terms and conditions from TECO. Finally, in exchange for direct transmission service, the two cities agreed to 21-year power supply agreements with TECO. This is an extremely long contract term in this day and age with the advent of exempt wholesale generators, qualifying facilities and independent power producers. The excessive length of these two power supply agreements, in my opinion, will make the cities even more transmission dependent on TECO than would have been the case had they remained as wheeling customers of FPC. Thus, I would not agree with Mr. Ramil's claim that direct transmission service was necessary to solve the dilemma facing a transmission dependent utility. This is therefore simply not a pertinent factor for Commission consideration in this docket.

- Q. Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony?
- A. Yes, it does.

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# Corrected Cost-Benefit Analysis of Fort Meade-Wauchula 69 kV Transmission Project (Amounts in Thousands)

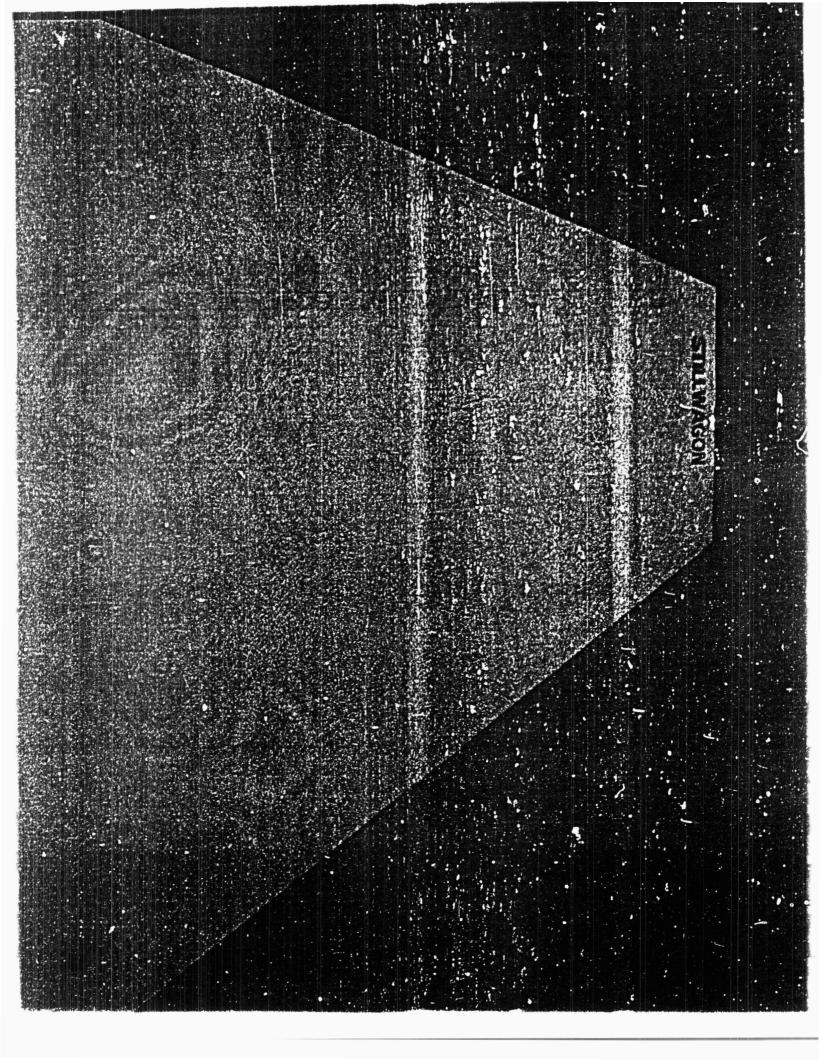
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| 5   | 1997              | 2,699                        | 20.8                                    | 147                                       | 3,061            | 5,760            | 2,979                             | ( 2,781)      |
| 6   | 1998              | 2,606                        | 21.3                                    | 147                                       | 3.128            | 5,734            | 3,059                             | ( 2,675)      |
| 7   | 1999              | 2,516                        | 21.7                                    | 147                                       | 3,194            | 5,710            | 3,338                             | ( 2.372)      |
| 8   | 2000              | 2,430                        | 22.1                                    | 147                                       | 3,247            | 5,677            | 3,593                             | ( 2.084)      |
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| 12  | 2004              | 2,112                        | 23.8                                    | 147                                       | 3,502            | 5,614            | 4.012                             | ( 1,602)      |
| 13  | 2005              | 2,034                        | 24.3                                    | 147                                       | 3,570            | 5,604            | 4,065                             | (1.539)       |
| 14  | 2006              | 1,956                        | 24.7                                    | 147                                       | 3,625            | 5,581            | 4,339                             | ( 1.242)      |
| 15  | 2007              | 1,878                        | 25.2                                    | 147                                       | 3,694            | 5,572            | 4,395                             | ( 1,177)      |
| 16  | 2008              | 1.800                        | 25.7                                    | 147                                       | 3,767            | 5.567            | 4.450                             | ( 1.117)      |
| 17  | 2009              | 1,722                        | 26.2                                    | 147                                       | 3,842            | 5,564            | 4,506                             | (1.058)       |
| 18  | 2010              | 1.644                        | 26.7                                    | 147                                       | 3,918            | 5,562            | 4,561                             | ( 1,001)      |
| 19  | 2011              | 1,566                        | 27.2                                    | 147                                       | 3,995            | 5,561            | 4,903                             | ( 658)        |
| 20  | 2012              | 1.488                        | 27.7                                    | 147                                       | 4,074            | 5,562            | 4,962                             | ( 600)        |
| 21  | 2013              | 1,410                        | 28.3                                    | 147                                       | 4,155            | 5,565            | 5,025                             | ( 540)        |
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<sup>(1)(6)</sup> Per Exhibit \_\_\_\_(JBR-1), Document No. 4

<sup>(2) 12</sup> CP average MW

<sup>(3)</sup> Production/transmission nonfuel revenue requirements per 12 CP average kW

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# REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF DONALD R. STILLWAGON

# FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION DOCKET NO. 930676-EI

# REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF DONALD R. STILLWAGON

Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?

