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TO REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF JEFFRY POLLOCK**

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1 Q IS THERE ANY INEQUITY IN THE FACT THAT THE PROJECT WOULD BE COM-
2 PLETELY WRITTEN OFF BY OCTOBER, 1989, ACCORDING TO FPL'S ANALYSIS?

3 A Yes. The costs of the Transmission Project would be completely
4 borne by past and present ratepayers despite the fact that the
5 transmission lines will provide continuing benefits for many years
6 to come. By contrast, the often stated justification for normaliz-
7 ing income tax expense is to preserve inter-generational equity;
8 that is, to ensure that the costs of a project are spread over its
9 useful life and thereby avoid subsidization of present ratepayers by
10 future ratepayers. Just the opposite is true with respect to the
11 Oil Backout Project: unless the accelerated depreciation is re-
12 versed, present ratepayers will have subsidized future ratepayers.

13 Q WHAT IS THE SECOND FLAW WITH FPL'S APPLICATION OF THE PRIMARY PUR-
14 POSE TEST?

15 A As discussed in my direct testimony at Pages 20 through 24, FPL has
16 made the erroneous assumption that each and every kilowatthour of
17 coal-by-wire energy economically displaces oil-fired generation.
18 This assumption is unwarranted because of the operational realities
19 of the UPS Agreements and the substantial decline in oil prices
20 relative to coal. In fact, for other purposes, FPL assumes that it
21 would have to schedule at a minimum between 15% and 25% of its unit
22 capacity entitlement in its Rate of Return model. Because base
23 energy is typically the most expensive coal-by-wire purchased, it is

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1 unlikely that these minimum purchases would always be more economi-
2 cal than oil-fired generation, as FPL assumes.

3 **Q ON PAGE 14 OF HIS TESTIMONY, MR. WATERS LABELS AS UNTRUE FIPUG'S**
4 **CONTENTION THAT THE PROJECT HAS FAILED TO MEET ITS PRINCIPAL PUR-**
5 **POSES DUE TO LOWER THAN PROJECTED OIL PRICES AND THAT THE COMMISSION**
6 **RELIED ON FPL'S FORECAST TO QUALIFY THE PROJECT. IS MR. WATERS**
7 **CORRECT?**

8 **A As to Mr. Waters' contention that the Commission relied on several**
9 **forecasts, not all of which were prepared by FPL, he is technically**
10 **correct. This is, however, a small point because it was FPL who**
11 **chose the specific forecasts prepared by others to be included in**
12 **its presentation.**

13 With respect to his first contention, Mr. Waters would claim
14 the Project to be a success because, according to his measurement,
15 it resulted in significant fuel cost savings. Mr. Waters' notion of
16 success is analogous to a sports team continuing to pay top dollar
17 for a high draft choice even though his performance fails to live up
18 to the management's extraordinary expectations. What he overlooks
19 is the reality that a significant portion of the projected \$3.5
20 billion of net fuel savings--which the Commission deemed to be con-
21 servative--have failed to materialize. It was the extraordinary
22 nature of the projected net savings which, in my opinion, swayed the
23 Commission to adopt the OBCRF and to recover the costs of the Proj-
24 ect and of the UPS Agreements on an equal cents per kilowatthour