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Re: Stanton A Need for Power – Docket No. 010142-EM

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Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC), Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA), Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA), and Southern Company – Florida LLC (Southern-Florida) are:

- 1) the original and 15 copies of a notebook containing the prefiled direct testimony of the following witnesses:

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- 2) the original and 15 copies of Need for Power Application/Revisions, Volume 1G – Revisions. 02880-01
- 3) OUC's Second Request for Confidential Classification with diskette. 02881-01

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By copy of this letter, one copy of each of these documents is being provided directly to Mr. Keating and Mr. Futrell. If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,



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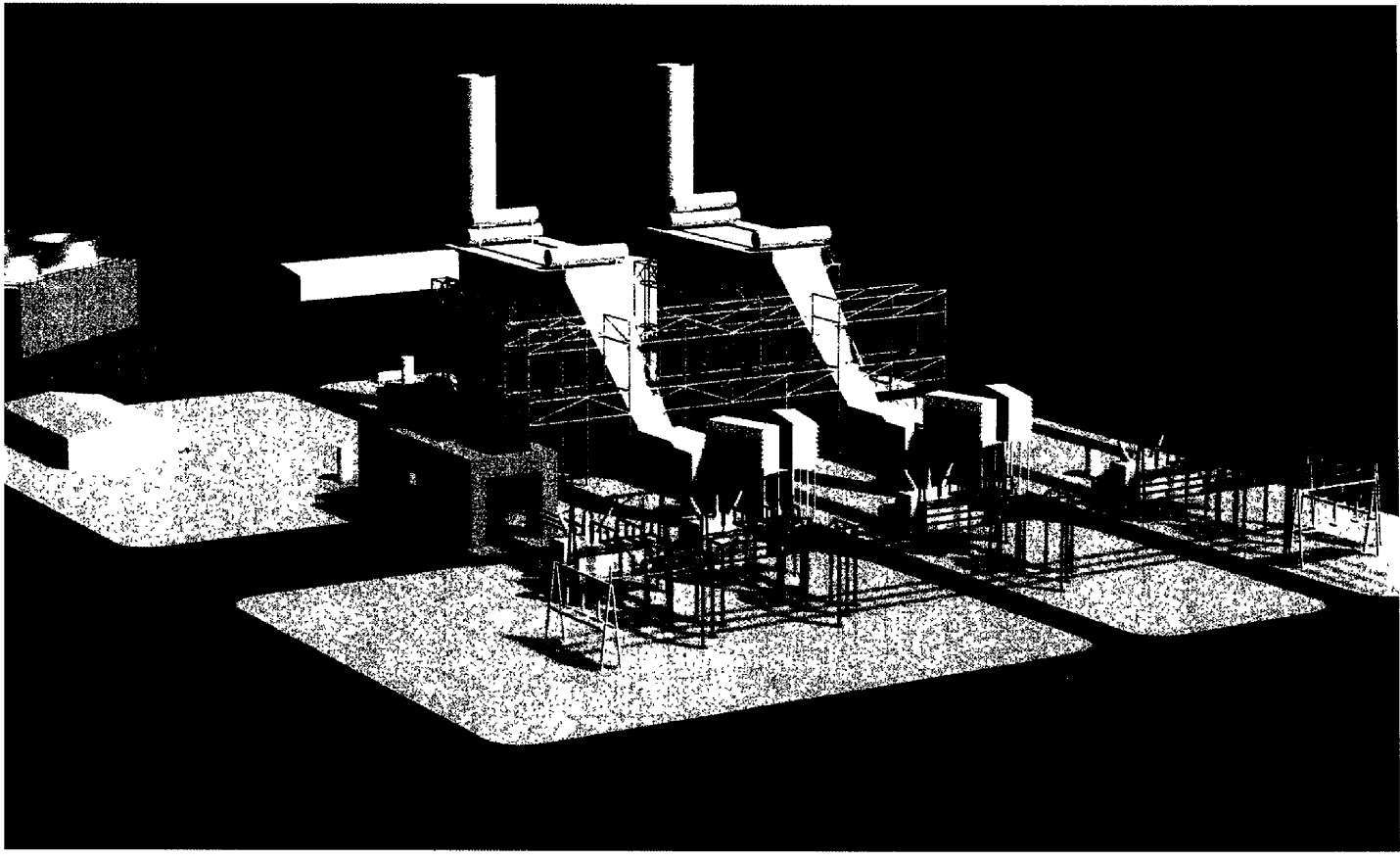
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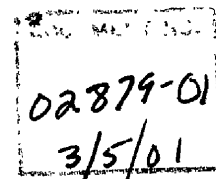
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Orlando Utilities Commission Curtis H. Stanton Energy Center Combined Cycle Unit A

&V Project 97185

March 2001



1 I have worked for OUC since 1977 and my responsibilities included serving as a
2 Results Engineer, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Superintendent of
3 Indian River Power Plant in Titusville, Director of Stanton Energy Center near
4 Orlando, Managing Director of Generation, and my current position as Vice
5 President of Power Resources.

6
7 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

8 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe OUC and discuss the restructuring of
9 generating assets that OUC is undergoing. I will provide the background on how
10 the Stanton A joint development project evolved. I will also discuss both the
11 Joint Development and Power Supply Requests for Proposals. Additionally, I
12 will explain the process used to evaluate the bids from the proposals, as well as
13 self-build alternatives. I will also summarize the agreements resulting from
14 negotiations with Southern-Florida and provide the current status of the
15 negotiations. Finally, I will discuss OUC's fuel procurement strategy for the
16 project and the status of those negotiations.

17
18 **Q. Are there sections of the Need for Power Application identified as Exhibit**
19 **OUC-1__ and the revisions to the Need for Power Application identified as**
20 **Exhibit OUC-2__ that you are sponsoring as your testimony?**

21 A. Yes I am sponsoring Sections 1A.3 1 1, 1A.3 2, 1A.3 4.3, 1A.3.9, 1A.4 0,
22 1A.6.1, 1A.6.2, 1A.6 4, 1A.6.5, Appendix 1A.A, Appendix 1A.B, and
23 Section 1B.2.0.

24
25 **Q. Are there any corrections to these sections?**

1 A. No, only the revisions shown in Exhibit OUC-2___ which was a formatting error in
2 Table 1B.2-1.

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4 **Q. Please briefly describe OUC.**

5 A. OUC operates as a statutory commission created by the legislature of the State of
6 Florida as a separate part of the government of the City of Orlando. OUC is
7 authorized to provide electric and water service in Orange County and electrical
8 service to municipalities in Osceola County. In 1997, OUC entered into an
9 interlocal agreement with the City of St. Cloud, in Osceola County, to take
10 responsibility for supplying all of St. Cloud's electric loads for the term of the
11 25-year agreement. In addition, OUC is now responsible for the management of
12 St. Cloud's existing generation and purchase power contracts. OUC is a utility as
13 defined in the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FEECA) Section
14 366.82(1), Fla. Stat. and serves retail loads in OUC's service territory and serves
15 St. Cloud's retail loads in St. Cloud's service territory.

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17 **Q. Please describe OUC's power supply resources.**

18 A. OUC jointly owns and operates the four natural gas and oil fueled Indian River
19 Combustion Turbine Units, as well as the Stanton 1 and 2 coal-fueled units. OUC
20 jointly owns 40 percent of Lakeland Electric's McIntosh Unit 3 coal-fueled unit.
21 OUC is a joint participant with 6.1 percent ownership of Florida Power & Light's
22 St. Lucie 2 nuclear unit and 1.6 percent of Florida Power Corporation's Crystal
23 River 3 nuclear unit. In addition, OUC operates six small diesel generating units
24 owned by the City of St. Cloud. OUC's total generating capacity, including the
25 St. Cloud diesel units, is 1047 MW based on the summer rating

1 OUC has a power purchase agreement with Reliant Energy for 593 MW through
2 September 30, 2001, and between 525 MW and 577.5 MW annually beginning
3 October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2003. The Reliant Power Purchase
4 Agreement contains options for up to an additional 500 MW from October 1,
5 2003 through September 30, 2007. In addition, OUC manages St. Cloud's
6 15 MW partial requirements purchase from Tampa Electric Company, which
7 extends through 2012.

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9 OUC has agreed to purchase KUA's excess entitlements from Stanton A which
10 are estimated to be 40 MW for fiscal year 2004, 24 MW for fiscal year 2005, and
11 10 MW for fiscal year 2006.

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13 **Q. Please describe OUC's transmission system.**

14 A. OUC's existing transmission system consists of 26 substations interconnected
15 through approximately 302 miles of 230 kV and 115 kV lines and cables. OUC
16 and its existing generating unit sites are fully integrated into the State
17 transmission grid through its twelve 230 kV interconnections with other
18 generating units that are members of the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council
19 (FRCC).

20
21 **Q. Does OUC have any long term power sales agreements?**

22 A. Yes. OUC has long term power sales agreements with FMPA, Seminole Electric
23 Cooperative (SEC), KUA, and Reedy Creek Improvement District (RCID). The
24 details of these power sales agreements are presented in Tables 1B.2-4 through
25 1B.2-6 of the Need for Power Application, Exhibit OUC-1 __

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2 **Q. Please briefly describe the generation asset restructuring process you alluded**
3 **to earlier.**

4 A. The generation asset restructuring process is a continuing process by which OUC
5 is attempting to maintain a cost-competitive asset basis over the long-term
6 considering uncertainties as we approach a deregulated environment. A goal of
7 this process is to include purchase power resources as a component of this asset
8 base. Three major activities associated with this process have been undertaken.
9 The first was the sale of the three Indian River Steam Units in 1999 in exchange
10 for cash and a purchase power agreement with an energy component which is tied
11 to actively traded energy hubs. The second phase was the development and
12 implementation of a financial energy price-hedging program. This was approved
13 by OUC's commission in February 2000. The third phase is to optimize the
14 redeployment of proceeds from the sale of the Indian River Steam Units for both
15 debt retirement and reinvestment into newer, more efficient generating
16 technologies. Stanton A represents this redeployment strategy.

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18 **Q. Please briefly describe how the joint development project initiated.**

19 A. OUC, KUA, and FMPA have had a long history of participation in joint
20 development projects. Each utility had a need for capacity in the same timeframe
21 as noted in Table 1A.2-1 of the Need for Power Application, Exhibit OUC-1 ____.
22 As a result, the three utilities agreed to pursue a joint development project that
23 would be both flexible and achieve an economy of scale greater than what the
24 individual utilities could achieve individually

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1 **Q. How did involvement in the joint development project evolve?**

2 A. OUC was selected as the agent by KUA and FMPPA to develop the project
3 structure and lead the negotiations. Three independent paths were pursued to
4 determine the best economic option for the participants consisting of joint
5 development, power supply, and self-build.

6
7 **Q. Please describe the joint development RFP?**

8 A. The joint development RFP involved the exploration of joint development
9 projects with large generating entities utilizing sites available at Stanton Energy
10 Center and/or Cane Island. The RFP process began with a solicitation of interest,
11 which was sent to 35 utilities and developers. All respondents to the solicitation
12 of interest were sent a joint development RFP and given the option of responding
13 to the power supply RFP as well, if they so desired.

14
15 WHH Enterprises was commissioned by OUC to independently evaluate the
16 responses to the joint development RFP.

17
18 **Q. Please describe the power supply RFP process.**

19 A. To ensure that there were no other more cost-effective opportunities available, a
20 second RFP was developed which solicited power supply proposals from any
21 source and/or technology, other than units built on either the Stanton Energy
22 Center or Cane Island site. The power supply RFP was advertised nationally and
23 posted on the internet.

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1 OUC contracted with R.W. Beck, Incorporated to independently evaluate
2 proposals from the power supply RFP.

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4 **Q. Please describe the OUC self-build alternative evaluation process.**

5 A. OUC contracted with Black & Veatch to provide detailed cost estimates for two
6 configurations of 2 x 1 F-class combined cycle units. One configuration included
7 a steam turbine with minimal duct firing, while the other configuration was sized
8 with a larger steam turbine to maximize plant output.

9
10 **Q. Describe the overall evaluation process.**

11 A. There were two tiers of evaluation. First, WHH Enterprises and R.W. Beck,
12 Incorporated, independently evaluated the RFPs using a ten-year levelized cost
13 per megawatt-hour basis as presented in Volume 1E-Confidential Exhibit A ____.
14 The least-cost proposal from each RFP was compared with the self-build option
15 prepared by Black & Veatch on a consistent ten-year levelized cost per megawatt-
16 hour basis. The second tier of evaluation compared all viable alternatives
17 submitted utilizing a standardized assumption base for offerings from the joint
18 development RFP, power supply RFP, and self-build alternatives.

19
20 **Q. How did the self-build capital cost compare to the capital cost in the
21 Southern-Florida proposal?**

22 The capital cost estimates based on current market conditions indicated that there
23 was significant capital cost savings opportunity with the Southern-Florida
24 proposal compared to the self-build estimates since Southern-Florida had
25 previously reserved combustion turbines

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2 **Q. What was the result of comparing the least-cost proposals from the joint**
3 **development RFP and the power supply RFP with the self-build alternative?**

4 A. Ranking on a consistent ten-year levelized cost per megawatt-hour basis resulted
5 in the Southern-Florida joint development proposal being the least-cost alternative
6 compared to the least-cost power supply and the self-build alternative.

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8 **Q. Were there any other evaluations conducted?**

9 A. Yes. Black & Veatch evaluated the Southern-Florida joint development proposal
10 against a number of self-build alternatives on an individual system basis for OUC,
11 KUA, and FMPA. The evaluations showed that the Southern-Florida joint
12 development proposal was the most cost-effective alternative for each system.

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14 **Q. Were there also concerns with respect to combustion turbine delivery**
15 **schedules for the self-build alternative?**

16 A. Yes. At the time of the evaluation the delivery schedule for F-class combustion
17 turbines which were not already on order was the first quarter of 2004, which
18 obviously precluded the October 1, 2003 commercial operation date.

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20 **Q. Was there any other alternative available to obtain combustion turbines in**
21 **the required timeframe to achieve October 1, 2003 commercial operation?**

22 A. No. For OUC alone there were no other alternatives other than the Southern-
23 Florida proposal. However, the inclusion of KUA and FMPA in the project
24 offered a possible alternative of using KUA's option for two General Electric 7F
25 combustion turbines that was obtained when KUA purchased the combustion

1 turbine for Cane Island 3. This option expired prior to receipt of the proposals.

2 However, KUA was able to extend the option through the evaluation period

3
4 **Q. How did the cost of the combustion turbines under the KUA option compare**
5 **to those in the self-build cost estimate?**

6 A. The cost of the combustion turbines under KUA's option were \$2 million more
7 expensive than those assumed in the self-build alternative cost estimate.

8
9 **Q. Please describe the Stanton A project.**

10 A. The joint development project between Southern-Florida and OUC, KUA, and
11 FMPA consists of a 633 MW combined cycle, natural gas fired unit to be
12 constructed at OUC's existing Stanton Energy Center. OUC, KUA, and FMPA
13 collectively will own 35 percent of the plant, with Southern-Florida owning the
14 remaining 65 percent. OUC, KUA, and FMPA have the unilateral right to
15 purchase the 65 percent of the unit capacity owned by Southern-Florida for the
16 30-year life of the plant. The capacity is initially purchased through a 10-year
17 power purchase agreement (PPA) with four 5 year unilateral extension options.
18 OUC, KUA, and FMPA have entitlements to both the ownership portion and the
19 purchase power portion of 80 percent, 10 percent, and 10 percent, respectively.

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21 **Q. Please describe the features of the Stanton A combined cycle unit.**

22 A Stanton A is a 2 x 1 General Electric 7FA combined cycle with duct firing and
23 power augmentation to increase plant output Stanton A is fueled with natural gas
24 as the primary fuel and No. 2 oil as the back-up fuel. The unit has the condenser
25 sized such that the combustion turbines can be operated at full load without the

1 steam turbine being in service. This plant configuration and design provides high
2 efficiency and flexibility coupled with high reliability

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4 **Q. Please describe the unit's environmental features.**

5 A. Stanton A will include selective catalytic reduction (SCR) to reduce NO_x
6 emissions. Stanton A will also use treated sewage effluent as its source of cooling
7 water and will treat wastewater on site such that there will be no off-site
8 discharges. Similar to Stanton 1 and 2, Stanton A will be one of the most
9 environmentally friendly units in the State

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11 **Q. Does Stanton A provide fuel diversification for OUC?**

12 A. Yes. In fiscal 2000, OUC obtained 72 percent of their energy requirements from
13 coal-fueled resources. Stanton A will add a much needed diversity component of
14 highly efficient natural gas-fueled capacity to OUC's fuel mix.

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16 **Q. If natural gas prices were to remain at high levels could Stanton A use
17 alternate fuels?**

18 A. Yes. The ability to deliver coal to the existing coal-fueled units at Stanton Energy
19 Center provides the unique opportunity for coal gasification if economic
20 conditions dictated such a process. This fuel-switching ability will help to cap the
21 exposure to natural gas prices.

22
23 **Q. Please describe the Purchase Power Agreement with Southern-Florida.**

24 A. The entire Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) with Southern-Florida is contained
25 in redacted form in Appendix 1A.A. The un-redacted PPA has been provided in

1 Volume IF-Confidential Exhibit B __. OUC, KUA, and FMPA will each sign
2 identical PPAs

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4 As previously stated, OUC, KUA and FMPA has the unilateral right to purchase
5 Southern-Florida's 65 percent ownership share of the capacity from Stanton A for
6 up to 30 years. The capacity charges for the initial 10-year term and the four
7 5-year extensions have been specified in the PPA. The capacity charge for the
8 initial 10-year term and the first 5-year extension are fixed. The capacity charge
9 for the three additional 5-year extensions will be either the specified capacity
10 charge or the market price if Southern-Florida elects the market price pursuant to
11 the provisions of the PPA.

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13 OUC, KUA, and FMPA have the further flexibility to reduce their capacity levels
14 during years six through ten of the PPA by either 25 or 50 MW per year, up to a
15 maximum of 200 MW. This provides additional economic benefit to OUC, KUA,
16 and FMPA if future conditions merit such reductions.