- A. In my direct testimony, I presented data using Florida Electric Power Coordinating Group (FCG) loadflow databank cases to describe the adequacy of the existing Florida Power Corporation (FPC) transmission facilities in the area that serve the cities of Ft. Mondo and Wauchula. I also presented reliability data based upon records kept by FPC's System Planning Department that demonstrated the availability of the transmission lines serving the cities. Finally, my direct testimony presented an analysis of the planned FPC improvements in the area, and how they would affect the service to the cities. In this rebuttal testimony, I will address statements by the Tampa Electric Company (TECO) witnesses in their direct testimony which attempt to challenge the information in my direct testimony.
- Q. In his direct testimony, TECO witness John B. Ramil discusses the FPC transmission facilities. Does TECO consider the existing FPC facilities currently serving the cities of Ft. Meade and Wauchula to be adequate and reliable?

A. Yes. In his direct testimony, Mr. Ramil states that TECO considered using FPC transmission facilities not only initially but nearly throughout the entire negotiation. (Testimony of John B. Ramil, page 21, lines 4-20) This confirms that TECO also believes the existing FPC system to be adequate and reliable. Further, Mr. Ramil states that FPC witness Bischoff did not need to discuss the adequacy and reliability of the existing facilities, since TECO did not seek to contest the operational reliability of any of Florida Power's facilities operating in their present configuration. (Testimony of John B. Ramil, page 32, lines 15 - 23 and page 33, lines 4 - 6)

- Q. Apparently referring to my direct testimony in these proceedings, TECO witness T. Leonard Porter states that, "Mr. Stillwagon acknowledges that momentary outages are a critical measure of reliability," and then states his opinion that this omission (of momentary outage data) by FPC neglects an important part of system reliability. (Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, page 22, lines 3 12) Is this true?
- A. No. Nowhere in my direct testimony do I state such a conclusion.

  First, all power companies want their customers to have reliable service within a reasonable cost. FPC recognizes, as does the utility industry, that the major economic impact to customers occurs for outages of a duration longer than one minute. Thus the FPC Planning Department has assembled a historical data base containing this outage data for the purpose of measuring this most important aspect of reliability. In my

testimony it is this data base that is discussed. However, FPC's Transmission Design Department does maintain data on breaker and switch operations which can be used to calculate line outages including momentary outages. This data base is used to monitor the historical performance of lines, and to indicate when problems may exist. FPC does consider momentary outages important, and designs and maintains its system to hold momentary outages to an acceptable level.

- Q. Does the data base which includes momentary outages indicate that the lines serving Ft. Meade and Wauchula are reliable?
- A. Yes. When this data is examined for the line serving Ft. Meade, it is found that over the last ten years the outage frequency is 5.4 per year which includes 4.0 momentary trips, and 1.4 outages with a duration longer than one minute. Data for the Avon Park Wauchula 69 kV line serving the City of Wauchula, shows the outage frequency for the period from 1981 to the present is 8.54 outages per year, comprised of 7.85 momentary trips and 0.69 outages of a duration longer than one minute.

These outage rates compare to the FPC system average of 29.4 per 100 miles per year for all FPC 69 kV transmission lines, which would equate to 4.6 outages per year for the 14.29 mile line serving Ft. Meade (which has 15.79 miles of exposure when tap lines are added), and 6.77 outages per year for the 23.03 mile line serving Wauchula. Thus, you

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- Mr. Porter disputes that Ft. Meade and Wauchula enjoy looped a. transmission service. (Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, page 13, lines 22 - 25, page 16, lines 16 - 19) Can you explain how TECO and FPC
  - differ on this position?
- Yes. Mr. Porter contends that since the 400 foot tap into the Ft. Meade substation and the 300 foot tap into the Wauchula substation are single lines, the Cities do not enjoy "looped" transmission service. FPC will agree that the respective 300 foot and 400 foot tap lines are not looped, but the transmission system serving the taps is looped, since each end connects to a source, and either of the cities can be served from either end of the transmission lines that serve them. The question here is whether having 300 feet out of 23.03 miles or 400 feet out of 14.29 miles "unlooped" is significant in terms of impact on reliability. The answer to that question is clearly, "no".
- In his direct testimony, Mr. Porter states that the proposed TECO 69 kV lines will provide superior service to the City of Ft. Meade compared to that delivered by the existing FPC transmission system (Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, page 16, lines 9 - 12). Is this true?

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I believe it will be comparable to the service provided by the existing FPC system, rather than superior. Of more importance is the fact that the existing FPC transmission lines serving Ft. Meade and Wauchula are adequate and reliable. There is no need for another transmission line, whether or not it may provide a marginally different performance. Mr. Portor is basing his opinion on the substation upgrade at the City of Ft. Meade substation and the design TECO is using on their proposed 28 mile 69 kV line. The substation upgrade will provide a new terminal into which to connect the transmission line, thus eliminating the single 400 foot tap line that presently exists. In addition, this upgrade will provide supervisory control of the line switches, which will reduce the switching times when longer duration outages do occur. This substation improvement by the City of Ft. Meade eliminates the exposure to outages on the single 400 foot tap line that exists today. However, using historical outage data, an outage of this short line section is significantly less likely to occur than a terminal outage (an outage caused by substation equipment).

The major concern I have with Mr. Porter's contention that the TECO line will be more reliable is that TECO's design improvements will be incorporated into a line that will be 28 miles in length. The proposed improvements by the City of Ft. Meade to their substation could be made and the existing, much shorter, FPC line reconnected into the substation. Further, later this year (in 1994) with the installation of the

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FPC Homeland switching station, the FPC line will be shortened from 14.29 mlles to 6.11 mlles. It is very difficult to believe that TECO can construct a new 28-mile line that will be noticeably more reliable than 6.11 miles of the existing FPC 69 kV line.

- Mr. Porter makes the point that the Wauchula switching station Q. proposed by TECO will reduce the number of momentary outages to Wauchula. (Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, page 17, lines 11 - 20) Why does this occur?
- If TECO does not install a switching station at Wauchula with breakers, then any outage of the proposed 60-mile transmission line will cause an outage at Wauchula. By installing breakers, the exposure to momentary outages is almost eliminated, since the lines to either side can trip independently. However, Wauchula customers will still see voltage dips which may cause "blinks," since line faults will cause a voltage drop until the breakers open and disconnect the faulted line. Currently, Wauchula will experience the momentary outages on the 23.03-mile FPC line. For longer duration outages on the line, FPC can quickly isolate the line section with the problem by operating the supervisory controlled switch at the Wauchula tap, and re-energize the other line, restoring service. If TECO and Wauchula can justify the switching station to reduce momentary outages, it could be added to the shorter existing FPC line.

