



# Public Service Commission

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**FROM:** Robert V. Elias, Chief of Electric & Gas, Division of Legal Services *RVE*

**RE:** Docket No. 970261-EI - Review of nuclear outage at Florida Power Corporation's Crystal River Unit 3.

**Via Facsimile**

Attached is correspondence between Senator Charlie Crist and Chairman Julia Johnson.

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Attachment

cc: J. Slemkewicz  
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March 26, 1997

Julia Johnson, Chairman  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Chairman Johnson:

It has come to my attention that the Florida Public Service Commission held a workshop today permitting Florida Power Corporation to make a presentation to the Commission's staff justifying the nuclear power outage at its Crystal River Unit 3. I understand that it is somewhat unusual to have a utility make such a presentation while contested evidentiary hearings are pending.

It seems to me that the Florida Public Service Commission should hold public hearings in the territory served by Florida Power Corporation in order to allow the public to provide input to the Commission concerning the outage and the rate increase. Such hearings are routinely conducted during rate cases, and the impact of the nuclear outage on customers' rates is very much like the impact of a rate case. As a customer of Florida Power, I would like to request that you schedule such hearings as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist  
Florida Senator

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