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Re: Docket No. 970001-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU") are the following documents:

1. Original and fifteen copies of Petition for Approval of Florida Public Utilities Company's Fuel Adjustment and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Factor; 00423-97

2. Original and fifteen copies of the direct testimony of George M. Bachman; and 00424-97

3. Original and fifteen copies of Composite Exhibit GMB-3, which consists of Schedules E-1, E1-A, E1-B, E-1B-1, E-2, E-7, E-10 and M-1 for Marianna (pages 1-9) and Schedules E-1, E1-A, E1-B, E-1B-1, E-2, E-7, E-8, E-10 and F-1 for Fernandina Beach (pages 10-18). 00425 (Mar) ~~000~~ 00426-97 (Fern Beach)

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Fuel and Purchased Power)
Cost Recovery Clause and Generating)
Performance Incentive Factor.)

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PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF FLORIDA
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S FUEL ADJUSTMENT
AND PURCHASED POWER COST RECOVERY FACTOR

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU"), by and through its undersigned counsel, submits this Petition for approval of FPU's proposed fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors for each of its two electric divisions for the period April 1997 through September 1997. In support of its Petition, FPU states as follows:

1. All notices, pleadings and orders should be directed to:

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2. The exact name of Petitioner and the address of its principal business office is:

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3. In accordance with the procedures established in this docket, FPU has prepared and filed direct testimony¹ and composite exhibit GMB-3² in support of its proposed fuel and purchased power adjustment factors. This evidence demonstrates that the leveled fuel and purchased power adjustment factors for the period April 1997 through September 1997 should be 2.179 cents-per-KWH for the Marianna division and 2.859 cents-per-KWH for the Fernandina Beach division.

4. As demonstrated in the direct testimony and exhibit GMB-3, the final fuel and purchased power adjustment true-up amounts for the period April 1996 through September 1996 is an over-recovery of \$459,638 for Marianna, and an under-recovery of \$56,002 for Fernandina Beach.

5. The testimony and exhibits also demonstrate that based upon actual data for October and November and projected data for December through March the estimated fuel and purchased power adjustment true-up amounts for the period October 1996 through March 1997 are an over-recovery of \$32,276 for Marianna, and an over-recovery of \$247,915 for Fernandina Beach.

6. Based upon its projected sales, FPU projects a net over-recovery of \$491,914 for Marianna for the period April 1997 through

¹The direct testimony of Mr. George M. Bachman is being filed with this Petition and is incorporated herein.

²Composite exhibit GMB-3, which consists of Schedules E-1, E1-A, E1-B, E-1B-1, E-2, E-7, E-10 and M-1 for Marianna (pages 1-9) and Schedules E-1, E1-A, E1-B, E-1B-1, E-2, E-7, E-8, E-10 and F-1 for Fernandina Beach (pages 10-18), is being filed with this Petition and is incorporated herein.

September 1997, and an over-recovery of \$191,913 for Fernandina Beach for the same period. FPU's appropriate levelized fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors for the period April 1997 through September 1997 are 2.179 cents-per-KWH for the Marianna division and 2.859 cents-per-KWH for the Fernandina Beach division. The appropriate levelized fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors for the period April 1997 through September 1997 adjusted for line loss multipliers are as follows:

MARIANNA

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
RS	\$0.04184
GS	\$0.04114
GSD	\$0.03630
GSLD	\$0.03494
OL	\$0.02681
SL	\$0.02660

FERNANDINA BEACH

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
RS	\$0.04470
GS	\$0.04319
GSD	\$0.04033
CSL	\$0.03117
OL	\$0.03117
SL	\$0.03117

7. FPU's approved fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors should be effective for all meter readings on or after April 1, 1997, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period April 1997.

WHEREFORE, Florida Public Utilities Company requests the Commission to approve its above-stated fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors for the Marianna and Fernandina Beach divisions to be applied to customer bills for the

period April 1997 through September 1997, and to billings thereafter until such time as another cost recovery factor is approved by the Commission.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,



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PROJECTION FILINGS
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Schedule E-1	Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause Calculation
Schedule E1-A	Calculation of True-Up Surcharge
Schedule E1-B	Calculation of Purchased Power Costs and Calculation of True-Up and Interest Provision
Schedule E-1B-1	Comparison of Estimate/Actual Versus Original Projections of the Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Factor
Schedule E2	Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause Calculation
Schedule E7	Purchased Power
Schedule E8	Purchased Power Energy Payment to Qualifying Facilities
Schedule E10	Residential Bill Comparison