Q. Mr. Porter states that the proposed FPC Homeland switching station (1994) and the proposed Bowling Green 230/69 kV substation are irrelevant to the issue of the proposed TECO line. (Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, page 22, lines 23 - 25, and page 23, lines 1 - 4) is this true?

- A. Certainly not. The proposed FPC Homeland substation improves the existing FPC transmission system which serves Ft. Meade by reducing the line exposure between breakers from 14.29 miles to only 6.11 miles. Even though there is no need to upgrade the capability of the existing line for the purpose of serving Ft. Meade, the city will benefit from the 1994 construction of Homeland substation. The planned substation at Bowling Green (1996) is required to source the Ft. Meade Vandolah 69 kV line. In the event that future improvement of the local system serving Wauchula is required, Wauchula will benefit by being located only approximately 8.5 miles from this new 230/69 kV substation, which is much closer than any other 230/69 kV source substation. Therefore these projects are relevant since they further demonstrate that there is no need for TECO to build a new 69 kV transmission line.
- Q. Mr. Porter argues that the only facilities that FPC will have unused and be required to remove are the 400-foot and 300-foot tap lines that serve the Cities, and thus, he states that FPC will have no other facilities

 impact. (Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, page 15, lines 16 - 24, page 17 lines 22 - 25, and page 18, lines 1-3) is this true?

- A. No. FPC planned and constructed its electric system to provide for serving the Ft. Meade and Wauchula londs together with all the other loads served by the FPC electric system. It is not possible to split out specific facilities that serve Ft. Meade and Wauchula since the electric system functions as an integrated grid and portions of many facilities are required to serve any load on the grid. Mr. Porter has discussed only the actual connection facilities, which are only a small part of the facilities picture.
- Mr. Porter states you imply that only FPC owns and operates significant facilities in southern Polk county. (Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, page 20, lines 7 13) Did you intend to imply that TECO does not own and operate transmission facilities in the south half of Polk County?
- A. No. The color map (DRS-1) provided in my prefiled direct testimony clearly shows transmission ownership. From this map you can see that while FPC owns the transmission facilities closest to Ft. Meade and Wauchula, TECO also owns lines in Polk County. Further, the map shows that North Bartow is connected to a TECO 230 kV line (and to FPC's West Lake Wales substation via a 69 kV line). The map also shows very clearly that Ft. Meade and Wauchula are well within the FPC electric grid. The point I made in my direct testimony is that FPC is the only transmission service provider within approximately 8 to 10

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23 24 miles of the Cities, that FPC is presently providing transmission service to this area, and that FPC's bulk (230 kV) transmission lines are the closest to the cities.

- Mr. Porter states that it is common for utilities to own facilities within Q. the service territory of another utility. (Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, page 20, lines 18 - 23) If this is true, how may such construction be lustified?
- Such ownership is not unusual, and usually results when existing lines Α. are surrounded as new territorial boundaries are developed, or when express lines are built through a service territory to resolve an inadequacy of the existing grid. Another situation that may occur is when territorial protrusions extend into adjacent utilities, and it is not feasible for each utility to avoid the others' service territory when constructing new lines.
- Q. Mr. Porter states that FPC owns approximately 10 miles of 69 kV lines which have been constructed within TECO's service territory in the Trilby - Zephyrhills area. (Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, page 20, line 25 - page 21, line 5) If this is true, when and why did FPC construct the line?
- FPC initially constructed the line to serve local load. I am not certain of the construction date of the original line; however, I offer Exhibit (DRS-8), which shows the state electric system in 1955 when the

system was composed of various 66 kV and 115 kV lines. This map shows that FPC has the only lines in this area, indicating that perhaps the TECO 69 kV line extending from TECO's River substation up to the Dade City areas was constructed later. FPC records indicate that the FPC - TECO ties in the Dade City area were made in 1957.

Further, I offer Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (DRS-9), which is a map of the 1926 Florida-Georgia electric system, which shows that FPC then had an existing 66 kV line connected to substations at Croom, Trilby, Dade City and Zephyrhills, with no depiction of a tie to TECO at Dade City. The present 69 kV line was constructed in 1976, and the 0.52 and 0.54 mile connections to the cogeneration facility at Union Hall were added in 1993. Transmission improvements were required to connect the cogenerator into the system, whether FPC or TECO made the connection. The TECO Dade City substation and transmission system would have required modifications costing approximately the same as the improvements to the FPC system. This cogenerator is very close to a 69 kV line that FPC has owned for over 68 years.

It should also be noted that FPC has a 230/69 kV grid source point at Zephyrhills North, immediately south of the area in question, and that the TECO transmission support to the Dade City area is via a long 69 kV line with a rating of approximately 63 MVA to the TECO River substation located in Hillsborough County. The FPC transmission

