BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Re: Review of GridFlorida RTO Proposal

Docket No. 020233-EI

Submitted for filing: April 16, 2002

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF TRANS-ELECT

Trans-Elect, Inc. ("Trans-Elect"), pursuant to Florida Administrative Code Rules 25-22.039 and 28-106.205, petitions to intervene in this docket. Trans-Elect believes the Commission should determine the Compliance Filing satisfies Order No. 01-2489.

Trans-Elect intervenes for the limited purpose of supporting the GridFlorida Companies' notion of maintaining flexibility to accommodate future revisions to the GridFlorida structure. As grounds supporting its petition to intervene, Trans-Elect states as follows:

1. The name and address of Petitioner is:

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- 3. Trans-Elect is an independent transmission owner and operator. Formed in 1999, Trans-Elect is an independent, for-profit transmission company that focuses on the acquisition of transmission systems with the goal of establishing a network of independent transmission companies. Trans-Elect is in the process of completing the acquisition of the Consumers Energy Company's transmission system in Michigan.

 Trans-Elect is also a general partner in a consortium that formed Alta Link to acquire the transmission system of Trans-Alta in Calgary, Alberta. Both transactions are expected to close this month. In addition, Trans-Elect has been selected to participate in the partnership along with other public and private entities to build the expansion of the Path 15 transmission bottleneck in central California.
- 4. The Commission should grant Trans-Elect standing to intervene in this proceeding. Trans-Elect has a substantial and immediate interest in the outcome of this proceeding that cannot adequately be represented by any other party. Trans-Elect's interest is of a type this administrative proceeding is designed to protect.¹
- A. <u>Trans-Elect's substantial interests are affected by the outcome of this proceeding.</u> Trans-Elect agrees with the GridFlorida Companies' proposition that the Commission should maintain sufficient flexibility to accommodate future revisions to the

See § 120.52(12)(b), FLA. STAT. (2000); Agrico Chemical Co. v. Dept. of Envt'l Reg., 406 So. 2d 478, 482 (Fla. 2d DCA 1981), rev. denied 415 So. 2d 1359 (Fla. 1982).

GridFlorida structure. More specifically, Trans-Elect aims to ensure the Commission does not preclude the possibility of independent ownership or operation of all or a portion of Peninsular Florida's transmission system.

- B. Trans-Elect's injury is immediate. If the Commission does not maintain sufficient flexibility to accommodate future revisions to the GridFlorida structure, it could prevent Trans-Elect from entering the Florida market. The Commission should not foreclose the possibility of Trans-Elect owning or operating all or a portion of Peninsular Florida's transmission system should the GridFlorida Companies and other Stakeholders allow. Trans-Elect has not formally presented this idea to the GridFlorida Companies or other Stakeholders, nor have they agreed to this idea. Trans-Elect would like to preserve the option for future consideration.
- 5. <u>Trans-Elect's motion to intervene is limited.</u> Trans-Elect supports the Compliance Filing and it believes the Commission should determine the Filing complies with Order No. 01-2489. Trans-Elect's intervention is limited to supporting the GridFlorida Companies' notion of maintaining flexibility to accommodate future revisions to the GridFlorida structure.
- 6. Trans-Elect alleges that the Commission need not make findings of fact in this abbreviated proceeding. As a matter of law and policy, the Commission should determine the Compliance Filing complies with Order No. 01-2489. The Commission

should approve the GridFlorida Companies' notion of maintaining flexibility to accommodate future revisions to the GridFlorida structure.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene by

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