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18 Variable O&M and start-up costs are specified in the PPA. The PPA provides an
19 availability guarantee for the purchased capacity, which increases its availability
20 over that of a self-build alternative. During periods when Stanton A is
21 unavailable, Southern-Florida may provide energy from alternate resources.
22 During periods when Stanton A is available, Southern-Florida may provide
23 energy from alternate resources provided that Stanton A is on-line and committed
24 at least at its minimum load. OUC, KUA, and FMPA are entitled to schedule any
25 and all ancillary resources from the unit

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2 OUC will be the agent for providing fuel and managing gas transportation
3 throughout the term of the PPA. Fuel cost for energy from the unit will be based
4 on the actual cost of fuel burned.

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6 **Q. Please describe the Construction and Ownership Participation Agreement.**

7 A. Southern-Florida is responsible for construction of Stanton A for a fixed price for
8 the capital equipment costs and for a fixed price within a specified range for the
9 balance of plant capital costs as specified in the Construction and Ownership
10 Participation Agreement (COA). OUC, KUA, and FMPA will pay for the
11 construction of the interconnection facilities and Southern-Florida will be
12 responsible for constructing the interconnection facilities at a fixed price. The
13 Project will pay OUC an annual lease fee for the site.

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15 **Q. Please discuss the fuel procurement strategy for Stanton A.**

16 A. The primary fuel for Stanton A will be natural gas, with No. 2 oil as a back-up
17 fuel. The No. 2 oil can be delivered by both truck and rail. OUC is currently in
18 negotiations with Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT) and Gulfstream for
19 natural gas transportation. The FGT pipeline is located 2.5 miles south of Stanton
20 Energy Center and intersects OUC's railroad and transmission corridor. This
21 allows a lateral to be constructed to the site on the existing right-of-way. FGT has
22 indicated they have the ability to supply the transportation requirements for
23 Stanton A. Gulfstream recently received final Federal Energy Regulatory
24 Commission (FERC) approval. Gulfstream plans to be in commercial operation
25 in time to serve Stanton A through an expansion of their original system. Final

1 natural gas transportation for Stanton A will result in transportation from one or
2 both of FGT and Gulfstream based on the overall terms and conditions negotiated.

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4 OUC has not yet completed specific plans for the purchase of natural gas
5 commodity but plans to mitigate price risks through financial energy price
6 hedging programs.

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8 **Q. Please summarize the status of negotiations with Southern-Florida.**

9 A. The major agreements including the PPA and the COA have been negotiated and
10 are scheduled to be signed by the end of April.

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12 **Q. Does this conclude your prefiled testimony?**

13 A. Yes it does.
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Agency, and Southern Company - Florida)
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DIRECT TESTIMONY

of

DOUGLAS E. JONES

on behalf of

SOUTHERN COMPANY – FLORIDA LLC

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Q: Please state your name and business address.

A: My name is Douglas Jones and my business address is Southern Company Services, 270 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Q: By whom are you employed and in what position?

A: I am employed by Southern Company Services ("SCS") as Vice President of Energy Marketing. SCS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Southern Company ("Southern Company") and provides a comprehensive set of services to the Southern Company's operating companies, including engineering, fuel procurement, finance, accounting and marketing services. I am also a Vice President of Southern Power Company.

BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS

Q: Please summarize your educational background.

A: I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a Masters of Business Administration with a concentration in finance from Kennesaw State University.

Q: Please summarize your employment history and work experience.

A: I have 20 years of experience in the electric utility industry, all with Southern Company or one of its affiliates. Since 1980, I have held various positions with Southern Company or one of its affiliates in

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1 the areas of retail marketing, regulatory affairs and wholesale
2 power marketing. I have served as Vice-President of Energy
3 Marketing for Southern Company Services since 1998.
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5 **Q. What are your responsibilities as Vice President of Energy**
6 **Marketing?**

7 A. I am responsible for the competitive wholesale marketing activities
8 for Southern Company's operating companies, including the Stanton
9 A Project in which Southern Company - Florida LLC ("Southern -
10 Florida") is participating.
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12 **SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

13 **Q: On whose behalf are you testifying?**

14 A: I am testifying on behalf of Southern - Florida. My testimony
15 supports a petition filed on behalf of the Orlando Utilities
16 Commission ("OUC"), the Kissimmee Utilities Authority ("KUA") and
17 the Florida Municipal Power Agency ("FMPA") for a determination of
18 need for a 633 MW natural gas fired combined-cycle generating unit
19 in Orange County, Florida (the "Project"). Southern - Florida has
20 joined in that petition as a non-need applicant because: it was the
21 successful bidder in OUC's RFP for the joint-development project; it
22 will be a 65% equity owner of the Project; and, it will operate the
23 generating plant. In addition, Southern - Florida has entered into
24 Power Purchase Agreements ("PPAs") under which Southern -
25 Florida will sell, and OUC, KUA, and FMPA will purchase, all of the

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1 Project capacity owned by Southern - Florida during the term of the
2 agreement. Southern has also joined with OUC, KUA, and FMPA
3 and applied for site certification of the Project under the Florida
4 Electrical Power Plant Siting Act ("Siting Act").
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6 **Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

7 A: The purpose of my testimony is to describe Southern - Florida, its
8 relationship with Southern Company, and its experience in the
9 development, construction and operation of electrical generating
10 facilities. My testimony also generally explains Southern - Florida's
11 involvement in the Project.
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13 **Q: Are you sponsoring any exhibits to your testimony?**

14 A: Yes, I am sponsoring Exhibit ___(DEJ-1) which charts the
15 ownership structure of Southern – Florida.
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17 **Q: Are you sponsoring any sections of the Need for Power**
18 **Application for Stanton Energy Center Combined Cycle Unit**
19 **A which has been identified as Exhibit OUC-1?**

20 A: Yes, I am sponsoring that portion of Section 1A.1.0 that describes
21 Southern - Florida.
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OVERVIEW OF SOUTHERN - FLORIDA

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2 **Q: Please describe Southern - Florida and its affiliation with**
3 **Southern Company.**

4 A: Southern - Florida is a Delaware limited liability corporation
5 authorized to transact business in Florida. Southern - Florida is a
6 wholly-owned subsidiary of Southern Power Company ("Southern
7 Power"). Southern Power is one of the six operating subsidiaries of
8 Southern Company and was created to own and manage wholesale
9 generating assets in the Southeast. The ownership structure of
10 of Southern – Florida is shown in Exhibit ___ (DEJ-1).

11
12 **Q: Please describe Southern Company's experience in the**
13 **development and operation of electrical power plant**
14 **projects.**

15 A: Southern Company is the largest producer of electricity in the
16 United States, and one of the largest in the world, with a proven
17 record of designing, owning and operating electric power plants.
18 With 69 plants, comprised of 278 units, Southern Company
19 generates more than 31,000 MW of capacity in the southeast United
20 States. Southern Company also has more than 26,000 miles of
21 transmission lines that interconnect with major utilities. Through
22 its subsidiaries and affiliates, Southern Company develops, builds,
23 owns, and operates power production and delivery facilities,
24 conducts energy trading and marketing activities, and provides
25 other energy services in the United States and in international

1 markets. In 2000, Southern Company had revenues of \$23.4 billion
2 dollars and net income of \$1.4 billion dollars.

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4 **Q: Are Southern Company's resources, expertise, and core**
5 **competencies in power plant development available to**
6 **Southern - Florida?**

7 A: Yes. Southern - Florida is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Southern
8 Company and will have Southern Company's direct support in the
9 areas of plant engineering, operations and maintenance, marketing,
10 accounting, financial services and procurement.

11
12 **Q: You previously stated that Southern – Florida is a wholly-**
13 **owned subsidiary of Southern Power. Please describe**
14 **Southern Power and its business objectives.**

15 A: Southern Power was established to actively participate in the
16 evolving competitive wholesale marketplace. Southern Power's
17 strategic position in this wholesale market is enhanced by its
18 abilities to: (i) centralize wholesale generation development within
19 the Southern Company system, and (ii) capitalize on the core
20 competencies of the Southern Company. These core competencies
21 include over 70 years of experience in the engineering, construction,
22 operation and maintenance of low-cost, clean, and reliable electric
23 generation facilities.

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25 Where appropriate market conditions exist, Southern Power is

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1 prepared to design, build and operate new wholesale generation
2 facilities and sell output from those facilities under negotiated long-
3 term bilateral contracts with other strong, well-respected electric
4 utilities.

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6 **Q: Why is Southern - Florida interested in building and**
7 **operating the Project in Florida?**

8 A: Southern - Florida is a subsidiary of Southern Power and was
9 created to advance Southern Power's business objectives of building,
10 owning and operating environmentally advanced, wholesale
11 generating facilities and selling at wholesale the output produced
12 therefrom. The Stanton A Project allows Southern - Florida to
13 achieve those business objectives. By participating in the Project,
14 Southern - Florida will jointly own and operate a highly efficient,
15 environmentally advanced combined cycle generating unit and will
16 sell capacity and energy produced to OUC, KUA and FMPA – all of
17 which are strong and well-respected Florida electric utilities. The
18 Project allows Southern - Florida to bring its significant plant
19 development and operating experience into the Florida wholesale
20 market to the benefit of OUC, KUA and FMPA. By developing and
21 operating the Project, Southern - Florida will assist those utilities in
22 reliably and economically meeting their retail obligations.
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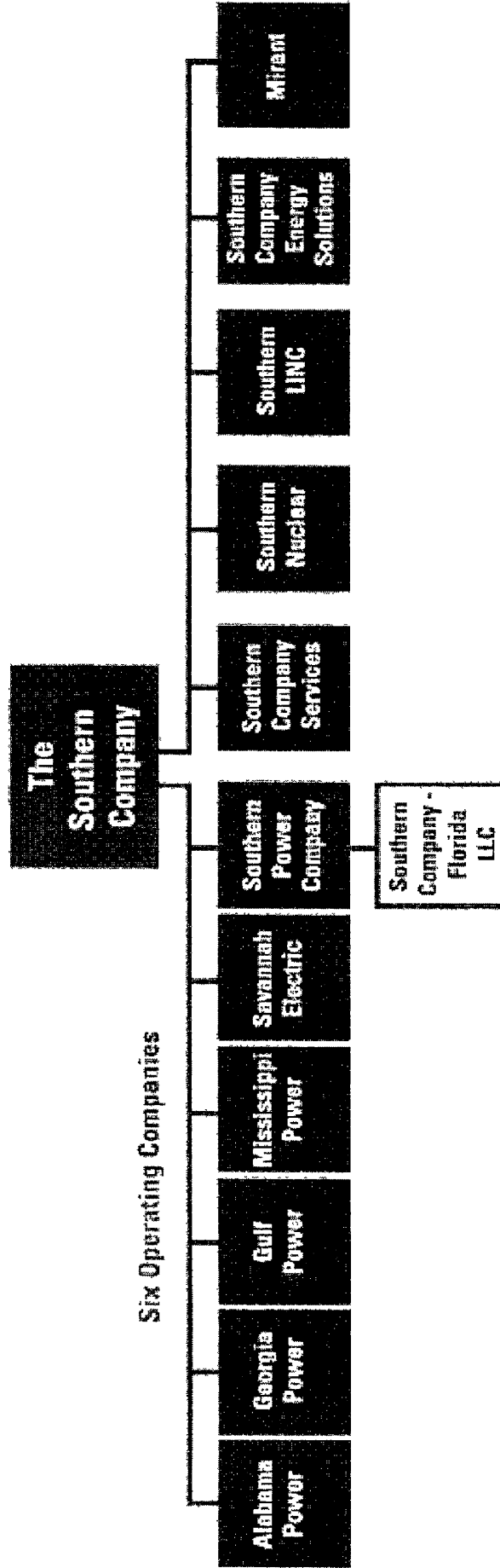
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Q: Will Southern - Florida apply for the regulatory approvals necessary to sell its capacity and energy to OUC, KUA and FMPA under the PPAs?

A: Yes. Within the next month, Southern – Florida will file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") an application for exempt wholesale generator ("EWG") status under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1953. Southern - Florida also will apply for approval of market-based rates with the FERC.

Q: Does this conclude your direct testimony?

A: Yes.



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DIRECT TESTIMONY

of

THOMAS O. ANDERSON

on behalf of

SOUTHERN COMPANY – FLORIDA LLC

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INTRODUCTION

Q: Please state your name and business address.

A: My name is Thomas O. Anderson. My business address is 600 North
18th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

Q: By whom are you employed and in what position?

A: I am employed by Southern Company Services, Inc. ("SCS") as Manager
of Generation Development.

Q: Please describe your duties with SCS.

A: As Manager of Generation Development, I am responsible for the
development of new power plant projects by Southern Company-Florida,
LLC ("Southern - Florida") and other Southern Company affiliates. My
responsibilities include siting and development of financial business
models for new generation. I am also responsible for various aspects of
project management including engineering-procurement-construction
("EPC"), environmental, transmission, O&M, finance and other
functions.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Q: Please summarize your educational background.

A: I received a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Auburn
University in 1982.

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1 **Q: Please summarize your employment history and work**
2 **experience.**

3 A: I have been employed with SCS for approximately twenty-two years.
4 I have worked in various areas including nuclear plant field support,
5 design engineering, system planning, market analysis, finance,
6 energy marketing and generation development. I have held a
7 number of positions ranging from design engineer to engineering
8 group manager to my current position as Manager of Generation
9 Development. I have served as Manager of Generation Development
10 with SCS since October 1998.

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12 **SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

13 **Q: On whose behalf are you testifying?**

14 A: I am testifying on behalf of Southern - Florida. My testimony
15 supports the petition filed by the Orlando Utilities Commission
16 ("OUC"), the Kissimmee Utilities Authority ("KUA"), the Florida
17 Municipal Power Agency ("FMPA"), and Southern – Florida as a
18 non-need applicant, for a determination of need for a 633 MW
19 natural gas-fired combined cycle generating unit, which will be the
20 third unit installed at the Stanton Energy Center in Orange County,
21 Florida approximately 12 miles southeast of Orlando (the "Project"
22 or "Stanton A").

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1 **Q: What are your responsibilities with respect to the Project?**

2 A: My primary responsibilities are to ensure that all of the siting,
3 environmental, EPC, transmission, O&M, financial, and other
4 aspects of the Project meet Southern - Florida's financial and
5 business goals. Additionally, I am responsible for ensuring
6 that the major equipment is available to support the EPC
7 schedule.

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9 **Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

10 A: My testimony generally describes the Project, its performance
11 characteristics, its environmental profile, and its EPC schedule. In
12 addition, my testimony generally addresses the capital and O&M
13 costs of the Project.

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15 **Q: Are you sponsoring any sections of The Need for Power**
16 **Application for Stanton Energy Center Combined Cycle Unit**
17 **A which has been identified as Exhibit OUC-1?**

18 A. Yes, I am sponsoring Sections 1A.3.1.2, 1A.3.3, 1A.3.4.1, 1A.3.4.2,
19 1A.3.5, and 1A.3.7 of Exhibit OUC-1.

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21 **OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT AND ITS OPERATION**

22 **Q: Please summarize the Project.**

23 A: The Project is a natural gas-fired power plant utilizing advanced
24 combustion turbine technology in combined cycle configuration with
25 two heat recovery steam generators with duct-firing and power

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1 augmentation capability. The Project's rated new and clean
2 capacity at average ambient site conditions is 633 MW, based on
3 manufacturers' guarantees. The Project is projected to have a
4 technical and economic life of 30 years.

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6 **Q. Please describe the generating technology of the Project.**

7 A. The Project will consist of two General Electric PG-7241 FA
8 combustion turbine generators ("CTGs"), two Deltak heat recovery
9 steam generators ("HRSGs") with gas-fired duct burners, an
10 ABB/Alstom STF30C single reheat condensing steam turbine
11 generator ("STG"), and associated support systems. The CTGs will
12 be equipped with dry low Nitrogen Oxide ("NOx") combustors,
13 evaporative coolers and power augmentation capability. The CTGs
14 are dual fuel units that will burn natural gas as the primary fuel
15 and No. 2 distillate oil as the backup fuel. The HRSGs will be
16 equipped with duct-firing capability and selective catalytic reduction
17 ("SCR"). A CO catalyst spool will be included for possible future
18 addition of CO catalyst.

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20 **Q. Please summarize the performance characteristics of the**
21 **Project.**

22 A: Stanton A will have three basic operating modes. The first mode is
23 Normal Operation, where both CTGs will operate without
24 supplemental duct firing of the HRSGs or CTG power augmentation.
25 The second mode is Supplemental Firing Operation, where both

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1 CTGs will operate at full load with supplemental duct firing of the
2 HRSGs, but no CTG power augmentation. The third mode is Power
3 Augmentation Operation, where both CTGs will operate at full load,
4 with the necessary HRSG supplemental duct firing to support both
5 full STG output and CTG power augmentation. The performance of
6 these operating modes is dependent on the temperature, relative
7 humidity and physical condition of the equipment. At certain
8 temperatures, CTG Evaporative Cooling may be in operation during
9 any of the three operating modes. The expected performance of
10 Stanton A at various temperatures and operating modes is set forth
11 in Table 1A.3-4 of Exhibit OUC-1 [Volume 1F – Confidential Exhibit
12 B].

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14 **Q: Are there advantages to combined cycle technology?**

15 **A:** Yes. Combined cycle generation technology is very efficient because
16 it generates electrical energy from the input fuel both directly,
17 through the combustion turbines, and indirectly, through the heat
18 recovery steam generator and steam turbine. Furthermore, by
19 reheating the steam between sections of the steam turbine,
20 additional improvements in cycle efficiency can be achieved.
21 Combined cycle technology simply makes the most of the input fuel,
22 achieving increased efficiency in the generation of electrical energy
23 from the available fuel source. For all of these reasons, the modern
24 combined cycle power plant is one of the most efficient power cycles
25 available today.

