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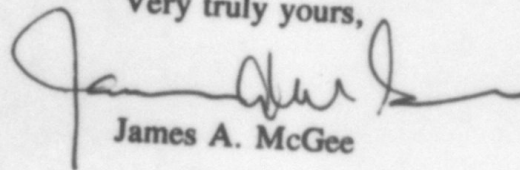
Re: Docket No. 961407-EQ

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing are the original and 15 copies of Florida Power Corporation's Request for Confidential Classification.

Please acknowledge your receipt of the above filing on the enclosed copy of this letter and return to the undersigned. Also enclosed is a 3.5 inch diskette containing the above-referenced Request in WordPerfect format. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,



James A. McGee

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Expedited  
Approval of Settlement Agreement  
with Pasco Cogen, Ltd. by Florida  
Power Corporation.

Docket No. 961407-EQ  
Submitted for filing:  
December 11, 1996

**FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION'S  
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Florida Power Corporation ("FPC"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C., requests confidential classification of the highlighted information submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") with FPC's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification filed in this docket on November 25, 1996. In support of its request, FPC states:

**Background**

1. On November 25, 1996, FPC filed with the Commission a petition for expedited approval of a settlement agreement between FPC and Pasco Cogen Limited, Ltd. ("Pasco") involving the Negotiated Contract for the Purchase of Firm Capacity and Energy from a Qualifying Facility, dated March 13, 1991, between FPC and Pasco.
2. The petition included Exhibit C which consists of a table entitled "Calculation of Savings from Settlement of Energy Dispute and Early Termination Buy-out" in which information of a confidential nature to FPC was redacted. FPC filed a Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification for the information redacted in that table, along with one copy in a separate, sealed

envelop in which the confidential portions were shaded. This request provides the justification for confidential classification of the information in that table.

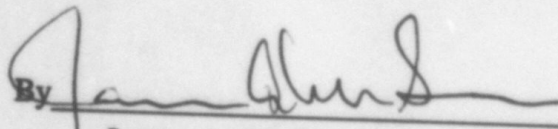
**Justification for Confidential Classification**

3. FPC is currently engaged in settlement negotiations with several of its contract Qualifying Facilities ("QFs") in an attempt to resolve various matters in dispute similar to those resolved in FPC's settlement with Pasco. Disclosure of the detailed financial information contained in Exhibit C to the petition would seriously impair FPC's ability to negotiate settlements with these other contract QFs on terms favorable to FPC and its ratepayers. If these QFs were to know the financial basis of FPC's settlement with Pasco on the individual issues in dispute or the percentage of total amount in dispute on which settlement was based, they would be unwilling to settle for a lesser amount in their negotiations with FPC, thus effectively establishing a ceiling on the benefits available to Florida Power and its ratepayers from such negotiations.

WHEREFORE, Florida Power Corporation requests that the highlighted information in the table in Exhibit C of the joint petition be classified confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

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