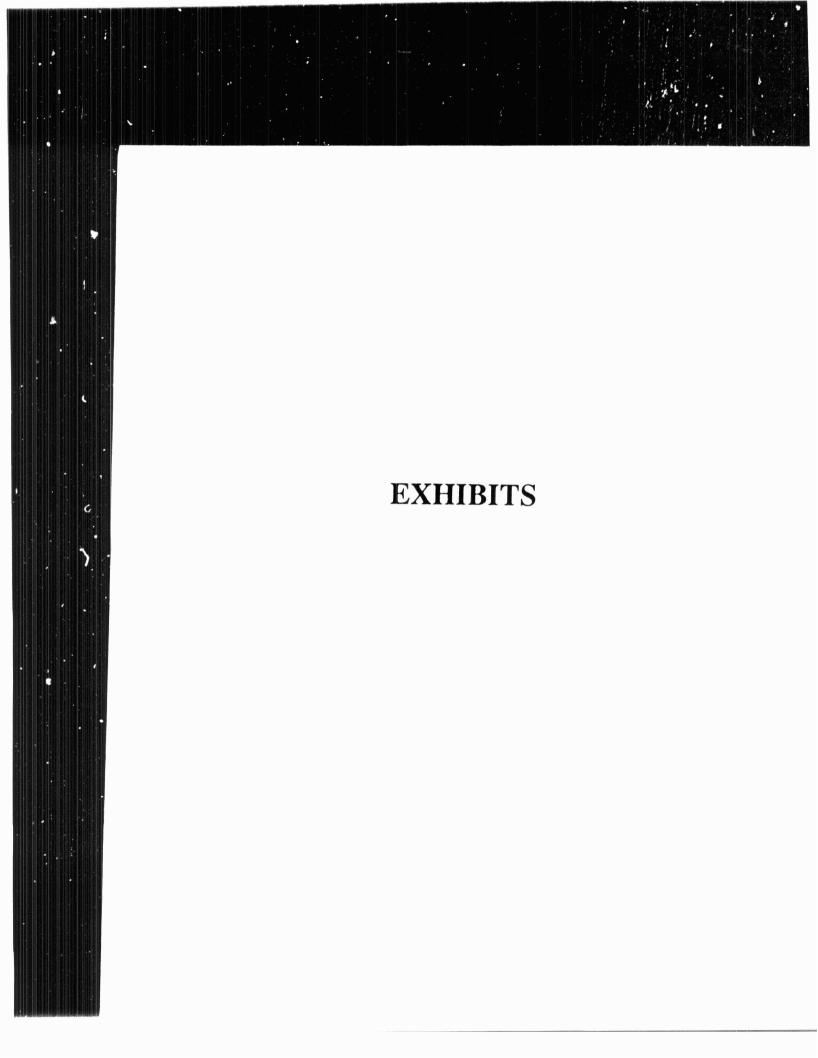
system in the area normally supports the TECO transmission system in the area, and if TECO were to disconnect from FPC, they would have a radial transmission system to their Dade City retail area.

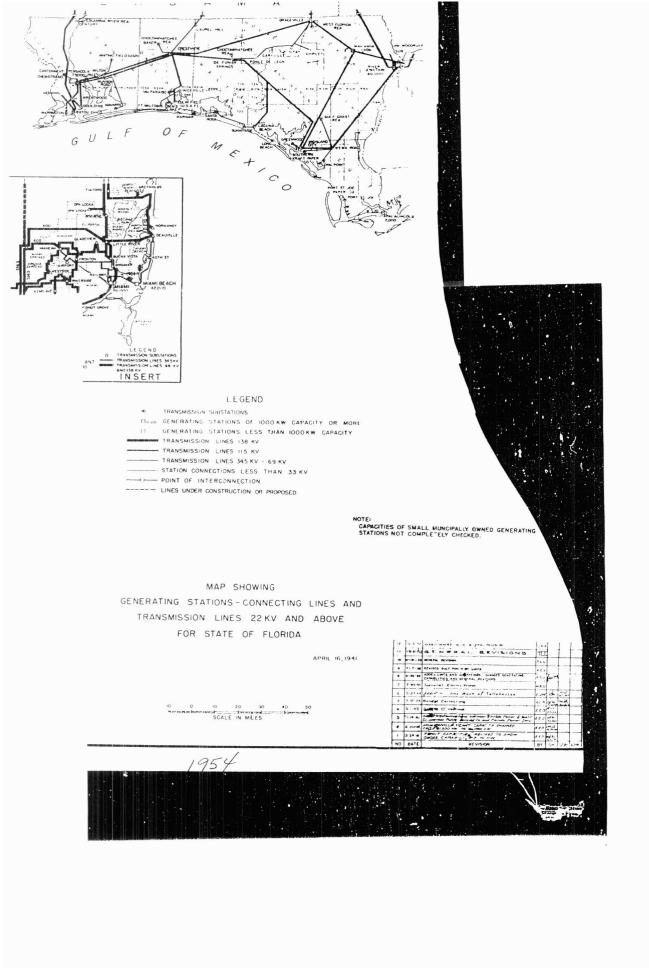
- Q. Are you aware of other lines FPC may own through TECO service territory?
- A. Yes. I do not know of all such situations, but a major crossing is the Higgins Ft. Mende 115 kV double circuit line, which was constructed in 1952 for the purpose of connecting the (then) new Higgins Plant and the local FPC system into the FPC Ridge area system. From my previous Exhibit \_\_\_\_ (DRS-8), it appears this was necessary, since there were no other major facilities to conduct power from Higgins to Ft. Meade.
- Q. Mr. Porter states that your line loading calculations fail to take into account the single contingency power flow methodology when stating flow reductions due to TECO removing the Ft. Meade and Wauchula loads from the FPC system. (Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, page 24, lines 13 18) Can you explain why you made the calculations as you did, and how the methods relate?
- A. Yes. In my testimony I list the peak loads on the lines in the 1993 system model, the contingency loadings in the 2013 system model, and describe the "unloading" of the lines in the 1995 model. There was,