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1 Another advantage of the combined cycle design is that it allows for
2 greater flexibility in matching system operating characteristics over
3 time. Because of its technological efficiency, it can readily be called
4 on to meet varying operational load requirements in an economical
5 manner. Thus, if required, Stanton A can function as a baseload or
6 intermediate unit.

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8 **Q: Are there environmental advantages to the Project?**

9 **A:** Yes. Combined cycle units operating on natural gas, like the
10 Project, are one of the cleanest sources of fossil generation. Flue gas
11 is the only byproduct of the combustion process, whether burning
12 natural gas or distillate oil. Both are low sulfur, low ash fuels.
13 Thus, sulfur and particulate emissions are virtually non-existent.
14 NOx will be controlled by state-of-the-art NOx combustors and SCR
15 equipment. Airborne emissions, therefore, will be limited by the use
16 of relatively clean fuel and the appropriate application of control
17 technologies.

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19 In addition, combined cycle units use considerably less water than
20 traditional steam turbine cycles. On average, combined cycle
21 technology requires approximately one-half the amount of water
22 used by a steam-only cycle. For these reasons, Stanton A's impact
23 on the environment is relatively benign.

1 **Q. When is the Project expected to achieve commercial in-**
2 **service status?**

3 A. Based on the present schedule, the expected commercial operation
4 date is October 1, 2003.

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6 **Q: You previously stated that you are responsible for certain**
7 **aspects of the EPC process for Stanton A. Please provide a**
8 **general description of that process.**

9 A: The EPC process ensures that a new generating plant is properly
10 designed and constructed in a reliable, efficient and timely manner.
11 The process fully integrates the engineering, procurement and
12 construction phases of a generating project, and applies to virtually
13 all aspects of a project from its inception to its commercial in-service
14 date. Generally, the EPC process begins with the selection of a site
15 and generating technology for a new plant. For a combined cycle
16 plant, this can occur anywhere from two to four years prior to the
17 scheduled commercial in-service date. Once the site and the
18 generating technology are selected, the procurement process for
19 major equipment can proceed. For combined cycle plants, the CTGs,
20 the HRSGs and the STG are large, capital intensive pieces of
21 equipment with long lead times – usually about a year and a half
22 from the time of order to the time of delivery. Coincident with the
23 procurement, detailed, site specific design begins, a process that is
24 closely tied to procurement because the major equipment utilized
25 has a direct impact on the scope of the design work. The detailed

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1 design typically takes about a year to a year and a half to complete.
2 Near the completion of the design phase, planning begins for the
3 physical construction of the plant. The planning phase is closely
4 coordinated with the permitting phase. Once the necessary permit
5 approvals are obtained and the project design process nears
6 completion, the construction process commences. The construction
7 of a combined cycle generating unit typically includes several sub-
8 contracts, including site clearing and grading, foundation and
9 concrete work, installation of major equipment and mechanical
10 erection of the plant, and the start-up and testing of the plant.
11 From receipt of the requisite permits, physical construction of a
12 combined cycle generating unit takes approximately two years.

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14 **Q: What is the EPC schedule for Stanton A?**

15 **A:** The Stanton A project's EPC schedule is set forth in Figure 1A.3-2 of
16 Exhibit OUC-1.

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18 **Q: What is the status of the EPC schedule for Stanton A?**

19 **A:** With respect to engineering, SCS has completed the conceptual
20 engineering for the Project. The Site Plan, Plot Plan, Process Flow
21 Diagram, Electrical One-line Diagram, Water Balance, Capital Cost
22 Estimate and Operation and Maintenance Estimates are
23 complete. With respect to procurement, all of the major equipment,
24 including the CTGs, the HRSGs, and the STG, have been procured.
25 With respect to construction, the construction of Stanton A is

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1 scheduled to take twenty-four months after the receipt of all
2 required regulatory and environmental approvals.

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4 **Q: Are there advantages to having SCS manage the entire EPC
5 process for the Stanton A Project?**

6 **A:** Yes. SCS brings a wealth of experience, efficiency and
7 accountability to the Project. SCS is the service provider for over
8 35,000 MW of generation built and/or operated by Southern
9 Company and its affiliates, and consequently has extensive EPC
10 management expertise. In addition to coal, nuclear, oil and gas
11 generation, SCS has been actively engaged in building over 5,500
12 MW of new combined cycle generation since 1999 (exclusive of
13 Stanton A). The design for Stanton A is based on SCS's reference
14 plant design, which provides real benefits in terms of cost-savings,
15 continuity, and efficiency. SCS has fully integrated all development
16 phases for its referenced plant so that design, procurement and
17 construction can be efficiently and effectively replicated without
18 having to start each project anew. Furthermore, because SCS
19 utilizes its own experienced staff to serve as EPC manager, single
20 points of responsibility and accountability are established for any
21 new generation project. When these advantages are brought to bear
22 in the Stanton A Project, the experience, efficiency and
23 accountability that SCS brings to the EPC process allows Southern
24 – Florida to provide a fixed cost for the major equipment and a cap
25 for the Balance of Plant cost for the Project.

1 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF PAUL A. ARSUAGA

3 ON BEHALF OF OUC, KUA, AND FMPA

4 DOCKET NO. 010142-EM

5 MARCH 5, 2001

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7 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

8 A. Paul A. Arsuaga, 800 North Magnolia Avenue, Suite 300, Orlando, Florida
9 32803-3472.

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11 **Q. What is your occupation?**

12 A. I am presently a principal of and employed as a Senior Director by R. W.
13 Beck, Inc.

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15 **Q. Please describe R. W. Beck, Inc.**

16 A. R. W. Beck, Inc is a corporation of engineers and consultants. The firm was
17 originally founded in 1942 for the purpose of rendering professional
18 engineering and consulting services in planning, financing, designing and
19 operating facilities for utilities and energy users.

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21 **Q. Please summarize your educational background and your experience in
22 the electric utility industry.**

23 A. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1969
24 from Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. I also received a Master of
25 Business Administration degree in 1975 from University of Hawaii, Honolulu,

1 Hawaii I am a registered engineer in the states of Florida, Mississippi, and
2 Missouri. I have over 30 years of experience in planning utility infrastructure,
3 which includes 23 years associated with planning electric power facilities.
4 Exhibit No. ___ (PAA-1) provides a brief description of my employment
5 history and professional experience.

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7 **Q. On whose behalf are you appearing in this proceeding?**

8 A. I am appearing on behalf of the Orlando Utilities Commission (“OUC”), the
9 Kissimmee Utility Authority (“KUA”), and the Florida Municipal Power
10 Agency (“FMPA”).

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12 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

13 A The purpose of my testimony is:

14 (a) to discuss the tasks performed by the firm under my direction and
15 supervision as authorized by OUC as agent for KUA and FMPA;

16 (b) to discuss the “Request for Power Supply Proposals” dated May 24,
17 2000 (the “RFP”) issued by the OUC;

18 (c) to discuss the evaluation methodology and techniques employed in
19 evaluating the responses to the RFP; and

20 (d) to discuss the results of the analysis and evaluation of the responses to
21 RFP.

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23 **Q. Have you prepared exhibits to support your testimony?**

24 A. Yes. In addition to Exhibit No. ___ (PAA-1) which I have mentioned, I have
25 prepared, or had prepared under my supervision, the following exhibits:

- 1 (a) Exhibit No. ____ (PAA-2) The Form of the Proposal Evaluation used
2 in Evaluating the Responses to the RFP (the “Evaluation Guidelines”);
3 (b) Exhibit No. ____ (PAA-3) contained in Confidential Exhibit C ____.
4 Status Report: Orlando Utilities Commission Proposal Evaluation –
5 Stage Two Screening Results dated August 15, 2000 (the “August 15th
6 Stage Two Screening Results”); and
7 (c) Exhibit No. ____ (PAA-4) contained in Confidential Exhibit C ____.
8 Status Report: Orlando Utilities Commission Proposal Evaluation –
9 Revised Stage Two Screening Results dated August 23, 2000 (the
10 “Revised Stage Two Screening Results”).

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12 **Q. In addition to your exhibits, are you also sponsoring portions of the Need**
13 **for Power Application Exhibit OUC-1 ____ as your testimony?**

14 A. Yes, I am sponsoring Appendix 1A C, which is the Request for Power Supply
15 Proposals (RFPs) dated May 24, 2000. I am also sponsoring the Power
16 Supply RFP evaluation contained in Confidential Exhibit A __ Volume 1E of
17 the Need for Power Application consisting of the Stage One and August 8,
18 2000 Stage Two Screening Results.

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20 **Q. Will you please describe the assignment and the tasks that were**
21 **authorized by OUC?**

22 A. Yes In April 2000, the firm was authorized by OUC, acting in its own behalf
23 and as agent for FMPA and KUA pertaining to the potential acquisition of
24 additional generating resources, to provide independent consulting services to
25 OUC in three general areas: first, the preparation of an RFP to solicit

1 proposals to supply capacity and energy, second, the preparation of the
2 Evaluation Guidelines documenting the criteria and methodology to be
3 utilized in evaluating the responses to the request for proposals; and third, the
4 review and evaluation of the power supply proposals and the preparation of
5 reports.

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7 Working closely with representatives of OUC, the RFP was prepared, was
8 publicly disseminated on May 24, 2000 and is contained in Appendix 1A.C of
9 the Need for Power Application Exhibit OUC-1 _____. Again, working
10 closely with representatives of OUC, the proposal evaluation criteria and
11 methodology set forth in the Evaluation Guidelines were developed and are
12 set forth in Exhibit No. ____ (PAA-2)

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14 At the direction of representatives of OUC, the Evaluation Guidelines,
15 expressly provided, among other things, that the evaluation criteria and
16 methodology be established to consider responses to the RFP and that such
17 evaluation will not consider a “self-build” option, which I understood would
18 be evaluated by OUC or another consultant, or responses to the Joint
19 Development Solicitation, which I understood would be evaluated by OUC or
20 another consultant. This exclusionary language contained in the Evaluation
21 Guidelines is consistent with the language contained in the RFP that placed
22 potential respondents on notice that

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24 “...OUC has issued a separate solicitation on behalf of the
25 Participants for joint development of a combined cycle power

1 plant at the OUC Stanton site and/or FMPA's/KUA's Cane
2 Island site and will not consider such proposals as a part of this
3 RFP." (See page 18 of the RFP, Appendix 1A.C of the Need
4 for Power Application Exhibit OUC-1 _____.)

5 In addition, at page 27 of the RFP, Appendix 1A.C of the Need for Power
6 Application Exhibit OUC-1 _____, the respondents were informed that:

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8 "In addition to this RFP, OUC has issued a Joint Development
9 Solicitation for a combined cycle project in which OUC will
10 take an ownership position.... The proposals from the Joint
11 Development Solicitation will be ranked and the proposals
12 from this RFP will be ranked, and then the highest-ranking
13 proposals from each solicitation will be ranked together against
14 each other."

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16 In summary, the firm's assignment, as authorized by the OUC, was limited to
17 evaluating the responses to the May 24, 2000 RFP.

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19 **Q. Do you have any first-hand knowledge pertaining to the self-build option**
20 **and the joint development solicitation?**

21 A. Yes. I have very limited knowledge of the self-build option and the Joint
22 Development Solicitation. While neither representatives of the firm nor I
23 were authorized to and did not participate in the development of the self-build
24 option and in the Joint Development Solicitation or the evaluation of any
25 responses thereto, representatives of the firm met with representatives of the

1 OUC including a representative of WHH Enterprises to discuss and to agree
2 on certain common assumptions which were to be used in both evaluation
3 processes. The agreement on certain common assumptions was made in order
4 that there would be a high degree of congruence between the RFP evaluation
5 by Beck, and any similar analyses performed by others on any proposals
6 received in response to the Joint Development Solicitation or the self-build
7 option.

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9 **Q. What was the criteria used in evaluating the responses to the RFP?**

10 A. The criteria is set forth in the Evaluation Guidelines Exhibit No ____ (PAA-2).

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12 **Q. What is the purpose of the Evaluation Guidelines?**

13 A. In general, the Evaluation Guidelines are substantially completed prior to
14 receiving proposals and serve as a guide for the evaluation and provide
15 objectivity to the evaluation process. That is not to say that once the
16 evaluation guidelines are established they should never be altered or modified
17 during the evaluation phase. Typically, as new factors become apparent
18 during the evaluation, changes may be considered that would improve or
19 streamline the evaluation process and yet maintain objectivity during the
20 process.

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22 **Q. Please describe the Evaluation Guidelines.**

23 A. The Evaluation Guidelines set forth a three stage process to obtain the best
24 resource opportunity for OUC, while working within time and resource
25 constraints, and maintaining a fair process. The first stage was generally

1 focused on eliminating proposals, which were not complete or did not satisfy
2 minimum requirements. The second stage of the process was a busbar
3 screening evaluation which allowed the proposals emerging from the Stage
4 One Screening to be compared on the basis of readily quantified costs at
5 various capacity factors. The third stage evaluation was to take into account
6 non-price factors as well as price related factors.

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8 **Q. Was the third stage evaluation process completed?**

9 A. No. After Stage Two Screening, representatives of OUC informed me that the
10 Stage Two Screening was adequate and suspended work on Stage Three
11 Screening activities

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13 **Q. Did the suspension of the Stage Three Screening have a material adverse
14 impact on the respondents or on the evaluation process?**

15 A. No. Since the purpose of the Stage Three Screening was to further refine and
16 reduce the number of proposals, not completing the Stage Three Screening, if
17 anything, made more proposals available for comparison to the self-build and
18 Joint Development option. I am not knowledgeable of what other factors,
19 besides busbar costs, were used by OUC to compare the proposals with the
20 Joint Development and self-build option. The Stage Three Screening would
21 have provided an evaluation of non-price factors of the proposals

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23 **Q. Please describe in more detail how the process was conducted for each
24 stage.**

1 A. In general, the Stage One Screening called for a general review of the
2 responses of the respondents to insure completeness and to determine that the
3 minimum proposal requirements set forth at Section 14 of the RFP have been
4 supplied. This was accomplished by logging in each response and
5 inventorying the contents of the proposal. If a respondent was determined to
6 have omitted certain requested minimum requirements and such information
7 was deemed by OUC not to materially change the original response,
8 discussions with the respondent were initiated to obtain such information.

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10 Upon completion of the Stage One review, a letter report was prepared and
11 submitted to OUC. The letter report set forth the proposals which were
12 determined to be complete, and should be considered in the next level of
13 screening and the proposals which were deemed incomplete or unresponsive
14 and should no longer be considered.

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16 The Stage Two Screening consisted of a simple analysis to determine the
17 annual cost of power under each proposal. Consistent with the Evaluation
18 Guidelines, each proposal was evaluated using uniform assumptions over a
19 representative range of capacity factors to determine the most economic
20 resource at selected capacity factors. As a part of the Stage Two Screening
21 using data and information contained in each respondent's proposal and using
22 uniform assumptions, comparisons for each of the proposals were made at the
23 selected capacity factors on an annual basis and on a levelized cumulative
24 present value basis. During this stage, discussions were held with each of the
25 respondents to verify certain data and to obtain clarification, if necessary. The

1 results of the Stage Two Screening were summarized in letter reports and
2 were submitted to OUC.

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4 The Stage Three Screening envisioned a more comprehensive evaluation of
5 the respondents' proposals taking into account both price and non-price
6 factors in a quantitative manner. As stated previously, the Stage Three
7 Screening activities were never completed. On August 8, 2000,
8 representatives of OUC instructed Beck that essentially all work should stop
9 on activities related to the Stage Three Screening.

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11 **Q. Based on your experience in evaluating power supply proposals, do you**
12 **believe the evaluation criteria set forth in Exhibit No. ___ (PAA-2) to**
13 **review, analyze and evaluate proposals was reasonable and fair, and in**
14 **compliance with industry standards?**

15 A. Yes.

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17 **Q. How many respondents submitted proposals to the RFP?**

18 A. Four entities submitted proposals in response to the RFP prior to the 5:00 p.m.
19 EDT deadline on July 11, 2000.

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21 The proposal submitted by one respondent contained three alternatives. In an
22 attempt to identify the best proposal, the three alternatives were evaluated
23 separately.

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2 **Q. Were the proposals submitted by these entities evaluated pursuant to the**
3 **provisions contained in the evaluation guidelines?**

4 A. Yes. During the Stage One Screening, it was determined that each of the
5 respondents had not satisfactorily complied with Section 14 (the Minimum
6 Requirements) of the RFP. As mentioned in the Stage One Screening Report
7 (Confidential Exhibit A _____), each of the respondents were contacted in an
8 attempt to obtain the omitted information. Of the four respondents, one
9 elected not to provide the requested information. In recognition of the
10 respondent's election not to provide the requested information, the proposal
11 was deemed to be non-compliant and R.W. Beck recommended that it not be
12 evaluated further. The remaining three respondents provided the additional
13 information required to meet the Minimum Requirements and R.W. Beck
14 recommended the proposals be considered for the next level of evaluation.
15 These findings were submitted to OUC for confirmation on August 2, 2000 as
16 a part of the Stage One Screening Report (Confidential Exhibit A _____).

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18 **Q. In general terms, will you please describe the proposals submitted by the**
19 **respondents?**

20 A. Yes, with the exception of the proposal that was deemed non-compliant, the
21 other respondents offered to sell varying amounts of physically firm power
22 including ancillary services on a first call, non recallable basis for a period of
23 at least five years. The amount of capacity offered to OUC ranged from a
24 minimum of 150 MW specified in the RFP to 651.5 MW. A more complete
25 listing of the specific proposals submitted by each of the respondents is

1 contained in the August 8th Stage Two Screening Results, Confidential Exhibit

2 A ____.

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4 **Q. Will you describe the results of the Stage Two Screening?**

5 A. Yes. Based on the results of the Stage One Screening, OUC authorized the
6 next level of evaluation to be performed on the three remaining proposals.
7 Because of the expedited schedule imposed by OUC, telephonic discussions
8 were held with representatives of each respondent to obtain further
9 clarification. In situations where additional research on the part of the
10 respondent was necessary, the respondents were advised to submit such
11 information in writing no later than the end of the day on Friday, August 4,
12 2000.

