Citizens for Utility Rate Equity

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November 4, 1992

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Steven C. Tribble Director of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 101 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: Docket No. 920949-EU

Dear Mr. Tribble:

I enclose an original and 15 copies of a Prehearing Statement by Citizens for Utility Rate Equity. Please acknowledge receipt of filing on the enclosed copy of this letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

CITIZENS FOR UTILITY RATE EQUITY

James Flynn

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In Re: Joint Petition of Florida Power Corporation and Sebring Utilities Commission for Approval of Certain Matters in Connection with the Sale of Assets by Sebring Utilities Commission to Florida Power Corporation Docket No. 920949-EU

Filed: November 5, 1992

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF INTERVENOR CITIZENS FOR UTILITY RATE EQUITY ("CURE")

Citizens for Utility Rate Equity ("CURE") hereby submits its Prehearing Statement in

this docket.

A. <u>Appearances</u>:

James Flynn 2503 Par Road Sebring, Florida 33872

B. <u>Witness</u>:

Nancy Hawk c/o LESCO, INC. Sebring Airport Industrial Park 413 Big Bend Sebring, Florida 33870 Spokesperson on behalf of Citizens for Utility Rate Equity ("CURE")

Subject Area

Citizen advocacy for sale of Sebring to FPC and supporting reasons.

C. Exhibits:

None

D. Statement of Basic Position:

CURE supports the sale of assets by Sebring to Florida Power Corporation and believes this transaction is in the best interest of citizens in the Sebring area because it will afford them electric utility rate relief now and in the future.

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E. Issues and Positions:

<u>ISSUE 1</u> Does the proposed Sebring Rider unduly discriminate against Sebring customers?

CURE does not believe that the proposed Sebring Rider unduly discriminates against Sebring customers. It is CURE's position that all Sebring customers will benefit by getting immediate rate relief and in 15 years will realize rate equity.

ISSUE 5 Is the proposed 15-year period to collect the Sebring rider appropriate?

CURE believes that the proposed 15-year period to collect the Sebring rider is appropriate because it will enable customers to achieve rate equity, still pay less than Sebring's rates and have service with a utility who is regulated by the Commission.

ISSUE 17 Should the Commission approve the Purchase and Sale agreement between Florida Power Corporation and the Sebring Utilities Commission?

> CURE definitely supports the proposed transaction and believes that the Commission should approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement between Florida Power Corporation and the Sebring Utilities Commission. CURE believes that it is in the best interest of Sebring customers and residents because they will benefit by having lower electric rates; a utility with management expertise; and gain service from a utility that is regulated. Customers will also be relieved of long time rate disparity and territorial issues.

No position at this time on all other staff issues not addressed above.

F. Stipulated Issues:

None at this time.

G. Motions:

None at this time.

H. Other Matters:

None at this time.

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Respectfully submitted,

CITIZENS FOR UTILITY RATE EQUITY ("CURE")

James

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the Prehearing Statement by Citizens for Utility Rate Equity, has been served by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to the following parties this $A \parallel V$ day of November, 1992.

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