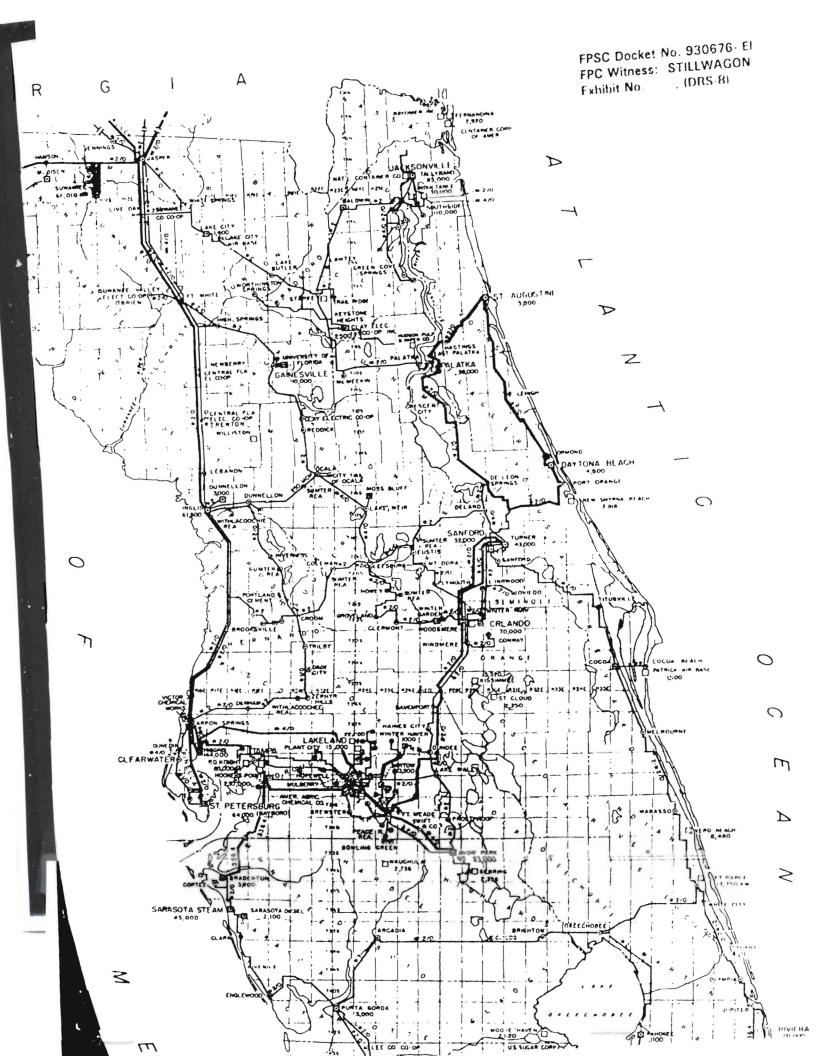
The important thing to remember here is that the existing FPC transmission lines are adequate to serve the existing load and anticipated future loads of the Cities and other local customers. There is sufficient margin in the existing system to provide for single contingency outages. There is no system need to remove load from the lines to provide a margin for normal or contingency loads. Indeed, with future local generation additions that are planned or under construction, the local system is in a mode of exporting power. There is no need to build new 69 kV transmission lines into the area from outside source substations to support the local loads. Rather, the most likely future development will be to strengthen the bulk grid to carry significant amounts of power out of the area.

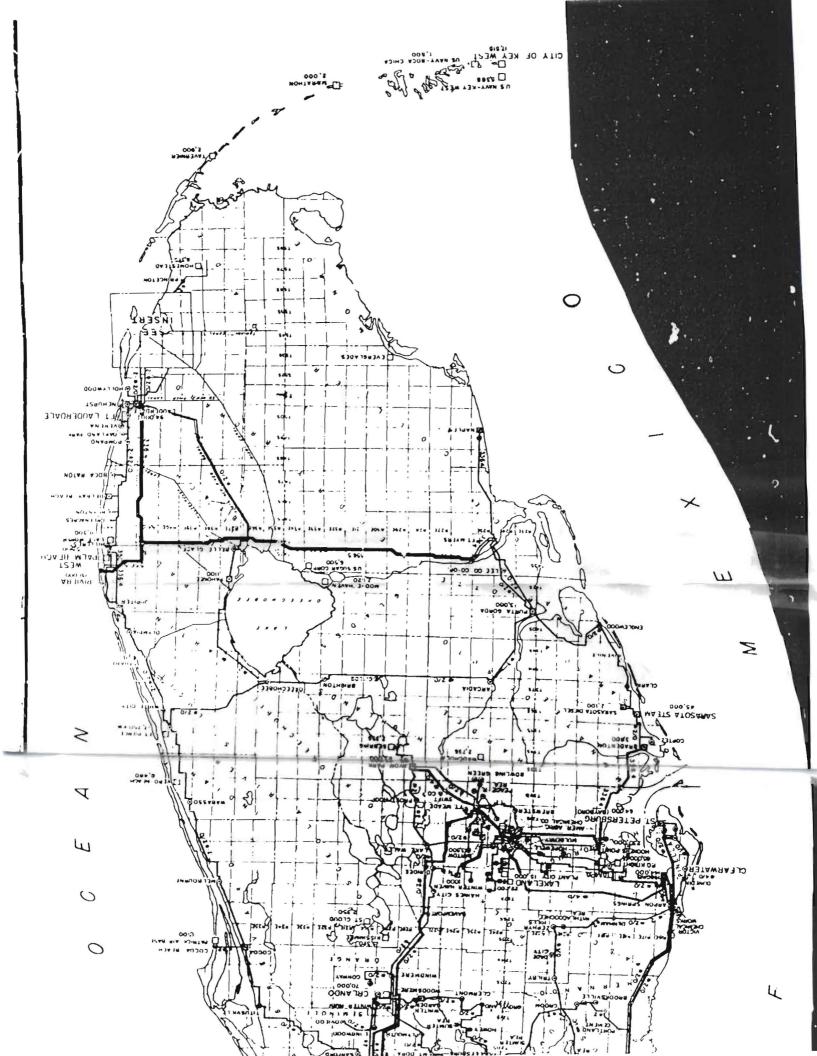
- Q. Does this conclude your testimony.
- A. Yes.