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14 On August 8, 2000, the first of three Stage Two Screening Reports was issued,
15 which is contained in Confidential Exhibit A _____. As the result of
16 receiving additional information from the respondents and revisions in the
17 basic assumptions, the results of the analysis and evaluation were revised. On
18 August 15, 2000, the second Stage Two Screening Report, contained in
19 Exhibit No. PAA-3 in Confidential Exhibit C _____, was submitted to OUC.
20 As can be seen by comparing the tabulation in the Stage Two Screening
21 Report dated August 8, 2000 to the second report dated August 15, 2000, the
22 Levelized Annual Busbar Delivered Costs, expressed in \$/MWh, calculated as
23 a part of the evaluation analysis changed by small amounts for each
24 respondent.

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On August 23, 2000, a further revised Stage Two Screening Report, contained in Exhibit No. PAA-4 in Confidential Exhibit C ____, was submitted to the OUC which revised the Levelized Annual Busbar Delivered Costs calculated for one of the respondents. At the capacity factors discussed during meetings with OUC (70 percent to 80 percent) which OUC was planning to utilize for its evaluation of the Joint Development Proposals, there was no change in the relative position of the respondent's proposal with respect to levelized busbar costs. The result of the Stage Two Screening was that five proposal alternatives were available to be advanced to Stage Three Screening. This was consistent with Evaluation Guidelines on Page 5, "OUC may select up to 4 to 6 proposal alternatives for advancement to Stage Three Screening."

Q. Did the August 23, 2000 revision have an adverse effect on the selection process?

A. No, for two reasons. First, the change in busbar costs for the respondent's proposal was a reduction of approximately \$0.5/MWh which was a relatively minor change of approximately 1.0 percent. Secondly, the respondent whose costs were reduced had the same relative position with respect to the other proposals in the August 23 Stage Two Screening at the capacity factors which I understand OUC used for comparison to the self-build and Joint Development option as the August 15 Stage Two Screening in Exhibit PAA-3 contained in Confidential Exhibit C ____.

Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

1 A. Yes, it does.

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Professional Resume of Paul A. Arsuaga

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering
Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, June, 1969

Masters Degree in Business Administration
University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii, August, 1975

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION:

Registered as a Professional Engineer in the States of Florida, Mississippi and Missouri.

EXPERIENCE:

- 1999-Present Principal in the firm of R. W. Beck/R. W. Beck, Inc
- 1981-1999 Mr. Arsuaga, has been an employee with R. W. Beck, Inc. where his work involved planning electric power facilities. Since joining the Firm in 1981, he has prepared or supervised studies and reports which include numerous market price assessments, independent engineering reviews, evaluation of stranded costs, power supply studies for municipal utilities and joint action agencies, consulting engineer's reports for official statements, financial analyses, acquisitions, damage studies, and power purchase contract negotiations.
- 1977 - 1981 Employed by Kansas City Power and Light Company. Served as a corporate planning engineer for which he performed generation planning studies and managed a corporate model.
- 1969-1977 Communications Planning Officer in the United States Air Force. Planned ground and tactical communications – electronic systems for the Air Force. This work involved economic evaluations relating to telephones, microwave and other types of telecommunications systems.

RELEVANT EXPERTISE

WHOLESALE POWER SUPPLY CONTRACTS AND NEGOTIATION

Mr. Arsuaga has been involved with evaluating wholesale power contracts for the Municipal Energy Agency of Mississippi; the City of St. Cloud, Florida; Alabama Municipal Electric Authority; and the Florida Municipal Power Agency

Mr. Arsuaga has been involved with developing an appropriate methodology for compensating members of a joint action agency for supplying power supply resources to an all-requirements project.

Mr. Arsuaga has been involved in developing stranded cost analyses for two different joint action agencies.

Mr. Arsuaga has been involved in directing a hold harmless analysis to determine the potential rate impact and hold harmless costs associated with making remaining members of a joint action agency of Mississippi whole after certain members terminate their power supply arrangements.

PLANNING FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY RESTRUCTURING

Mr. Arsuaga has directed two recent analyses for industrial clients relating to assisting them making capital decisions in a deregulated environment. This work involved developing scenarios for long-range sustainable pricing practices in a deregulated electric utility market for generation. It also involved preparing projections of both time-of-day marginal costs and market clearing prices for various market regions of the United States based on these pricing practices. These analyses take into account transmission import and export capabilities between market areas, load and resources in several NERC reliability regions, annual economic conditions, market behavior, reliability standards and other factors

Mr. Arsuaga was also recently involved in assisting a joint action agency with its input to the Public Service Commission staff's Proposed Transition Plan for Retail Competition in the Electric Industry, and in this capacity, has met with the staff to discuss restructuring.

MARKET PRICE ANALYSES

Mr. Arsuaga has supervised numerous projects involving the preparation and/or review of market price projections for both industrial and joint action agency clients. These projections have been prepared for four market regions in different NERC regions. Some of these projects have included developing and using various computer models of electric utility market regions to simulate various market pricing structures under a market based restructured electric utility environment. He has also reviewed and evaluated numerous market price projections prepared by other consultants as part of independent engineering reviews and work related to rate filings for stranded costs. Mr. Arsuaga is a member of the Firm's Market Pricing Task Force through which he has been involved in understanding, evaluating and communicating issues related to market pricing in the electric utility industry.

ELECTRIC POWER RESOURCE PLANNING

Mr. Arsuaga has an extensive background in preparing electric resource planning studies for municipal utilities and joint action agencies. He has either prepared or directed the preparation of electric resource planning studies for the Florida Municipal Power Agency ("FMPA"), the Municipal Energy Agency of Mississippi ("MEAM"), the Bahamas Electricity Corporation ("BEC"), the City of Tallahassee, Florida, the Utility Board of the City of Key West, Florida, the Sebring Utilities Commission, the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, the City of Vero Beach, Florida, and a large improvement district. These studies, which make conclusions and recommendations regarding the client's participation in specific power supply projects, have included screening type analyses which focus on identifying a list of reasonably attainable potential alternatives, as well as comprehensive studies which cover power supply related areas such as load forecasts, reliability, environmental impact, economic/financial feasibility, bond requirements, rate impact, and risk analysis.

Mr. Arsuaga's studies have been utilized by clients in making decisions regarding numerous purchased power arrangements. The following are examples of some projects associated with Mr. Arsuaga's power supply studies: MEAM was organized to provide lower cost power to municipal participants in eastern Mississippi; Mr. Arsuaga conducted an RFP process which lowered the electricity costs to the City of Hagerstown, MD and three other municipals by 15 percent.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SERVICES

Mr. Arsuaga has been a lead team member or project manager on power supply solicitations involving the City of Tallahassee; the Florida Municipal Power Agency; City of Hagerstown, MD; the Alabama Municipal Electric Authority; the City of St. Cloud, Florida; Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the Municipal Energy Agency of Mississippi. This process included preparation of the Request for Proposal and evaluation manual, evaluation of the proposals and negotiations with the potential power suppliers. Mr. Arsuaga has also participated in meetings and discussions with state public commission staff's in Florida and Texas, and has testified in a Public Utility Commission Hearing relative to the RFP Process.

RELIABILITY STUDIES

Mr. Arsuaga has been involved in evaluating electric system reliability and determining reliability criteria for electric utilities. These studies have involved estimating various measures of reliability, such as loss of load probability (LOLP), loss of load hours (LOLH), and expected unserved energy (EUE) for isolated and interconnected power systems. He prepared a reliability study for the City of Tallahassee, Florida that involves modeling the reliability of the electric system including peninsular Florida and Georgia.

LITIGATION SUPPORT

Mr. Arsuaga has been involved in litigation support services associated with wholesale electric rate filings, territorial disputes, and damage studies.

He has prepared analyses and testimony for Case No. 87-00103 CIV before the U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida, Miami Division, City of Homestead vs. Imo Delaval and Transamerica Corporation, which was amicably settled. He has also prepared analyses and testimony in cases for the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, the City of Tallahassee FMPA, the Municipal Energy Agency of Mississippi and industrial clients relating to wholesale power costs, territorial issues and transmission access and deregulation issues.

Mr. Arsuaga has testified before the Florida Public Service Commission with regard to territorial issues involving the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority and Florida Power & Light; before the Public Utility Commission of Texas with regard to the selection of resources through an RFP.

FINANCIAL PLANNING AND ANALYSIS

Mr. Arsuaga has been involved with the preparation of numerous official statements for bond refunds, and the financing of new electric generation facilities including the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency ("NCEMPA"), the Utility Board of the City of Key West, the Florida Municipal Power Agency ("FMPA"), the Municipal Energy Agency of Mississippi ("MEAM"), the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia ("MEAG"), and the City of Tallahassee. Mr. Arsuaga has also assisted financial institutions with the evaluation of a merchant generation project in California; Arizona; Nevada; Texas; Mississippi; and Alberta, Canada. Mr. Arsuaga's experience has enabled him to analyze the financial aspects of municipal projects including proforma results, adequacy of liquidated damages, bond indenture requirements, various financing methodologies, tax-exemption considerations, arbitrage and other financial related factors.

GAS FUEL SUPPLY

Mr. Arsuaga has performed various studies relating to gas fuel supply for Florida municipals to determine the most economic level of firm gas service and the most economic mix of firm transportation versus firm service with the Florida Gas Transmission Company ("FGT"). The analysis involved projecting the daily gas usage for the cities electric production facilities and determining the level of firm gas transportation and firm service that represented the lowest cost —

taking into account the cost of generating on alternative fuels, potential curtailments of interruptible gas, and take or pay gas supply charges. The Authority and City based nominations for FGT's Phase II and III gas pipeline expansions on these analyses.

COMPETITIVE ANALYSES, MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

Mr Arsuaga has performed analyses associated with determining the economic benefits of mergers and acquisitions for electric utilities. One such analysis evaluated the impact of acquiring an additional service territory for a municipal utility. This analysis, which was submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission, indicated the impact on the municipal utility's existing and transferred customers of the proposed acquisition of an additional service territory.

Another analysis evaluated the impact on a municipal utility's customers of a proposed transfer and acquisition of service territories and associated customer accounts between the municipal utility and Florida Power & Light. This analysis included an evaluation of equipment value, incremental and decremental revenues, and potential load growth for the areas involved.

Mr. Arsuaga performed an evaluation for a municipal utility to address potential future events such as the commencement of purchased power contracts for which the City is committed, power supply sales, acquiring additional territory, and potential changes in administration costs.

TRAINING AND INFORMATION PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Arsuaga has made numerous presentations before utility boards and city commissions relating to electric resource planning and was a guest lecturer on Integrated Resource Planning in an IEEE Power Generation Seminar lecture series. He prepared technical papers on the RFP process, and determining the market value of generation capacity in a deregulated utility environment, which were presented at technical conferences.

SELECTED CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

The Coalition for Choice in Electricity (CCE) – Evaluating analysis performed by witnesses for FirstEnergy Corporation regarding generating asset evaluation and the impact of a new electric industry restructuring law on the company (2000)

Calpine Energy – Independent engineering reviews of six different merchant plant combined cycle projects for financial institutions to support financing (1999-2000).

Florida Municipal Power Agency – Prepared stranded cost analysis of generation resources and contracts (1999).

Major Generation Developer – Prepared a power market assessment of the FRCC to determine economic feasibility of new merchant plant generation (1999).

ATCO Power Canada – Evaluated market price projections and methodology by another consultant as part of an independent engineering review of a merchant plant generation project in Canada (1999)

Major Industrial Clients – Prepared market price projections to assist two different industrial clients with making capital decisions in a deregulated electric utility market (1998-1999)

Municipal Energy Agency of Mississippi – Assisted the Municipal Energy Agency of Mississippi with its input to the Mississippi Public Service Commission Staff's proposed Transition Plan for Retail Competition in the Electric Utility Industry (1998).

L.S. Power – Independent engineering review of a merchant plant combined cycle project for financial institutions to support financing (1998).

Municipal Energy Agency of Mississippi – Request for Proposal preparation and evaluations of power supply alternatives to replace existing arrangements (1997-1998).

City of Hagerstown, Maryland – Conducted a power supply solicitation which included the evaluation, solicitation and negotiation of power supply alternatives (1997-1998).

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. – Conducted power supply solicitation, evaluated power supply solicitation, evaluated proposals, and testified at the Public Utility Commission hearing in support of certificate of need for an exempt wholesale generator (“EWG”) combined cycle project (1995-1996).

City of St. Cloud, Florida – Project manager on power supply solicitation and negotiations for replacing the City’s power supply arrangements to be more competitive (1995).

City of Tallahassee – Conducted a reliability study for the City of Tallahassee to determine expected unserved energy (EUE), loss of load probability (LOLP), taking into account interconnections with other utilities (1995).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Arsuaga, P. A. and Davis, R. L – “*Should You be in the Generation Business, Finding the Hidden Value of Capacity,*” Power Gen Conference, Orlando, Florida, December 1998

Arsuaga, P. A. and Stein, S. - “*Using the Request for Proposal for Procuring Electric Resources in Today’s Competitive Environment,*” International Joint Power Generation Conference and Exposition, Denver, Colorado, November 5, 1997

Arsuaga, P. A. – “*Integrated Resource Planning*” Guest lecturer in an IEEE Power Generation Seminar Lecture Series 1992.

RECORD OF TESTIMONY

Regulatory or Judicial Forum	Proceeding	Petitioner/Matte r	Client	Subject of Testimony	Date
Public Utility Commission, Texas	SOAH Docket No. 473-95-1820, PUC Docket No. 15100	Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc./ Determinations Required by 32K of the Public Utility Holding Act and for Certification of Contract	Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Independent Evaluation of Requests for Proposals by Section 32K of the Public Utility Holding Act and Certification of Contracts	1996
Florida Public Service Commission	Docket No. 891245-EU, 1992	Fort Pierce Utilities Authority/ Florida Power & Light	Fort Pierce Utilities Authority	Generation Capacity Adequacy relating to a change in service territory	1992

Proposer's Name: _____
Proposal No.: _____
Evaluator: _____
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Request for Power Supply Proposals

Dated May 24, 2000

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1.0. INTRODUCTION

The Orlando Utilities Commission ("OUC") has issued a Request For Proposals ("RFP") for the supply of an aggregate of 750 MW of physically firm, dispatchable capacity and energy beginning on or before October 1, 2003. The 750 MW of capacity will be shared between OUC, Florida Municipal Power Agency ("FMFA") and Kissimmee Utility Authority ("KUA") collectively (the "Participants") as follows:

Participant	Nominated Capacity (MW)
OUC	600
FMFA	75
KUA	75

OUC is acting as the agent for FMFA and KUA in all matters relating to the RFP process including evaluation of the proposals and contract negotiations. OUC is accepting proposals for base, intermediate and/or peaking generating resources that offer a capacity amount of at least 150 MW and an agreement term of at least five years with one five-year extension. The deadline for submission of proposals by companies that submitted a valid Notice of Intent to Propose is July 11, 2000.

Proposals received in response to the RFP will be evaluated in comparison with: (i) each other; (ii) proposals received by OUC in response to a solicitation for joint development of a combined cycle power plant between the Participants and a company at the OUC Stanton and/or KUA/FMFA Cane Island sites; and (iii) the Participants self-build option. This evaluation manual provides the general procedure that will be used to screen and analyze the proposals in accordance with the evaluation procedures outlined in Section 14 of the RFP. The schedule for the RFP process is as follows:

Issue RFP	May 24, 2000
Pre-Proposal Conference (Mandatory)	June 1, 2000 (10:00 A.M.)
Deadline for Proposers' Questions	June 5, 2000 (5:00 P.M.)
Response to Proposers' Questions	June 12, 2000 (5:00 P.M.)
Notice of Intent to Propose	June 15, 2000 (5:00 P.M.)
Proposal Due Date	July 11, 2000 (5:00 P.M.)
Commence Negotiations	August 21, 2000
Contract Approved	October 31, 2000
Commence Power Supply Services	October 1, 2003

R. W. Beck, Inc. ("Beck") will receive, log, and at the appropriate time, open the proposals. Beck will perform the three staged evaluation process, preparing and submitting a letter report to OUC at the conclusion of each stage for decision making by OUC prior to proceeding.

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When the proposals are delivered, Beck will implement a Receipt, Logging and Handling procedure to check whether each proposer has complied with the established deadline for submittal.

- At Stage One Screening, proposals will be examined for general completeness and to verify that all Minimum Requirements set forth in the RFP have been adequately addressed. Proposals that do not satisfy the Minimum Requirements may be recommended for elimination from further consideration.
- Stage Two Screening will compare and rank proposals on a busbar cost basis. Proposals offering peaking, intermediate and base load capacity will be evaluated at appropriate capacity factors. This analysis will reflect only the cost for the proposal being analyzed and will not show the impact that the proposal will have on OUC's overall operational cost.
- Stage Three Screening will consist of a more comprehensive evaluation that will consider both price and non-price factors in a quantitative manner.

OUC will select candidates from the short-list for negotiations.

Questions and requests for clarifications may be issued to proposers at any time during the evaluation process. In cases where proposals are eliminated from the evaluation process, OUC may notify proposers of the elimination.

Since this manual is intended to serve as a guide for ranking the relative merits of proposals submitted, OUC reserves the right to modify the manual to reflect new criteria based on potential benefits offered by innovative proposals.

2.0 RECEIPT, LOGGING AND HANDLING

Official submission of proposals will be made at the Beck office in Orlando, Florida. As stated in Sections 2 and 5 of the RFP, proposals are due by 5:00 P.M. Prevailing Eastern Time (PET) on Tuesday, July 11, 2000 ("Proposal Due Date"). When each proposal is received, the designated Beck representative will complete the Proposal Log form in Appendix A.1, noting the date and time of delivery, the carrier and the number of packages. The proposals will be placed in a pre-determined secure location where they will remain unopened until after the Proposal Due Date. Designated Beck representatives will then:

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2.1 Open the proposals in alphabetical order of the bidding company's name.