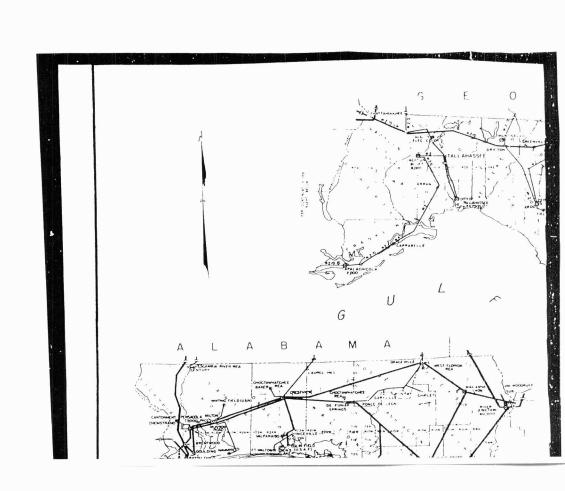
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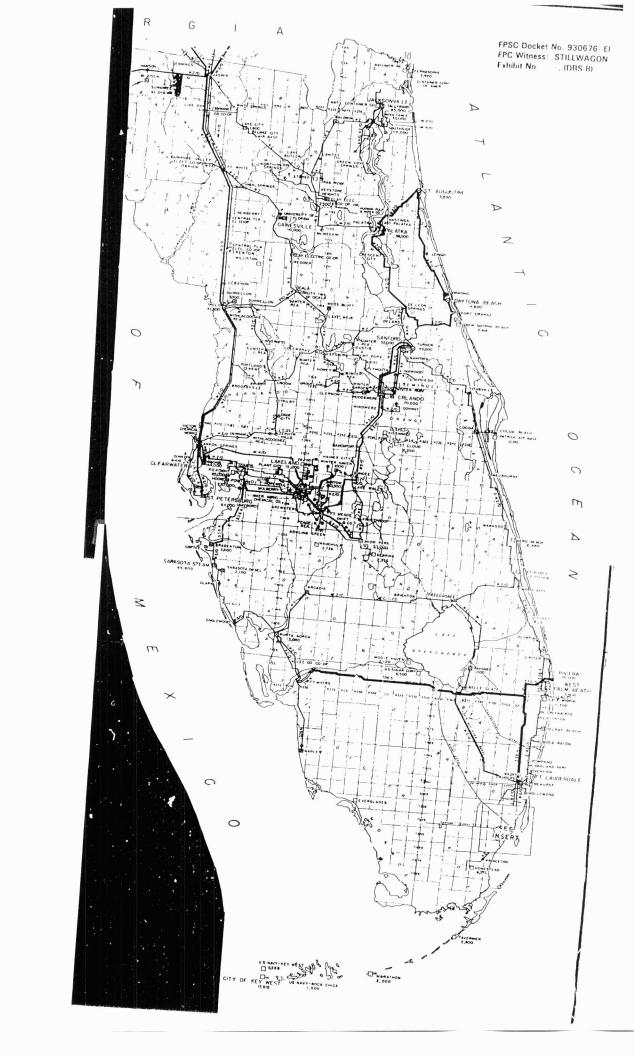