Each official copy of each proposal will be assigned an identification number which will be affixed to the outside and inside of the front cover. The Arabic numbering system (1, 2, 3, etc.) will be used to identify proposals in alphabetical order of the bidding company's name; and an alpha numeric numbering system (A, B, C, etc.) will be used to identify each of the multiple copies. Labels bearing such identification should be prepared prior to the Proposal Due Date. The original and four copies of the proposal will be distributed as follows.

- A. Beck (original)
- B. OUC (working copy)
- C. OUC (working copy)
- D. Beck (working copy)
- E. Beck (working copy)

2.2 Summarize the various proposals received on Appendix Form A.2.1 showing the proposal number, company name, type and term of proposal, annual amount of capacity offered, the amount and form of payment for the Proposal fee.

2.3 Place a copy of the following label on the front outside cover of each document.

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2.4 File originals of proposals in a secured location.

2.5 Maintain a log of the distribution of each set of copies.

If for any reason a proposal is received after the Proposal Due Date specified in the RFP, it will be returned unopened. When a proposal is returned, the date and time of the receipt by Beck will be recorded on the form in Appendix A.1 and a covering letter signed by an authorized representative of OUC will be included with the returned package. The text of the letter will state that the proposal is being disqualified because it was received after the Proposal Due Date.

After the bids have been opened, OUC may release for public information, a list of those companies that submitted valid proposals and the total amount of megawatts for all proposals received. This information may also be published on the RFP Internet Website.

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It should be noted that in accordance with Section 9 of the RFP, all information stamped "Proprietary Confidential Business Information" in the proposals will not be disclosed to third parties, unless such disclosures are required by law or by order of a court or government agency having appropriate jurisdiction.

3.0 STAGE ONE SCREENING

The contents of each proposal will be checked against the Minimum Requirements in Section 14 of the RFP to determine if each item has been addressed adequately. A copy of the Minimum Requirements Checklist in Appendix B of this Evaluation Manual will be completed for each proposal.

Any proposer determined to have omitted requested Minimum Requirements information which, if submitted at this stage, will not materially change the original response in the opinion of OUC will be so informed in writing by facsimile or e-mail and will be requested to submit the omitted information in writing to Beck as soon as possible, but no later than three (3) business days from the date of the facsimile, or the proposal may be disqualified.

A Stage One Screening results letter report will be prepared which summarizes the results and identifies proposals determined to be complete with respect to the Minimum Requirements set forth in the RFP. The report will identify proposals which should be considered at the next screening stage and proposals which should no longer be considered by OUC. OUC will make the final decision on any disqualifications.

4.0 STAGE TWO SCREENING

At the Stage Two Screening level, a busbar analysis will be conducted to determine the annual cost of each proposal. Each proposal will be evaluated over a range of capacity factors to determine its most economic resources at each capacity factor operating category. As appropriate, comparisons will be made among each capacity factor grouping on an annual or a cumulative present value basis. The annual supply costs for each proposal will be calculated by applying the Delivered Capacity Rates and Delivered Energy Rates from RFP Form 4 - Pricing Proposal form, to the capacity and energy delivered to OUC. Such screening may be accomplished in dollars, dollars per kilowatt, and/or dollars per megawatt hour.

Spreadsheets used for the cost components will be developed by Beck. Adjustments to data will be made if, in the opinion of Beck, such action is warranted in order to maintain consistent assumptions among the proposals. A copy of the individual proposer's spreadsheet may be sent to the respective proposer along with a letter requesting the proposer to verify and/or comment on the interpretations used from the proposal. During the Stage Two Screening,

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proposers will be requested to provide clarifications in a timely manner when such clarifications are required.

OUC may select up to 4 to 6 proposal alternatives for advancement to the Stage Three Screening level. A total of 4 to 6 proposal alternatives (750 MW x 4= 3,000 MW) is anticipated to be selected for Stage 3 screening. A Stage Two Screening result letter report may be prepared to summarize the results of Stage Two Screening.

5.0 STAGE THREE SCREENING

At the Stage Three Screening level, price and non-price factors will be scored for each proposal using a weighted scoring system. The factors along with the maximum scores allocated to each category are summarized below:

5.1 Price Criteria (60 points)

- 5 year Present Worth Cost (30 points)
- 10 year Present Worth Cost (30 points)

5.2 Non-Price Criteria (40 points)

5.2.1 Components of Power Cost (2 points).

- All fixed costs are recovered in the capacity charge.
- All variable costs are recovered in the energy charge.

5.2.2 Flexibility and Term (10 points).

- OUC's sole option to increase or decrease contract purchases with reasonable notice.
- OUC's sole option to select type of purchases, payment provision, pricing method, etc.
- OUC's sole option to adjust the contract term.

5.2.3 Fuel Type (2 points)

- Fuel type increases OUC's fuel diversity.

5.2.4 Dispatchability (10 points)

- Includes no minimum take provisions (100% dispatchable).
- Available for economy transactions.
- Scheduling provisions allow for change within one hour.

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- 5.2.5 Firm Supply (8 points)
 - Includes suitable arrangements for firming capacity.
 - Includes reasonable penalties for non-performance.
 - Provides suitable guarantees.

- 5.2.6 Technology Risk (2 points)
 - Offers commercially proven technology.

- 5.2.7 Environmental Effects (4 points)
 - Includes extraordinary measures to minimize any adverse environmental impacts.
 - Offers renewable generating resources.

- 5.2.8 Transmission (2 points)
 - Utilizes no intermediate transmission systems.

Each of the above items represents an important factor in selecting the short-list of proposals. The proposals, which are in the best overall interest of OUC, must adequately address each issue.

A range of raw scores has been defined for each of the criteria listed above. Each proposal will be scored for each price and non-price criteria and the raw scores will be weighted such that the relative importance as defined by the maximum amount of points allocated to each factor is reflected in the final score. In situations where proposals are combined in order to provide the required 750 MW, the score for each non-price criterion for the combination of proposals will be calculated as the weighted average of the respective scores for each member proposal based on the amount of megawatts the member proposal contributes to the total megawatts in the combination. Appendix D contains the forms that will be used for scoring the proposals along with a summary scoring sheet.

The development of price scores will involve a two step process. First, each proposal will be evaluated individually based upon its ability to generate cash flows by selling to the electricity market above its variable operating costs. The criterion for ranking proposals under this first step will be the projected internal rate of return over 10 years, under the base case set of assumed market prices.

The second step will involve combining proposals into portfolios with each portfolio containing approximately 750 MW and evaluating and scoring the portfolios on an overall basis. For each proposal a portfolio will be developed by adding additional proposals from the highest ranked remaining proposals which sum to approximately 750 MW. These portfolios will then be scored based on the overall internal rate of return produced by each portfolio over a ten-year period.

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For purposes of the price screening an internal rate of return of 8% for a 750 MW proposal or a portfolio of proposals amounting to 750 MW will be given a score of 60 points. To the extent the overall rate of return is higher or lower than 8% the score will be adjusted on a proportionate basis.

The proposals (and portfolios as applicable) will be ranked according to total weighted scores, beginning with the highest scoring proposal or portfolio. During the Stage Three Screening, proposers may be requested to provide additional clarifications in a timely manner.

The objective of the scoring and ranking system is not to provide a precision indication of the potential value of the proposals, but rather to provide a good relative comparison of the proposals to each other. The short-list will be limited to a number of proposals equal to an amount of capacity that is up to approximately 300 percent of Participant's requirements.

A Stage Three Screening result letter report including sensitivity analysis will be prepared to summarize the results of Stage Three Screening.

6.0 SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

As an extension of the Stage Three Screening, various scenarios may be simulated to evaluate the potential effect of changes in certain major assumptions, including access to market power, higher and lower fuel costs, generation overbuild, generation underbuild, etc. on the ranking of proposals. The impact on the rankings of the portfolios resulting from these scenarios may be taken into account in developing the short-list.

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PROPOSAL RECEIPT LOG**

Date and Time Received	Company Name	Carrier/Receipt#	No. of Packages/Type

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APPENDIX A.2
PROPOSAL SUMMARY LOG

POWER SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS PROPOSALS

Proposal No. (Arabic No.)	1. Company Name (Alphabetical Order)	2. Type/Term of Proposal (System or Unit Purchase)	3. Annual Capacity Amount(s) (MW)		Amount of Proposal Fee \$	Payment Form

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APPENDIX B
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST**

Proposer's Name: _____ Proposal No.: _____
Type of Supply: _____ Capacity: _____

Each proposal must meet certain minimum requirements before it will receive further consideration. These Minimum Requirements are intended to demonstrate, to the reasonable satisfaction and at the sole discretion of OUC, that the proposer has the ability to deliver power as proposed.

	Yes	No	N/A	Unknown
1. The proposer attended the Pre-Proposal Conference.....	___	___	___	___
2. The proposer provides a fee of \$5,000 for each priced proposal alternative in the form of a cashiers check payable to OUC.....	___	___	___	___
3. The proposer offers to provide a minimum of 150 MW of unit or system capacity.....	___	___	___	___
4. (a) The proposer offers to provide physically firm power, including ancillary services, delivered to OUC's delivery points.	___	___	___	___
(b) The power will be available on a first call non-recallable basis.	___	___	___	___
5. The proposal offer will remain effective through December 31, 2000.	___	___	___	___
6. (a) The initial agreement period extends for at least five (5) years.	___	___	___	___
(b) Provisions are included that permit OUC the sole option to extend the agreement for at least a further five (5) years.....	___	___	___	___

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST**

	Yes	No	N/A	Unknown
7. (a) The proposed service commencement date is earlier than or within twelve (12) months later than October 1, 2003.	---	---	---	---
(b) Sufficient information is provided to demonstrate that the service can commence on the date proposed.	---	---	---	---
8. (a) If a unit supply is proposed, the proposal identifies the specific generating units and the contribution that each will make to the sale.	---	---	---	---
(b) If a system sale is proposed, the supply to OUC is equivalent to native load supply.	---	---	---	---
9. The proposer ensures that all emissions allowance requirements will be satisfied and that such costs are included in the Project.	---	---	---	---
10. The proposer declares ownership or contractual status of the unit, plant or system capacity.	---	---	---	---
11. The cost data including fuel cost and escalation rates were prepared using the applicable fuel price indices in RFP Attachment B unless energy prices are guaranteed.	---	---	---	---
12. The price for power provided in the completed Pricing Proposal Form (Form 4) reflects all costs and losses delivered to OUC's delivery points.	---	---	---	---
13. The proposer states a willingness to provide a Negotiation Security in the amount of \$250,000 prior to commencing negotiations with OUC.	---	---	---	---

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST**

	Yes	No	N/A	Unknown
14. (a) The proposer completed the appropriate RFP Forms 2 through 6.	---	---	---	---
(b) The proposer provided the information requested in Attachment A.	---	---	---	---
(c) All forms requiring a signature were signed by a duly authorized official.	---	---	---	---
15. The proposal includes scheduling provisions for the sale.	---	---	---	---
16. Any must-take provision does not exceed 25% of the proposed sale capacity on an annual basis.	---	---	---	---
17. (a) If proposal includes development of a new project, then the proposer has developed and has had in operation for a minimum of one year, at least one currently operating power supply project that is similar to or larger in size than the project being proposed.	---	---	---	---
(b) If proposal includes power from existing generating resources, then the proposer has successfully provided similar level of services to at least one electric utility for a minimum of one year.	---	---	---	---
18. If proposal includes power from an existing unit, then the proposer owns and operates the unit, plant or system capacity or has the unit(s), plant or system capacity under contract.	---	---	---	---
19. If proposer operates a proposed unit, plant or system capacity, then the proposal provides proof of operating experience as requested in RFP Attachment A.	---	---	---	---

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Comments:

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STAGE TWO SCREENING

Busbar Cost Comparison Sheet

Proposer's Name:	Proposal No.:
Evaluator:	Date:

Those proposals and/or alternatives that are declared to be complete at the end of the Stage One Screening process will be further evaluated at the Stage Two Screening level. At this stage, a busbar analysis is conducted to determine the annual cost of each proposal and/or alternative delivered to OUC's transmission system. Each proposal will be evaluated over a range of capacity factors to determine its most economic operating capacity factor category. The calculations for this analysis are performed using electronic spreadsheets.

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STAGE THREE SCREENING

Power Supply Requirements _____ Proposal No. _____
_____ Term _____

Name	Attribute to be Measured	Range of Raw Score	Actual Raw Score	Weighting Factor*	Estimated Maximum Score*	Weighted Score
Pricing Criteria						
0-5 years		0-30			30	
0-10 years		0-30			30	
Subtotal						

Note: * Estimated maximum score shown is based on 8 percent level of savings with respect to the affected costs. Should the projected savings for the proposal exceed this level, the actual score will exceed the estimated maximum score by a similar proportion.

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Power Supply Requirements

Name	Attribute to be Measured	Range of Raw Score	Actual Raw Score	Weighting Factor	Maximum Score	Weighted Score
Non-Price Criteria						
Components of Power Cost	• All fixed costs are in the demand portion of the rate and all variable costs are in the variable portion of the rate.....	0-2		1	2.0	
	• No ratchet provision included.....					
Flexibility & Term	• OUC's sole option to increase or decrease contract purchases with reasonable notice.....	0-5		1	10.0	
	• OUC's sole option to select type of purchases, payment provision, pricing method, etc.....	0-5				
Fuel Type	Reduces coal as a % of total energy mix over the Study Period	0-2		1	2.0	
	• 30% or higher.....					
	• 20% - 29%.....					
Dispatchability	• 10% - 19%.....					
	• Includes no minimum take provisions (100% dispatchable)....	0-4		1	10.0	
	• Available for economy transactions.....	0-3				
Firm Supply	• Scheduling provisions allow for change within one hour.....	0-3				
	• Includes a minimum capacity reserves of 20% and backup energy or equivalent arrangement.....	0-4		1	8.0	
	• Includes reasonable penalties for non-performance (dollar amount).....	0-2				
	• Provides suitable guarantees (instrument).....	0-2				

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APPENDIX D
STAGE THREE SCREENING

Power Supply Requirements

Name	Attribute to be Measured	Range of Raw Score	Actual Raw Score	Weighting Factor	Maximum Score	Weighted Score
Technology Risk	• Commercially proven technology	0-2		1	20	
	• Relatively new application of existing technology					
	• Relatively new technology					
	• Demonstration project					
Environmental Effects	• Includes measures beyond regulatory requirements to minimize any adverse environmental impacts	0-3 0-1		1	40	
	• Offers renewable generating resources					
Transmission	• Utilizes no intermediate transmission systems	0-2		1	20	
	• Utilizes one intermediate transmission systems					
	• Utilizes two or more intermediate transmission systems					
Subtotal					40	
Proposal Total						

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APPENDIX D
STAGE THREE SCREENING SUMMARY**

Power Supply Requirements

Proposal No. _____

PRICE SCORE	Maximum Score	Actual Score	
		Raw Score	Weighted Score
Internal Rate of Return	60*	_____	_____
Subtotal Price Score	60*	_____	_____
NON-PRICE SCORE	Maximum Score	Actual Score	
		Raw Score	Weighted Score
Components of Power Cost	2.0	_____	_____
All fixed costs in capacity charge.		_____	_____
All variable costs in energy charge.		_____	_____
Flexibility and Term	10.0	_____	_____
Sole option to change purchases.		_____	_____
Sole option to select type of purchase, payment provision, pricing method, etc.		_____	_____
Sole option to adjust the contract term		_____	_____
Fuel Type	2.0	_____	_____
Fuel diversity		_____	_____
Dispatchability	10.0	_____	_____
No minimum take provisions		_____	_____
Available for economy transactions		_____	_____
Scheduling provisions		_____	_____
Firm Supply	8.0	_____	_____
Suitable arrangements for firming capacity		_____	_____
For unit sale: Performance penalty		_____	_____
Corporate guarantee		_____	_____
Technology Risk	2.0	_____	_____
Commercially proven technology		_____	_____
Environmental Effects	4.0	_____	_____
Extraordinary measures		_____	_____
Renewable resources		_____	_____
Transmission	2.0	_____	_____
No intermediate transmission systems		_____	_____
Subtotal Non-Price Score	40	_____	_____
TOTAL SCORE	100*	_____	_____

NOTE: * Price Score and total score may be greater or less than 60 and 100, respectively, depending on the Internal Rate of Return Score.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DIRECT TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM HERRINGTON
ON BEHALF OF OUC, KUA, AND FMPA

DOCKET NO 010142-EM

MARCH 5, 2001

Q. Please state your name and address.

A. My name is William Herrington. My business address is 107 Island Drive,
Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am the Principal of WHH Enterprises.

Q. Please describe your responsibilities in that position.

A. I have offered consulting services to the utility industry for the past four years.

Q. Please state your educational background and professional experience.

A. I have a bachelor's of science in mechanical engineering from the University
of Florida. I am a registered professional engineer in the State of Florida
since 1974. I have an MBA from Rollins College awarded in 1985, as well as
post-graduate courses in finance at the University of Central Florida.

I was employed by the Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC) from 1969 to
1997. My duties during this time included Power Plant Engineer, Power Plant

1 Manager, Director of Power Production, and Senior Vice President of the
2 Electric Business Unit of OUC.

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4 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

5 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe the methodology used to evaluate
6 and present the results of the evaluation of the responses to OUC, KUA, and
7 FMPA's Request for Joint Development Proposals (RFP).

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9 **Q. Are there portions of the Need for Power Application contained in OUC-
10 1__ that you are sponsoring as your testimony?**

11 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the evaluation of the joint development proposals
12 contained in Volume 1E-Confidential Exhibit A__.

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14 **Q. Please describe the evaluation process used to determine the least-cost
15 joint development proposal.**

16 A. Initially, each response to the RFP was reviewed to determine which were
17 incomplete and which should be considered for evaluation. Those proposals
18 found to be responsive were then ranked on a levelized cost per megawatt-
19 hour basis over a ten-year period, beginning in 2004 and ending in 2013.
20 Performing the evaluation in this regard accounts for the time value of the
21 cash flows and allows for the evaluation of proposals with differing capacities.
22 Analysis was performed at 60, 70, and 80 percent capacity factors.