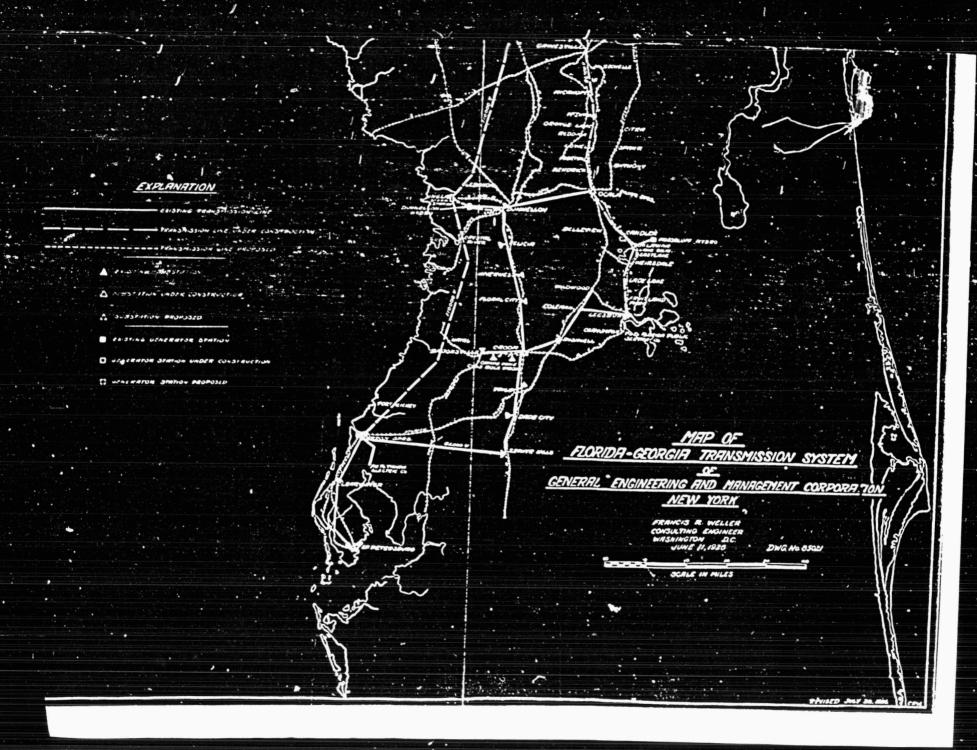


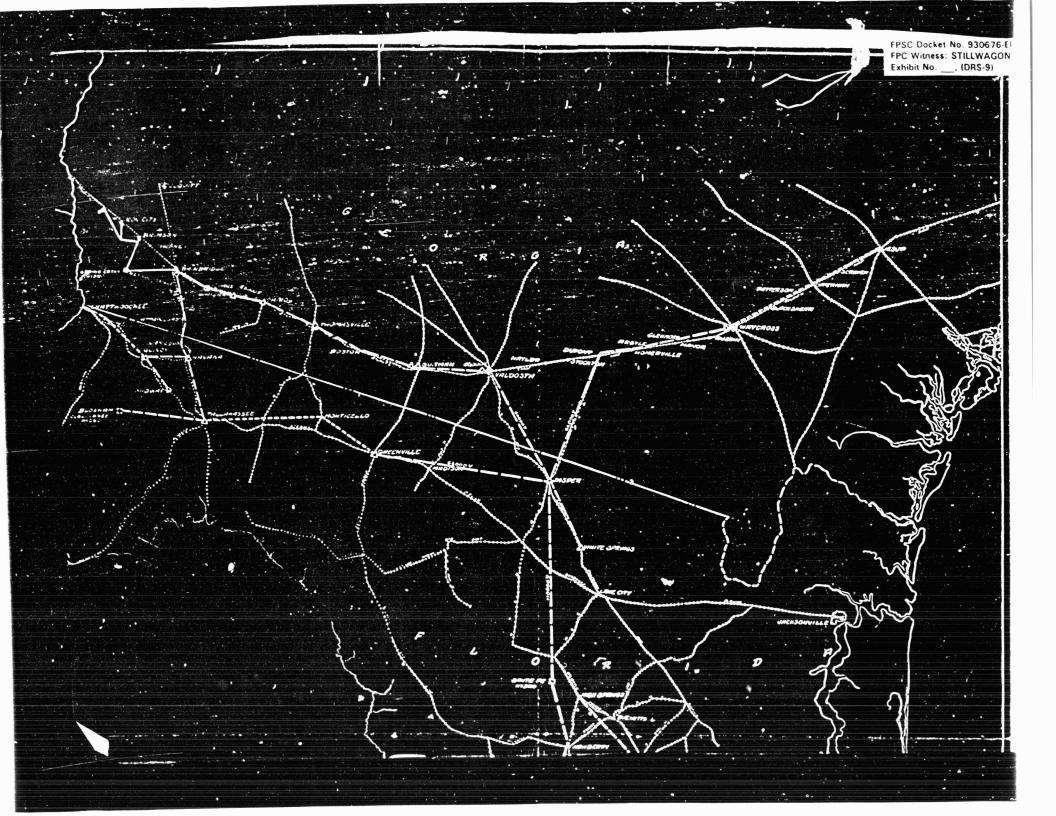












## REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF DR. ROBERT BRUCE PARENTE

## FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION DOCKET NO. 930676-EI

## REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF DR. ROBERT BRUCE PARENTE

- Q. What is your name, occupation, and business address?
- A. My name is Robert Bruce Parente. I am an Electrical Engineer. My business address is Post Office Box 241987, Los Angeles, California 90024-9787.
- Q. Are you the same Dr. Robert Bruce Parente who previously submitted direct testimony on behalf of the Florida Power Corporation in this docket?
- A. Yes.

- Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony here?
- A. The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to rebut the direct testimony of the Tampa Electric Company (TECO) witnesses, John B. Ramil, T. Leonard Porter, Warren May Jr., and Charles C. Saddler, III, and also to clarify several matters they raised in reference to my direct testimony. To do that I must first focus on the real issue of this docket: The fact that the proposed construction by TECO of a 60-mile long 69-kV transmission line to serve the Cities of Wauchula and Fort Meade would be an uneconomic duplication of Florida Power Corporation's

(FPC's) existing adequate and reliable transmission facilities. It is undisputed that FPC's existing 69-kV transmission lines serving the Cities of Wauchula and Fort Meade are adequate and reliable. There is no need for another transmission line to serve those two cities.

Although my intent is to rebut the testimony of the TECO witnesses by refocusing on the central issue before the Commission, my rebuttal will also address the specific issues raised by the TECO witnesses which may serve to detract from the real issue in this docket.

- Q. What main points of your direct testimony were criticized by the TFCO witnesses?
- A. I summarized my direct testimony on behalf of FPC in six points as follows:

"TECO's proposed line is a duplication because:

- 1. FPC's facilities already exist;
- FPC's existing facilities already serve the cities of Wauchula and Fort Meade;
- FPC's existing facilities have adequate capacity to serve the cities of Wauchula and Fort Meade now and in the foreseeable future; and
- FPC's existing facilities serve the cities of Wauchula and Fort Meade reliably.

"If TECO builds its proposed duplicate line, that would be an uneconomic duplication of FPC's existing facilities because:

- TECO's increased revenue requirements will exceed the wheeling fees which TECO currently pays to FPC to use FPC's existing facilities, and
- FPC's revenue requirements will not be reduced by TECO's duplication of FPC's facilities."

(Direct Testimony of Dr. Robert Bruce Parente, page 7, lines 6 - 28)

None of TECO's witnesses disputed my first two points: That FPC's facilities already exist, and those existing facilities already serve the cities.

None of TECO's witnesses directly disputed my third point: That FPC's existing facilities have adequate capacity. Although Mr. Ramil observes that, "Dr. Parente concludes that Florida Power's existing facilities are adequate to serve the Cities of Fort Meade and Wauchula," he does not dispute my conclusion. (Direct Testimony of John B. Ramil, page 34, lines 8 - 10) Although Mr. Porter questions my use of the word "idle" with respect to FPC's existing facilities if the cities are disconnected, he does not dispute my point that FPC's existing facilities have adequate capacity if the cities continue to be served. (Direct Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, pages 27 - 29)

The criticism by the TECO witnesses about my direct testimony that I will address here begins with my fourth point: "FPC's existing facilities serve the Cities of Wauchula and Fort Meade reliably."

- Q. What criticism by the TECO witnesses about your testimony regarding reliability do you need to address?
- A. Although Mr. Ramil states, "Tampa Electric did not seek to contest the operational reliability of any of Florida Power's facilities," (Direct Testimony of John B. Ramil, page 32, lines 21 23) Mr. Porter criticizes my analysis of that reliability for not including momentary (less than one minute) outages, and my discussion of line length in analyzing the reliability of the proposed TECO 69-kV line. (Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, page 30, lines 1 21)

## Q. Why are momentary outages excluded?

A. In my direct testimony, I referred to Mr. Stillwagon's testimony and his statistics showing that Fort Meade enjoyed service 99.996 percent of the time, and that Wauchula enjoyed service 99.995 percent of the time. (Direct Testimony of Donald R. Stillwagon, pages 14-16) When Mr. Porter criticizes those percentages, he is correct that Mr. Stillwagon's statistics do exclude momentary outages of less than one minute duration; however, it is important for the Commission to understand that, for the past twenty years this has been FPC's standard statistical practice for recording reliability data for all of its customers

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23 24 -- not just the Cities of Wauchula and Fort Meade. Historically, Florida Power has concentrated on significant non-momentary outages that contribute to unavailability and has chosen not to include momentary outages in these calculations.

As Mr. Stillwagon notes in his rebuttal testimony, FPC's Transmission

Design Department does maintain data on breaker and switch operations

which can be used to calculate line outages including momentary

outages. That data also indicates the FPC lines serving Wauchula and

Fort Meade are reliable. Mr. Stillwagon quite properly points out in his

rebuttal testimony that the total outage rates for Wauchula and Fort

Meade are comparable to FPC's system average.