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1 **Q. How many responses to the Joint Development RFP were evaluated?**

2 A. Proposals were received from five bidders. One of the bidders' proposals did
3 not include pricing and therefore was considered non-responsive and
4 eliminated from further evaluation. The names of the bidders are presented in
5 Volume 1E-Confidential Exhibit A ____.

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7 **Q. What were the results of the evaluation process?**

8 A. The two lowest priced proposals were relatively similar in price with the
9 Southern-Florida proposal being lowest at two of the capacity factors
10 evaluated and another proposal being lowest at the third. The Southern-
11 Florida proposal was judged to be the most responsive of all the proposals for
12 the following reasons. The pricing of the extension options that was required
13 by the RFP was included by Southern-Florida. However, pricing of the
14 extension options was not provided in the second lowest priced proposal. The
15 second lowest respondent was given the opportunity, in follow up questions,
16 to price extension options but declined. Additionally, the Southern-Florida
17 proposal had a guaranteed commercial operation date of October 1, 2003,
18 while the second lowest cost proposal would not be commercially operational
19 until October of 2006. A sensitivity analysis of the effect of various discount
20 rates showed no changes to the base case ranking of the proposals. The
21 rankings of the four proposals are presented in Volume 1E-Confidential
22 Exhibit A ____.

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24 **Q. Overall, what do you conclude from your evaluation of the responses to**
25 **the Joint Development RFP?**

1 A. The evaluation showed that the Southern-Florida proposal was the most
2 responsive as well as the least-cost and lowest risk of the responses to the
3 Joint Development RFP. I recommended that the Southern-Florida proposal
4 be evaluated against the highest ranked response to the Request for Power
5 Supply Proposals.

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7 **Q. Does this conclude your prefiled testimony?**

8 A. Yes it does.

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Joint Petition for Determination)
of Need for an Electrical Power Plant) Docket No. 010142-EM
in Orange County by the Orlando Utilities)
Commission, the Kissimmee Utility) Filed: March 5, 2001
Authority, the Florida Municipal Power)
Agency, and Southern Company - Florida)
LLC)
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DIRECT TESTIMONY

of

STEPHEN L. THUMB

on behalf of

SOUTHERN COMPANY - FLORIDA LLC

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF STEPHEN L. THUMB

INTRODUCTION

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Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Stephen L. Thumb. My business address is 1901 North Moore Street, Suite 1200, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am employed by Energy Ventures Analysis, Inc. ("EVA"), where I am a principal.

Q. Please describe EVA.

A. EVA is a consulting firm that engages in a variety of projects for private and public sector clients. These consulting projects are related to energy and environmental issues. In the energy area, much of our work is related to analysis of the electric utility industry and fuel markets, particularly oil, natural gas and coal. Our clients in these areas include coal, oil, and natural gas producers, electric utility and industrial energy consumers, and gas pipelines and railroads. We also work for a number of public agencies, such as state regulatory commissions, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the United States Department of Energy, as well as intervenors in utility rate proceedings, such as consumer counsels and municipalities. Another group of clients include trade and industry associations, such as the Electric Power Research Institute, the Gas Research Institute and the Center for Energy and Economic Development. EVA has provided testimony to nine state

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1 public utility commissions, including the Florida Public Service
2 Commission. Furthermore, the firm has filed testimony in a number
3 of cases in both state and federal courts, as well as before the Federal
4 Energy Regulatory Commission.

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6 **Q. Have you previously provided testimony before the Florida
7 Public Service Commission?**

8 **A.** Yes. I provided rebuttal testimony in Docket No. 960409-EI on fuel
9 related matters on behalf of Tampa Electric Company.

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12 **QUALIFICATIONS AND BACKGROUND**

13 **Q. Please describe your educational background and
14 experience.**

15 **A.** I received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from
16 Northwestern University and a Masters Degree in Business
17 Administration (concentration in Finance) from American University.
18 In addition, I was qualified as a Certified Public Accountant in the
19 state of West Virginia. Prior to joining EVA, I spent 15 years in the
20 oil and gas industry working for Ashland Oil, Burlington Northern
21 and Meridian Oil. I am currently a principal at EVA responsible for
22 the firm's oil and gas practice. This work includes a wide range of
23 assignments for a variety of clients, including electric utilities. I
24 have either authored or coauthored 24 reports for EPRI (Electric
25 Power Research Institute) and/or the Gas Research Institute on a

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1 variety of topics concerning fossil fuels. My resume is attached as
2 Exhibit ____ (SLT-1).
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4 **PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

5 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

6 A. My testimony supports portions of the Need for Power Application
7 ("NPA") filed in this proceeding by OUC, KUA, FMPA and Southern -
8 Florida. Specifically, my testimony describes how the fuel forecasts
9 for this project were developed and provides EVA's expert opinion
10 that the fuel forecasts used by Black & Veatch to evaluate whether
11 the Stanton A unit is the most cost-effective alternative available to
12 meet the capacity needs of OUC, KUA and FMPA, were reasonable.
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14 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits to your testimony?**

15 A. Yes. Exhibit ____ (SLT-1) is a copy of my resume. Exhibit __ (SLT-2)
16 is an update to the forecast for crude oil. Exhibit ____ (SLT-3)
17 provides a comparison of natural gas price forecasts, which I refer to
18 later in my testimony.
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20 **Q. Are you sponsoring any sections of the NPA?**

21 A. No. I am only providing testimony as to the preparation and
22 reasonableness of the fuel forecasts used in the NPA.
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Q. Please summarize your testimony.

A. EVA, as a normal part of its practice, routinely prepares fossil fuel price forecasts. For the evaluation of the Stanton A project, EVA prepared a base case price forecast for natural gas, coal, petroleum coke and crude oil. Each of these price forecasts were used by Black & Veatch to prepare high, likely and low delivered price projections for a potential power project at the Stanton facility. EVA reviewed each of the high, likely and low price projections and determined that they represented a reasonable assessment of the outlook for the prices for these fuels. EVA's review process included comparing the high and low forecasts with similar material that had been developed by EVA, as well as comparing the natural gas price projections to forecasts prepared by other organizations.

THE FUELS FORECAST

Q. How did EVA become involved in this proceeding?

A. Southern - Florida and OUC retained EVA to provide an accurate forecast of prices for various fuels that potentially could be used by OUC, KUA and FMPA for a new generation plant at the Stanton site. This forecast, in turn, was used by OUC's consultant, Black & Veatch, to evaluate whether the Stanton A unit is the most cost-effective generating alternative available to OUC, KUA and FMPA.

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1 **Q. What function does a fuels forecast serve in a utility's**
2 **evaluation of future generating alternatives?**

3 A. Fuel prices, and their differentials, represent one of the economic
4 factors used in evaluating the types of new generation that could be
5 added to a utility's system when a need for new capacity exists. Fuel
6 prices are also relevant to the determination of the most efficient
7 method of operating a utility's existing and proposed generating
8 units in compliance with environmental and system requirements.

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10 **Q. What information did EVA develop for Southern - Florida and**
11 **OUC?**

12 A. EVA prepared the following four constant dollar (\$2001) price
13 forecasts for the period 2000 through 2020: (a) natural gas prices at
14 the Henry Hub, which is in Erath, Louisiana; (b) delivered coal prices
15 to the Stanton site; (c) delivered petroleum coke prices to the Stanton
16 site; and (d) West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil prices.

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18 **Q. How was this information used in the economic assessment**
19 **for the Stanton A Project?**

20 A. While there are some unique aspects as to how each fuel forecast was
21 used in this assessment, in broad terms Black & Veatch took the
22 following steps to integrate EVA's fuel price projections into their
23 economic model:

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1 (1) Converted EVA's 2001 constant dollar price projections to 2000
2 constant dollar price projections in order to have all economic
3 information on the same basis.

4 (2) Developed current dollar price forecasts by escalating the 2000
5 constant dollar price projections at the same escalation rate (i.e., 2.5
6 percent per year) as used for all other economic assumptions used in
7 the assessment. This became the base case fuel price forecast.

8 (3) Developed high case current dollar price forecasts by using a
9 two (2) percent higher inflation rate.

10 (4) Developed low case current dollar price forecasts by using a
11 two (2) percent lower inflation rate.

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13 **Q. Were any other fuel price forecasts developed for this**
14 **assessment?**

15 A. Yes. As a basis for an additional sensitivity analysis, Black & Veatch
16 first took actual 2000 fuel prices and escalated them at the 2.5
17 percent per year inflation rate used throughout the project. In
18 addition, Black & Veatch examined the real price escalation rates
19 used by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) and used these
20 plus the project's standard 2.5 percent inflation rate to develop
21 current dollar fuel price forecasts. While both of these approaches to
22 developing additional price forecasts result in outlier projections
23 among industry forecasts, they are useful in testing the overall
24 robustness of the assessment.

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1 **Q. You mentioned that there were unique aspects to each fuel**
2 **price forecast. Were there any unique aspects to the natural**
3 **gas price forecast?**

4 A. Yes. EVA developed a price forecast for natural gas supply at the
5 Henry Hub. In order to arrive at a delivered gas price forecast to the
6 Stanton site, Black & Veatch added \$0.75 per million BTU as a
7 transportation charge.

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9 **Q. Was this approach reasonable?**

10 A. Yes. There are two alternatives for natural gas transportation to the
11 Stanton site: the existing Florida Gas Transmission system; and, the
12 planned Gulfstream pipeline, which has ordered pipe and is
13 estimated to be completed in June of 2002. The average tariff for
14 these two systems is close to the \$0.75 per million BTU assumed by
15 the project.

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17 **Q. Were there any unique aspects associated with the crude oil**
18 **price forecast?**

19 A. Yes. EVA developed a price forecast for WTI crude oil. In order to
20 arrive at a delivered price forecast for the petroleum products (i.e.,
21 No. 2 distillate fuel oil and No. 6 residual fuel oil) that might be used
22 for one of the generation alternatives considered for the Stanton site,
23 Black & Veatch used existing relationships between cost of crude oil
24 and the delivered cost of these petroleum products to arrive at long-
25 term price projections for distillate and residual fuel oil at the

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Stanton site.

Q. Was this approach reasonable?

A. Yes. The major determinant, particularly over the long term, of petroleum product prices is crude oil prices.

Q. One of your exhibits concerns crude oil prices. Please explain this exhibit.

A. Since the time EVA was requested to prepare a forecast of crude oil prices for Southern - Florida and OUC, EVA has updated its crude oil price forecast. In order to provide the parties interested in this project with the benefit of EVA's latest crude oil price forecast, Exhibit ____ (SLT-2) presents EVA's updated crude oil price forecast.

NATURAL GAS PRICE FORECAST

Q. How did EVA prepare its natural gas price forecast?

A. As part of its normal practice, EVA tracks both the short-term and long-term supply and demand fundamentals for natural gas in order to prepare natural gas price forecasts for a variety of clients. These natural gas price forecasts have been both at specified hubs and on a delivered basis. The natural gas price forecast prepared for Southern - Florida and OUC represents EVA's latest long-term gas price forecast.

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1 **Q. Explain the basis for EVA's long-term outlook for natural gas**
2 **prices.**

3 A. EVA's long-term forecast for natural gas prices is based upon an
4 analysis of the supply and demand fundamentals for natural gas.
5 With respect to demand, approximately 70 percent of the overall
6 growth in gas demand over the next 20 years will come from the
7 power sector. Non-power sector growth (i.e., residential, commercial
8 and industrial) will be between less than 1.0 and 1.5 percent per
9 year. On the supply side, increases in supply to meet increases in
10 demand will come from a variety of sources and will not be limited to
11 just increases in lower-48 production. For example, over
12 approximately the next five years about 37 percent of incremental
13 supply will come from Canadian imports from both Western Canada
14 and offshore Eastern Canada, as well as increases in LNG imports.
15 During the next five-year period the combination of gas from
16 Prudhoe Bay, Alaska and the MacKenzie Delta, Canada plus
17 additional imports from the rest of Canada will account for
18 approximately 50 percent of incremental supplies. While there is
19 less certainty over the various sources of supply in the latter half of
20 the forecast period, significant contributions will come from the
21 continued development of the Arctic regions, the further development
22 of offshore Eastern Canada and additional LNG imports. Within the
23 lower-48, major additions to supply are expected from the deepwater
24 region of the Gulf of Mexico, the development of coal bed methane in
25 at least eight basins, and the drilling for deeper reserves.

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1 **Q. How will gas prices in Florida be affected by the outlook for**
2 **gas prices?**

3 A. With the exception of transportation, gas prices within Florida are
4 affected by the same factors that impact gas prices throughout the
5 nation. This is the net result of the integrated nature of the North
6 American gas infrastructure.

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8 **Q. Recently, the price of natural gas on the spot market has**
9 **risen significantly. What are the primary factors causing this**
10 **rise in gas prices?**

11 A. The spot market for natural gas is still a relatively young industry.
12 When it was deregulated initially, approximately 15 years ago, there
13 was considerable excess deliverability (gas bubble), as a direct result
14 of the change in regulatory status for the industry. Then came an
15 era (1995 to 1999) of relatively balanced supply and demand. Today
16 short-term increases in supply are having difficulty keeping pace
17 with short-term increases in demand, hence the high prices. The
18 primary reason for this current era for natural gas was the sharp
19 decline in gas-directed drilling (i.e., from 650 to 371 rigs) in 1999,
20 which caused deliverability to decline 1.5 to 2.5 BCFD. Unlike in the
21 past, this decline in drilling was not due to a decline in gas prices.
22 Rather the decline was due to external events, namely the 1998/1999
23 low oil price crisis. As a result of the low oil price crisis, exploration
24 and production (E&P) firms suffered significant declines in profits
25 and cash flow (i.e., up to 75 percent declines), which caused them to

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1 stop virtually all capital expenditures (i.e., both oil and gas drilling).
2 As a result, in the near-term the E&P industry has had a difficult
3 time making up: (a) for this lost deliverability, (b) offsetting declines
4 in existing production and (c) matching increases in demand,
5 particularly those associated with the severe winter weather.
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7 **Q. How has this impacted EVA's price forecast?**

8 A. The combination of recent record drilling levels in both the U.S. and
9 Canada, the reemergence of LNG imports and development of new
10 supply areas, such as offshore Eastern Canada, eventually will bring
11 near-term supply and demand back into balance. At present, EVA
12 projects these high prices moderating over three years, however the
13 severity, or lack of it, of winter weather over the next two years is a
14 major unknown, since the difference between a mild and cold winter
15 can be 500 to 800 BCF per year. As a result it could be five years
16 before gas prices moderate. After this three to five year period gas
17 prices should begin to moderate and reach values one would
18 anticipate when supply and demand is in balance.
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20 **Q. Were the high, likely and low delivered gas price forecasts**
21 **prepared by Black & Veatch reasonable?**

22 A. Yes. EVA, as part of its normal practice, prepares high and low price
23 forecasts for natural gas using a Monte Carlo technique which
24 analyzes the potential range for a series of variables that impact
25 natural gas supply and demand fundamentals and hence gas prices.

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1 EVA compared and contrasted the Black & Veatch high and low gas
2 price forecast with those generated by its Monte Carlo technique and
3 found them to be reasonable.
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5 **Q. Are the Black & Veatch gas price forecasts in line with other**
6 **recognized industry forecasts?**

7 A. Yes. In Exhibit ____ (SLT-3) the gas price forecast for six other
8 organizations are compared to the price forecasts prepared by Black
9 & Veatch. This comparison is done for the year 2015, which is the
10 only year for which information on all of the forecasts is available. In
11 addition, each of the forecasts have been placed upon a common basis
12 by including the appropriate transportation charge and using the
13 standard inflation rate for the Stanton A project. As illustrated in
14 Exhibit ____ (SLT-3) the Black & Veatch gas price forecasts are in the
15 same range as the gas price forecasts prepared by other
16 organizations.
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18 **COAL PRICE FORECAST**

19 **Q. How did EVA prepare its coal price forecast?**

20 A. As part of its normal practice, EVA tracks both the short-term and
21 long-term supply and demand for coal in order to prepare coal price
22 forecasts for a variety of clients. The coal price forecasts have been
23 both for mine mouth prices and delivered coal prices. In the case for
24 the Stanton project, EVA examined the following five alternatives for
25 supplying coal to the Stanton facility:

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- 1 (1) Lower sulfur coal from Central Appalachia.
- 2 (2) High sulfur coal from Northern Appalachia.
- 3 (3) High sulfur coal from the Illinois Basin.
- 4 (4) Lower sulfur 8,800 BTU/lb coal from the Powder River Basin.
- 5 (5) Imported coal.

6 The lower sulfur coal from Central Appalachia was the least
7 expensive. In addition, the Stanton facility currently uses this coal,
8 which would allow for a common stockpile (i.e., reduces overall costs).
9 Also, OUC currently has a rail contract (CSX) for coal deliveries,
10 which could be used for additional coal deliveries (i.e., reduces overall
11 costs). With respect to the other alternatives, the higher sulfur
12 Northern Appalachian and Illinois Basin coal alternatives resulted in
13 higher freight charges, partially offset by lower mine mouth costs.
14 The net result was no reduction in costs and the proposed project was
15 left with a higher sulfur coal. The Powder River Basin option was
16 just too far to be economic (i.e., approximately 2,000 miles). Lastly,
17 imported coal proved to be impractical because the inland
18 transportation costs were too high.

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20 **Q. Recently, the price of coal on the spot market has risen. How**
21 **has this impacted EVA's price forecast?**

22 **A.** During the last half of 2000, the spot coal price for Central
23 Appalachian coal (i.e., FOB rail car) has risen approximately 50
24 percent. This sharp increase in coal prices is in part due to the
25 depressed coal prices that previously existed, which caused some

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1 decline in production, and in part to an increase in demand. EVA
2 has incorporated this recent price phenomenon in its price forecast,
3 which projects the coal prices to moderate within two years, as
4 supply and demand comes back into balance, but coal prices are not
5 projected to return to their previously depressed levels. The FOB rail
6 car price for Central Appalachian coal represents approximately 60
7 percent of the forecasted delivered coal price to the Stanton facility.
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9 **Q. Were the high, likely and low delivered coal price forecasts**
10 **prepared by Black & Veatch reasonable?**

11 A. Yes. EVA, as part of its normal practice, prepares high and low price
12 forecasts for coal. These forecasts analyze the potential range for a
13 series of variables that impact coal supply and demand fundamentals
14 and hence coal prices. EVA compared and contrasted the Black &
15 Veatch high and low coal price forecast with those generated by EVA
16 and found them to be reasonable.
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18 PETROLEUM COKE PRICE FORECAST

19 **Q. How did EVA prepare its petroleum coke price forecast?**

20 A. Petroleum coke represents a niche market for fuels that tends to be
21 regionally specific. On occasion, in the past, EVA has analyzed the
22 supply and demand fundamentals for this niche market in order to
23 prepare a petroleum coke price forecast for other clients. There are
24 two types of petroleum coke: (1) a higher value petroleum coke,
25 which is used for aluminum and steel production; and (2) a lower

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1 value petroleum coke, which is used as a fuel. For Southern - Florida
2 and OUC, EVA updated its prior analysis for fuel grade petroleum
3 coke. While supply is, in general, increasing as a result of refinery
4 upgrades and greater use of heavier grades of crude, this is a thinly
5 traded commodity that can be subject to rapid price escalation
6 whenever demand increases. In general, production costs of
7 petroleum coke prices are related to crude oil prices but the prices of
8 fuel grade petroleum coke are capped by delivered coal prices.
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10 **Q. Were the high, likely and low petroleum coke prices prepared**
11 **by Black & Veatch reasonable?**

12 A. Yes. Based upon EVA's analysis of the market for fuel grade
13 petroleum coke, the ranges of forecasts prepared by Black & Veatch
14 were reasonable.
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16 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

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RESUME OF
STEPHEN L. THUMB

EDUCATION

C.P.A. West Virginia, 1977
M.B.A. Finance, American University, 1972 (cum laude)
B.S. Chemical Engineering, Northwestern University, 1967

EXPERIENCE

Current Position

Stephen Thumb joined Energy Ventures Analysis in 1988 and became a partner in 1990. Mr. Thumb directs EVA's natural gas and oil practice. Mr. Thumb is responsible for the FUELCAST Service, which is a multi-client service providing semi-annual forecasts of demand, supply, and price for natural gas, coal, oil, and emission allowances. The types of projects in which Mr. Thumb has been involved are described below:

Natural Gas Procurement

Evaluates natural gas procurement strategies for consumers taking into account the changing regulatory environment. For example, the procurement must address the mix of long- and short-term supply contracts, the mix of firm and interruptible transportation, and the mix of services.

Natural Gas/Oil Industry Analyses

Evaluates the natural gas and oil industries for clients concerned about supply options and availability. Studies have focused on structural issues such as pipeline capacity.

Forecasting

Provides clients with general or customized forecasts of natural gas and oil prices. Natural gas price forecasts are developed on both a wellhead or burner tip basis. Oil prices are developed for crude and refined oil products.

Acquisition and Divestiture Analysis

Performs analyses for companies considering acquisitions or divestitures. One project involved an acquisition analysis of an independent exploration and production firm with substantial natural gas reserves in the northeastern geological provinces. Another involved the acquisition of an affiliate coal mining operation.

General Industry Studies

Authored or coauthored over 20 reports for EPRI and GRI on a wide variety of topics, including fuel switching, structural issues affecting regional basis differentials, the integration of natural gas within the power industry, the capability of pipelines to meet the requirement of new power generation units, the competition between gas and coal for new capacity and existing generation, and other topics.

Prior Experience

Before joining Energy Ventures Analysis, Mr. Thumb had 15 years of diversified industry experience having worked for three Fortune 100 companies. From 1982 to 1988, Mr. Thumb worked for Burlington Northern, Inc., most recently as Vice President of Planning for Meridian Oil, a wholly-owned subsidiary. Mr. Thumb's responsibilities included acquisitions, economic analysis, strategic plans, annual budgeting. Mr. Thumb's most significant accomplishment was the identification, analysis, and implementation of two major energy-related acquisitions (the El Paso Co. and Southland Royalty).

From 1974 to 1982, Mr. Thumb worked for Ashland Oil, Inc., most recently as Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Thumb managed a number of special projects in the areas of operations and finance such as the development and marketing of a \$200 million institutional drilling fund and an analysis of the firm's largest international oil production contract. Mr. Thumb also established a special employee incentive program for an oil and gas subsidiary in consultation with human resources and coordinated the redesign of an exploration and production accounting function.

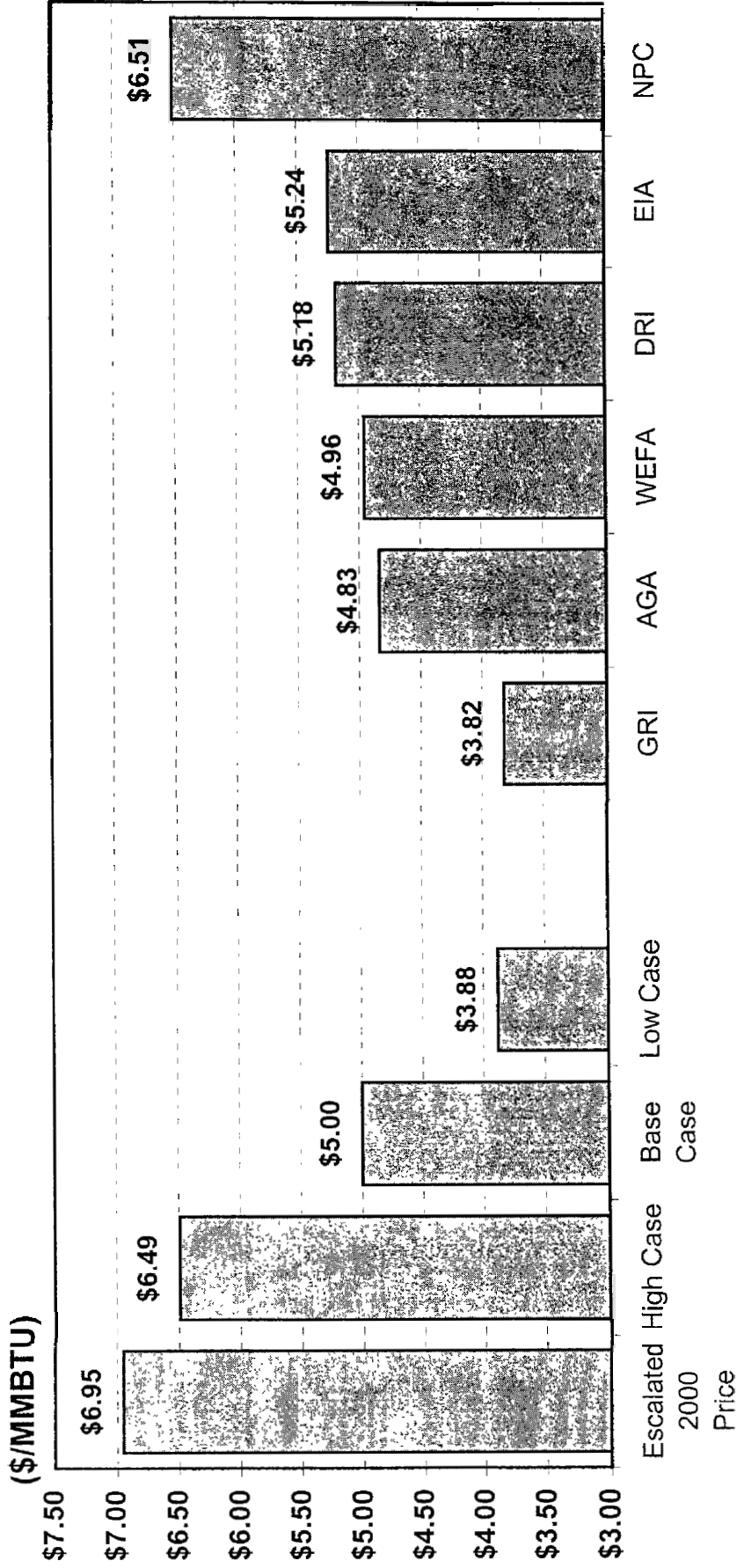
From 1972 to 1974, Mr. Thumb worked for Nuclear Fuel Services, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Getty Oil. Mr. Thumb, as Manager for Financial Planning, was responsible for the preparation of economic analyses and long- and short-term plans. He also assisted the controller in numerous accounting functions.

From 1967 to 1972, Mr. Thumb worked for the Division of Naval Reactors, a joint operation of the Atomic Energy Commission and the U.S. Navy, as an engineer in the fluid design section for surface ships and the radiological and chemical sections. From 1965 to 1967, Mr. Thumb worked at the Naval Ordnance Plant as a chemical and metallurgical technician.

UPDATED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PRICE FORECAST

Year	1A.5-3	
	WTI-Constant	
	Initial	Update
2000	\$30.26	\$30.82
2001	\$26.61	\$27.36
2002	\$23.70	\$24.14
2003	\$21.00	\$21.00
2004	\$19.50	\$19.50
2005	\$18.50	\$18.50
2006	\$17.50	\$18.25
2007	\$17.00	\$18.25
2008	\$16.50	\$18.25
2009	\$16.00	\$18.25
2010	\$16.00	\$18.50
2011	\$15.50	\$18.50
2012	\$15.50	\$18.50
2013	\$15.50	\$18.50
2014	\$15.54	\$18.50
2015	\$15.58	\$18.50
2016	\$15.66	\$18.75
2017	\$15.73	\$18.75
2018	\$15.81	\$18.75
2019	\$15.89	\$18.75

COMPARISON TO OTHER FORECASTS (Delivered Natural Gas Price-Current \$) 2015



GRI: Gas Research Institute, AGA: American Gas Association, NPC: National Petroleum Council, WEFA: The WEFA Group, DRI: DRI
 Source: Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Outlook 2001*, December 2000.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JILL SCHUEPBACH
ON BEHALF OF OUC, KUA, AND FMPA
DOCKET NO. 010142-EM

MARCH 5, 2001

Q. Please state your name and address.

A. My name is Jill Schuepbach. My business address is 11401 Lamar Avenue,
Overland Park, Kansas.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am employed by Black & Veatch as a Project Engineer.

Q. Please describe your responsibilities in that position.

A. As a Project Engineer for Black & Veatch, I am responsible for providing consulting services for utility and non-utility clients. The consulting services encompass a wide variety of tasks including: load forecasts, conservation and demand-side management evaluations, reliability criteria and evaluations, development of generation unit addition alternatives, optimal generation expansion modeling, production cost modeling, economic and financial evaluations, feasibility studies, pro forma analysis, and power market studies.

1 **Q. Please state your educational background and professional experience.**

2 A. I received a Bachelors of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the
3 University of Missouri – Columbia. I have been employed by Black &
4 Veatch since 1998 as a Project Engineer in the Energy Consulting Service
5 Area. Since then I have provided planning services for several projects
6 including many projects in Florida. I have provided system planning
7 consulting services for the following Florida utilities: Lakeland Electric
8 (Lakeland), Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC), JEA, Kissimmee Utility
9 Authority (KUA), and Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA). In 1998, I
10 assisted in preparing the Need for Power Application for Lakeland’s McIntosh
11 Unit 5. In 1999, I helped develop the Demand-Side Management Plans for
12 OUC and JEA, and I am currently working on the Need for Power Application
13 for Lakeland’s and FMPA’s McIntosh Unit 4. I have also assisted in the
14 preparation of Ten-Year Site Plans for various Florida utilities.

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16 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

17 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe the methodology used to
18 determine if there are any conservation and demand-side management
19 measures available to OUC, KUA, and FMPA that would mitigate the need
20 for Stanton A.

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22 **Q. Have you prepared any exhibits to support your testimony?**

23 A. Yes. Exhibit No. ___ (JAS-1) FIRE Model Results.
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1 **Q. In addition to your exhibit, are there sections of the Need for Power**
2 **Application identified as Exhibit OUC-1__ and the revision to the Need**
3 **for Power Application, Exhibit OUC-2__ that you are sponsoring as your**
4 **testimony?**

5 A. Yes. Sections 1A.8.0, 1B.5.2, 1C.5.2, and 1D.5.2

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7 **Q. Are you adopting these sections as part of your testimony?**

8 A. Yes, I am.

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10 **Q. Are there any corrections to these sections?**

11 A. No, only those minor word changes shown in Exhibit OUC-2__ and the minor
12 change in the DSM test results for OUC stemming from the revision in the
13 crude oil price and for KUA.

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15 **Q. What methodology was used to evaluate demand-side management**
16 **(DSM) for OUC, KUA, and FMPA?**

17 A The explicit evaluation of all available conservation and demand-side
18 management measures is very expensive. Historically in the last few years,
19 conservation and demand-side management measures have not been found to
20 be cost-effective for municipal utilities, as evidenced by the Need for Power
21 Dockets for Cane Island 3 and McIntosh 5, and the Conservation Goals
22 Dockets for JEA and OUC. In addition, cost and performance information for
23 DSM measures is difficult and expensive to obtain. In order to reduce the cost
24 of evaluating DSM measures and ensure that all reasonable measures have
25 been evaluated, Black & Veatch has used the data and results from the Florida

1 Power and Light Company's (FPL's) Conservation Goal's Docket No
2 991788-EG. FPL has done extensive evaluations having evaluated
3 approximately 250 DSM measures in that Docket. It has been assumed that if
4 the DSM measures found to be most cost-effective by FPL were not found to
5 be cost-effective for OUC, KUA, and FMPA, then none of the 250 DSM
6 measures evaluated by FPL would be cost-effective for OUC, KUA, and
7 FMPA. Using this approach eliminated specific evaluations of hundreds of
8 DSM measures that weren't cost-effective.

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10 **Q. How is the cost-effectiveness of DSM measures evaluated?**

11 A. Black & Veatch used the PSC-approved Florida Integrated Resource
12 Evaluator (FIRE) model which provides output in the form of the Rate Impact
13 Test, the Total Resource Test, and the Participant's Test.

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15 **Q. Please describe how the FIRE Model works.**

16 A. The FIRE Model evaluates the benefits and costs of DSM measures from
17 several perspectives based on a comparison to costs for an avoided unit, which
18 in this case is Stanton A. The model starts by evaluating the cost of the
19 avoided unit in terms of capital cost, O&M costs, and fuel costs. Additional
20 system costs, which could be avoided, are also evaluated, including
21 transmission system capital and O&M costs and distribution system capital
22 and O&M costs. The avoidance of these costs are considered benefits of the
23 DSM measure being evaluated.

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1 Next, the model evaluates the cost of the DSM measure being evaluated from
2 several perspectives. The first perspective is the utility's cost for the DSM
3 measure being evaluated. These costs include the actual cost of installing or
4 implementing the measure paid by the utility. These costs are incurred
5 through incentives paid for by the utility. Examples include rebates,
6 subsidies, installation costs, and administrative costs associated with
7 developing and maintaining the DSM program as well as lost revenues. Costs
8 are also incurred by the participants. These costs can include the cost of
9 purchase and installation of the measure, as well as costs associated with
10 maintaining it.

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12 The model compares these costs with the benefits and savings associated with
13 the DSM measure. Again, these benefits and savings are evaluated from
14 several perspectives. From the utility perspective, these savings and benefits
15 stem from avoided generation and load shifting. From the participants'
16 perspective, these savings and benefits stem from reduced electric bills from
17 both lower rates and reduced consumption. The participant also benefits from
18 any rebates and subsidies.

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20 **Q. Please describe in more detail the Rate Impact Test, the Total Resource**
21 **Test, and the Participant Test referenced earlier.**

22 A The Rate Impact Test (RIM) evaluates the above benefits and costs from the
23 utility rate perspective. The RIM test compares the utility's savings from the
24 measure such as avoided generation and fuel costs to the utility's cost for the
25 measure such as costs for installation and utility rebates and subsidies. Thus if

1 the utility saves more from the program than the program costs, the RIM test
2 is greater than 1 (the benefit/cost ratio is greater than 1), and rates to all
3 customers will be lower. Generally, utilities require the RIM test to be greater
4 than 1 before they will consider the DSM measure. In other words, if the
5 program does not lower rates, utilities generally will not implement it.

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7 The Total Resource Test evaluates the above benefits and costs from a
8 combined perspective of the customer and the utility. For the Total Resource
9 Test, only costs external to the customer and the utility are considered. For
10 instance, rebates for a measure paid by the utility to the customer are merely a
11 transfer between the utility and the customer and have no effect on the
12 benefit/cost ratio; whereas fuel cost savings paid to external fuel suppliers
13 would have an effect on the benefit/cost ratio. In general, if the result of the
14 Total Resource Test is greater than 1, society as a whole would benefit but
15 some groups in society may be harmed.

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17 Finally, the Participant Test evaluates benefits and costs solely from the
18 perspective of the customer, or participant. If the benefit/cost ratio is greater
19 than 1, the customer saves more money on the measure than they spend on it.
20 In general, unless the Participant Test is greater than 1, there is no incentive
21 for the customer, or participant, to participate.

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23 Generally, for a DSM program to be successful, the program should pass
24 (have benefit/cost ratio greater than 1) all three tests, the RIM Test, the Total
25 Resource Test, and the Participant Test.

1 **Q. Specifically, what were the results of Black & Veatch's evaluations of**
2 **DSM measures for OUC, KUA, and FMPA?**

3 A. Black & Veatch evaluated the most cost-effective measures in FPL's
4 Conservation Goal's Docket that weren't already being implemented by OUC,
5 KUA, and FMPA for both residential and commercial/industrial sectors. In
6 all cases the most cost-effective of FPL's measures were found to not be cost-
7 effective based on the RIM test. As such, it is assumed that none of FPL's
8 conservation measures that aren't already being implemented by OUC, KUA,
9 and FMPA would be cost-effective for any of the three utilities. Each utility
10 bases cost-effectiveness on the RIM test.