Q. What has line length got to do with reliability?

In my direct testimony, I stated, "Each individual lower voltage transmission line's reliability is related to its length, location, support structures, protective relays, and circuit breakers. For example, the longer the line, the more it will be vulnerable to lightning strikes, road accidents, and the hunter who 'mistakes' the insulators on the support structure for a deer." (Direct Testimony of Dr. Robert Bruce Parente, page 15, lines 15 - 19) I also said that, "Because its longer lengths add exposure to a contingency, TECO's proposed line can be expected to be less reliable than FPC's existing facilities." (Direct Testimony of Dr. Robert Bruce Parente, page 29, lines 28 - 30)

Mr. Porter concedes that, "If all other things are equal, yes, the longer the line, the more vulnerable they are to lightning strikes." (Direct Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, page 8, lines 14 - 15) Mr. Porter then goes on to list the design features that TECO proposes to introduce to offset and compensate for its longer line length. (Direct Testimony of T. Leonard Porter, page 3, lines 15 - 21; page 6, lines 3 - 8 and 17 - 25; and page 7, lines 1 - 3 and 7 - 13.)

When reading Mr. Porter's list of compensating design features, the Commission should not be misled into the false belief that FPC's service to the cities is not reliable, nor should the Commission be misled into the false belief that TECO's long line can provide the cities with more reliable service than FPC short lines can provide.

Currently, FPC's lines are reliable. In the future, if some change made them less reliable, then FPC could introduce its own list of compensating design features and restore its reliability. FPC will always enjoy a reliability advantage because of its shorter lines. For example:

If the State of Florida were to suffer a change in climate such that lightning strikes became far more frequent, then FPC could restore its transmission reliability to the cities by installing a switching station in the City of Wauchula, and by adding supervisory controlled substation switches in the City of Fort Meade substation -- just like the switching proposed

by TECO -- all for far less cost than TECO's proposed 60-mile long 69-kV line.

If the State of Florida were to suffer a population explosion in woodpeckers or drunk drivers such that damage to wood poles became excessive, then FPC could restore its transmission reliability to the cities by phasing-in concrete poles -- just like the concrete poles proposed by TECO -- all for far less cost than TECO's proposed 60-mile long 69-kV line.

I am not saying that TECO's proposed line cannot be reliable. I am saying that, to achieve the same reliability as FPC's short lines, TECO's 60-mile long line must cost more.

- Q. What criticism by the TECO witnesses about uneconomic duplication do you need to address?
- A. Mr. Ramil states, "It is not until the last two pages of his testimony that Dr. Parente states his basis for concluding that Tampa Electric's proposed facilities would be an 'uneconomic' duplication of Florida Power's transmission facility." (Direct Testimony of John B. Ramil, page 35, lines 7 10) In criticizing my conclusion that Tampa Electric's proposed line fails an engineering economics test, Mr. Ramil states that my analysis looks only at the relative costs of two delivery options. (Direct Testimony of John B. Ramil, page 35, lines 19-22) Then Mr.

Ramil disputes that wheeling through Florida Power's system and Tampa Electric's construction of its own transmission facilities were interchangeable options. (Direct Testimony of John B. Ramil, page 36, lines 4 - 8)

Mr. Ramil is quite right in that I did conduct an engineering economics test of two alternatives: Which costs less: (1) TECO paying wheeling fees to FPC to use FPC's existing facilities? or (2) TECO building a duplicative new transmission line?

Mr. Ramil is also quite right in that I needed less than two pages to conduct that engineering economics test of the two alternatives: (1) TECO paying wheeling fees of less than \$300,000 per year to use FPC's existing facilities costs a great deal less than (2) TECO building a new duplicative transmission line for \$11.8 million.

Mr. Ramil is quite wrong, however, in disputing that "wheeling through Florida Power's system and Tampa Electric's construction of its own transmission facilities were interchangeable options." They were, are, and will continue to be interchangeable options. But construction of a new 60-mile long TECO transmission line duplicating FPC's existing transmission facilities is a far more expensive option than wheeling power over FPC's existing facilities.

- Q. How does TECO claim that wheeling and construction were not interchangeable options?
- A. TECO claims that wheeling and construction were not interchangeable options by maintaining that construction of a new transmission line was essential to get Fort Meade's and Wauchula's business. It appears, however, that TECO acted upon the cities' erroneous belief that building a second transmission line would somehow alleviate perceived disadvantages the cities associated with being a transmission dependent utility.

The concerns of the cities with being transmission dependent utilities were articulated by TECO witnesses Saddler and May. Mr. Saddler states, "Fort Meade is a transmission Dependent Utility (TDU). Fort Meade has no generation on its system and currently depends on its single interconnect with Florida Power." (Direct Testimony of Charles C. Saddler, III, page 2, lines 24 -25, and page 3, lines 1- 2) He adds, "Transmission pricing and access is also a key concern to Fort Meade . . . This issue has the potential, and I believe the threat, of forcing a TDU like Fort Meade out of business." (Direct Testimony of Charles C. Saddler, III, page 3, lines 15-20) Mr. May, from the City of Wauchula, says that, "The City's electric system has only one transmission tie to the Florida Grid and insufficient generation on its own . . . the City is currently dependent on a single transmission service provider, Florida Power Corporation." (Direct Testimony of Warren May, Jr., page 2,

lines 14 - 20) Mr. May adds, "The potential is there for a transmission service provider to make it economically and/or operationally infeasible for a TDU to purchase power from any utility other than the transmission provider." (Direct Testimony of Warren May, Jr., page 3, lines 3 - 25, and page 4, lines 1 - 2)

In fact, there is no basis for the fears expressed by Mr. Saddler and Mr. May, because of the regulatory powers and policies of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Over the years, FERC has made it clear that any utility which provides wheeling will not be allowed to stop providing wheeling. FPC provides its wheeling under a FERC tariff. Thus, FPC's price for wheeling is set and essentially predictable. Therefore, neither of the cities has any reasonable basis for fear as to either access to FPC's transmission service, or FPC's price. Nonetheless, Mr. Ramil reiterates, "... Tampa Electric's judgement that agreeing to build the transmission line was necessary to win the business." (Direct Testimony of John B. Ramil, page 6, lines 7 - 9)

As a regulated utility, TECO cannot be naive about the FERC, its policies, and the regulations and statutes under which it operates. Thus, from Mr. Ramil's admission, I conclude that it appears TECO acted upon the Cities' unfounded fears in order to win a contract by agreeing to build an uneconomic duplication of FPC's existing transmission facilities.

- Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- A. Yes.