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12 **Q. What factors preclude DSM measures from proving cost-effective?**

13 A. The cost-effectiveness of many DSM measures has decreased over the years
14 for various reasons. This is especially true when evaluating potentially cost-
15 effective DSM measures for municipal utilities, which are subject to lower
16 cost tax exempt financing. Additionally, the cost of installing new generation
17 has decreased, while the efficiency of the new units has increased. Combining
18 these two factors with government mandates, which force appliance
19 manufacturers to increase the efficiencies of their products, reduces the
20 potential of energy savings through an external DSM measure.

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22 **Q. How does the recent spike in natural gas prices affect the cost-**
23 **effectiveness of DSM measures?**

24 A. For DSM measures that result primarily in capacity reduction without
25 significant energy reduction, such as Direct Load Control, the increase in fuel

1 prices would have little effect because the cost-effectiveness is primarily
2 driven by savings in avoided unit capacity charges.

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4 For DSM measures that primarily reduce energy consumption, such as
5 appliance efficiency measures, increases in fuel prices will have a greater
6 effect. However, appliance efficiency has already improved tremendously in
7 most areas. Further incremental improvements in efficiency are fairly
8 expensive and result in relatively small incremental savings in energy
9 consumption.

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11 **Q. Is there a natural gas price above which DSM measures for OUC, KUA,**
12 **and FMPA become cost-effective?**

13 A. Cost-effectiveness is specific to each utility and DSM measure. The DSM
14 measures are evaluated using the base case fuel forecast shown in Table
15 1A.5-5 of the revised Need for Power Application Exhibit OUC-2 __. As
16 such, there is no single natural gas price that determines cost-effectiveness
17 Exhibit JAS-1 represents the RIM, Participant, and Total Resource Test
18 results for the DSM measures evaluated by the FIRE Model for each utility
19 for the base case and high fuel price projections presented in Table 1A.5-6 of
20 the revised Need for Power Application Exhibit OUC-2 __. As expected, the
21 high fuel price case has little effect on the RIM test especially for the load
22 shifting alternatives which are the residential direct load control (Res-DLC)
23 and the commercial off-peak battery charging (Comm-OPBC). Where there is
24 more energy conservation involved such as the Residential Build Smart

1 measure (Res-Build Smart) there is relatively more impact from the higher
2 fuel prices, but the RIM test is still significantly below 1.0.

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4 **Q. Does this conclude your prefiled testimony.**

5 **A. Yes it does.**

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FIRE Model Results
Load Shifting Programs

	RIM	Part	TRC
<u>OUC</u>			
Base Case			
Res - DLC	0.49	1.00	2.33
Comm - OPBC	0.98	0.00	0.62
High Fuel Case			
Res - DLC	0.49	1.00	2.34
Comm - OPBC	0.98	0.00	0.62
<u>KUA</u>			
Base Case			
Res - Build Smart	0.44	0.71	0.32
Comm - OPBC	0.37	0.04	0.61
High Fuel Case			
Res - Build Smart	0.51	0.79	0.41
Comm - OPBC	0.38	0.04	0.61
<u>FMPA</u>			
Base Case			
Res - DLC	0.40	1.00	1.81
Comm - OPBC	0.53	0.02	0.49
High Fuel Case			
Res - DLC	0.40	1.00	1.82
Comm - OPBC	0.53	0.02	0.49

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ERIC FOX

ON BEHALF OF OUC

DOCKET NO. 010142-EM

MARCH 5, 2001

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Eric Fox. My business address is 20 Park Plaza, Suite 910, Boston, Massachusetts, 02116.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am employed by Regional Economic Research, Inc (RER). I am a Vice President in the Company's Forecasting Division.

Q. Please describe your responsibilities in that position

A. I am responsible for managing forecast support work and forecast project implementations for electric and gas utilities. I am also responsible for the day-to-day operation of RER's Boston office. I also provide forecast training through workshops sponsored by RER and other organizations such as EPRI and the Institute of Business Forecasting, and forecasting consulting services to electric and gas utilities.

1 **Q. Please state your educational background and professional experience.**

2 A. I received my M.A. in Economics from San Diego State University in 1984
3 and my B.A. in Economics from San Diego State University in 1981. After
4 graduating, I started work at San Diego Gas & Electric as an Analyst in the
5 Forecasting Department. I have been involved in energy forecasting and
6 analysis, load research, rate design, and DSM program evaluation since that
7 time. In 1994 I joined RER as a Project Manager. I was promoted to Vice
8 President in 1999.

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10 I have provided testimony for regulatory proceedings for forecasting and rate
11 related matters.

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13 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

14 A. The purpose of my testimony is to discuss the load forecast prepared for
15 Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC).

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17 **Q. Are there sections of the Need for Power Application identified as Exhibit
18 OUC-1__ that you are sponsoring as your testimony?**

19 A. Yes. Section 1B.4.0 and Appendix 1B.A.

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21 **Q. Are you adopting these sections as part of your testimony?**

22 A. Yes, I am.

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24 **Q. Are there any corrections to these sections?**

25 A. No.

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2 **Q. Please describe the methodology used in developing OUC's sales forecast.**

3 A. The sales forecast is developed from a set of structured regression models that
4 can be used for both forecasting monthly sales and customers for the OUC
5 budget period and over the longer term, 20-year forecast horizon. Forecast
6 models are estimated for each of the major rate classifications including: 1)
7 residential, 2) general service non-demand (small commercial customers), 3)
8 general service demand service (large commercial and industrial customers),
9 and 4) street lighting. Models are estimated using monthly sales data covering
10 the period 1991 through 1999.

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12 The baseline statistical forecast is adjusted for known large load additions
13 that cannot be accounted for by the underlying regression model. These load
14 additions are based on discussions with OUC marketing staff and include
15 adjustments for large individual projects such as the expansion at Universal
16 Studios, a new convention center, and expected expansion at the Orlando
17 International Airport. Finally, sales are adjusted for losses to yield a net
18 energy for load forecast. A separate set of forecast models was prepared for
19 the OUC and St. Cloud service territories.

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21 **Q. How are long-term appliance saturation and efficiency trends captured
22 by the forecast models?**

23 To capture long-term structural changes, end-use concepts are blended into
24 the regression model specification. This approach, known as a Statistically
25 Adjusted Engineering (SAE) model, entails specifying end-use variables –

1 heating, cooling, and base use – and utilizing these variables in sales
2 regression models. This approach allows us to capture the impact changes in
3 technology saturation and efficiency gains have on long-term sales and
4 demand.

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6 **Q. How was peak demand projected?**

7 A. A set of hourly regression models is used to forecast hourly demand over the
8 twenty-year forecast period. System hourly demand is forecasted as a
9 function of the retail energy forecast, expected weather conditions, hours of
10 light, day of the week, and holidays. The winter and summer peak demand is
11 then calculated as the maximum hourly demand occurring in the winter and
12 summer period. A separate set of forecast models are developed for OUC
13 and St. Cloud.

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15 **Q. How is the impact of conservation reflected in the load forecast?**

16 A. The effects of existing conservation programs are implicitly included in the
17 forecast. Program activity is captured both in the historical sales data and
18 reflected in saturation and efficiency trends to the extent programs have
19 impact historical appliance purchase behavior. Future efficiency trends due
20 to expected changes in appliance standards are embedded in the end-use
21 model variables.

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23 As a result of projected economic, price, and appliance trends, average use is
24 projected to increase at a relatively low rate. For OUC residential average use
25 is expected to increase 0.8 percent per year through 2005, and further slows to

1 just 0.5 percent growth through 2015. St. Cloud residential average use
2 growth is slightly lower. Nonresidential average use also increases relatively
3 slowly over the forecast horizon. Forecasted sales growth is primarily driven
4 by projected customer growth.

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6 **Q. What are the results of OUC's demand and energy forecasts.**

7 A. OUC and St. Cloud's combined summer peak demand is forecast to increase
8 from 1,062 MW in 2000 to 1,679 MW in 2020 for a compound annual growth
9 rate of 2.3 percent which is significantly lower than the historical growth rate
10 of 4.3 percent over the past five years.

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12 Similarly, the winter peak is forecast to grow from 1,051 MW in 2000 to
13 1,697 by 2020, or a compound annual average growth rate of 2.4 percent
14 which is also considerably lower than the historical growth rate of 3.7 percent
15 over the past five years.

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17 OUC and St. Cloud's net energy for load is expected to grow at a compound
18 annual average growth rate of 2.3 percent over the twenty year forecast period
19 which compares with a historical growth rate of 4.1 percent over the past five
20 years.

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22 While the economy (and thus energy and demand growth) is expected to slow
23 from the pace experienced over the last five years, regional economic growth
24 will remain relatively strong over the long-term forecast horizon. The number
25 of households in the Orlando MSA is expected to increase 1.9 percent per year

1 and employment 2.1 percent annually over the forecast horizon. In a recent
2 analysis, Regional Financial Associates (now Economy.com) ranked the
3 Orlando MSA 16 out of 321 MSAs in terms of current and projected
4 economic growth.

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6 **Q. Did you develop any alternative load forecasts to be used to perform**
7 **sensitivity analyses?**

8 A. Yes. In addition to the base case forecast, two long-term forecast scenarios
9 were developed in order to bound the potential outcome. High forecast
10 assumes stronger population, employment and regional output growth than in
11 the base case. Further the high case assumes stronger growth in computer
12 loads as reflected by the commercial base use variables. The low case is
13 driven by slower population, employment, and output growth. The result is
14 that retail energy demand grows roughly 0.7 percent faster in the high case
15 and 0.6 percent slower in the low case. The high and low forecast scenarios
16 are presented in Table 1B.4-20 of the Need for Power Application Exhibit
17 OUC-1__.

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19 **Q. In your opinion are the assumptions in the load forecasts reasonable for**
20 **planning purposes?**

21 A. Given the uncertainty associated with long-term forecasting, the forecast
22 assumptions are relatively conservative. In the base case, average use forecast
23 projections are relatively flat with customer growth driving most of the sales
24 forecast growth. The forecast is driven by economic projections provided by
25 Regional Financial Associates (RFA). RFA has an excellent reputation in

1 regional modeling and forecasting. The economic projections are in line with
2 projections from the University of Florida. Long-term population forecast
3 from the University of Florida are used to drive household growth after 2010.

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5 The forecast scenarios provide a means to help bound forecast uncertainty.
6 High and low growth economic assumptions yields a reasonable bound around
7 the base case forecast with retail sales growing 0.7 percent faster in the high
8 case and 0.6 percent slower in the low case.

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10 **Q. Does this complete your prefiled testimony?**

11 **A.** Yes it does it.

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1 **Please state your educational background and experience.**

2 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the
3 University of Missouri - Columbia. I also have two years of graduate study in
4 nuclear engineering at the University of Missouri – Columbia. I am a licensed
5 professional engineer and a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and
6 Electronic Engineers.

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8 I have over twenty-four years of experience in the power industry specializing in
9 generation planning and project development. In the past ten years, I have been
10 the project manager for over 100 projects, the vast majority of which are for
11 Florida utilities. Florida utilities for which I have worked include Lakeland –
12 Electric, Kissimmee Utility Authority, Florida Municipal Power Agency, Orlando
13 Utilities Commission, JEA, City of St. Cloud, Utilities Commission of New
14 Smyrna Beach, Sebring Utilities Commission, City of Homestead, Florida Power
15 Corporation, and Seminole Electric Cooperative.

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17 I was responsible for the development of Black & Veatch’s POWRPRO
18 chronological production costing program and RECOM unit commitment
19 program, and POWROPT optimal generation expansion program. I am also
20 responsible for power market analysis and project feasibility studies. I have been
21 responsible for need for power certification on a number of power plants in
22 Florida including Stanton 1 and 2, Cedar Bay, Cane Island 3, McIntosh 5 and the
23 Brandy Branch Combined Cycle Conversion. I also participated in the need for
24 power certification for the Hardee and Hines projects. I have presented expert
25 testimony on several occasions before the Missouri and Florida Public Service

1 Commissions and have presented numerous papers on strategic planning and
2 cogeneration.

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4 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

5 A. The purpose of my testimony is to discuss the economic assumptions and fuel
6 price projections used in the evaluation of the Southern-Florida joint development
7 project. In addition, I will discuss the need for capacity for OUC, KUA and
8 FMPA based on their reliability criteria. I will also discuss other supply-side
9 alternatives considered for each utility, demand-side management, the consistency
10 of the project with Peninsular Florida's needs, and the consequences of delaying
11 the commercial operation of Stanton A.

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13 My testimony will also show that OUC, KUA, and FMPA have adequately
14 explored alternative generating technologies under a number of different load and
15 fuel price scenarios, demonstrating that Stanton A is the most cost effective
16 alternative, and that the project will provide necessary electricity at a reasonable
17 cost, while contributing to the electric system reliability and integrity of OUC,
18 KUA, and FMPA, as well as Peninsular Florida

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20 **Q. Are there sections of the Need for Power Application identified as Exhibit**
21 **OUC-1 _____ and the revisions to the Need for Power Application identified**
22 **as Exhibit OUC-2 _____ that you are sponsoring?**

23 A. Yes. Sections 1A.1, 1A.2, 1A.3.5, 1A.3.8, 1A.5, 1A.6.3, 1A.7, 1A.9, 1A.10,
24 1A.11, 1B.1, 1B.3, 1B.6, 1B.7, 1B.8, 1C.1, 1C.3, 1C.6, 1C.7, 1C.8, 1D.1, 1D.3,
25 1D.6, 1D.7, and 1D.8 and Appendices 1A.D, 1A.E, 1B.B, 1C.A, and 1D.A.

1 **Are you adopting these sections as part of your testimony?**

2 A Yes, I am

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4 **Q. Are there any corrections to these sections?**

5 A. No other than the revisions in OUC-2 _____. The revisions to OUC-2 ____ result
6 from updates to the crude oil forecast, provided by EVA, from application of
7 appropriate escalation rates from the Annual Energy Outlook and from the
8 addition of insurance costs in the FMPA fixed charge rate. While several
9 numbers changed, the results remained the same. OUC-2 _____ also corrected
10 some typographical errors.

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12 **Evaluation Methodology**

13 **Q. Please briefly describe the process that led to the determination that**
14 **participation in the Southern-Florida joint development project represents**
15 **the most cost-effective alternative to meet OUC, KUA, and FMPA's capacity**
16 **need.**

17 A. OUC, KUA, and FMPA went through a multi-stage process to develop the most
18 cost-effective generation expansion plan that meets their respective need for
19 capacity. This process included issuing a request for power supply proposals and
20 a request for joint development proposals. The responses to these request for
21 proposals were evaluated and ranked on a levelized cost per megawatt hour basis.
22 OUC also evaluated a self-build alternative in the same manner. The Southern-
23 Florida proposal was found to be the most cost-effective, and was selected for
24 further negotiations. These negotiations led to development of a Power Purchase
25 Agreement (PPA), as well as other agreements associated with the project. The

1 next step in the evaluation process was to develop individual optimal generation
2 expansion plans for each utility over a 20-year period for a base case and a
3 number of sensitivity cases.

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5 The results of this multi-staged process showed the Southern-Florida joint
6 development proposal was the most cost-effective alternative to allow OUC,
7 KUA, and FMPA to meet their capacity needs

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9 **Economic Criteria**

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11 **Q. Please describe the economic criteria used in the evaluations.**

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13 A. A consistent set of economic criteria were used for the evaluations. A general
14 inflation rate of 2.5 percent was assumed and the general inflation rate was used
15 as the escalation rate for O&M and capital costs. An interest rate of 6.0 was
16 assumed for interest during construction.

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18 Levelized fixed charge rates were developed to apply to the capital costs for new
19 generating units. The fixed charge rate was based on the estimated
20 weighted average cost of capital for OUC of 8 percent with a capital recovery
21 period of 20 years plus one percent for insurance. The resultant annual fixed
22 charge rate is 11.19 percent. KUA's fixed charge rate was assumed to be equal
23 with OUC's. A present worth discount rate of 8 percent equal to the estimated
24 weighted average cost of capital was used for OUC and KUA.

1 FMPA traditionally finances their generating units entirely with tax exempt
2 municipal bonds. The estimated long term tax exempt municipal bond rate is
3 assumed to be 6 percent. The fixed charge rate assuming a 2.9 percent bond
4 issuance fee, a one year debt service reserve fund earning interest at the
5 6 percent bond rate, one percent for insurance and a 30 year bond term is 8.602
6 percent. Due to the relative small amount of equity required for Stanton A,
7 FMPA plans on using the FMPA Pooled Loan Project to finance FMPA's
8 3.5 percent ownership share of Stanton A. The estimated interest rate over a
9 20-year period from FMPA's Pooled Loan Project is 5.0 percent resulting in a
10 fixed charge rate of 9.02 percent including one percent for insurance. A present
11 worth discount rate of 6 percent equal to the long term bond rate was used for
12 FMPA.

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14 **Q. Do you believe these economic criteria are reasonable and appropriate for**
15 **evaluating Stanton A for OUC, KUA, and FMPA?**

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17 **A. Yes I believe these economic criteria are reasonable and appropriate for OUC,**
18 **KUA, and FMPA.**

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20 **Fuel Price Projections**

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22 **Q. Please describe the process undertaken to arrive at the various fuel price**
23 **forecasts presented in the Need for Power Application.**

24 **A. EVA developed a base case forecast in constant dollars for natural gas, crude oil,**
25 **petroleum coke, and coal as presented in the testimony of Stephen Thumb. The**
26 **projections for petroleum coke and coal were on a delivered basis. The fuel price**

1 projections were converted to normal dollars by applying the 2.5 percent general
2 inflation rate to obtain the delivered cost. For evaluation purposes, an assumed
3 \$0.75/MBtu was added to Henry Hub natural gas price to obtain a delivered price.
4 Nuclear fuel prices were based on OUC's 2000 actual costs escalated at the
5 general inflation rate. No.2 and No. 6 oil price projections were developed by
6 applying the ratio of OUC's actual 2000 costs to the projected 2000 crude oil
7 prices. The base case fuel price projections were used for OUC, KUA, and
8 FMPA.

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10 High and low fuel forecasts were developed for each fuel type in the base case
11 forecast, with the exception of petroleum coke. For the high scenario, an
12 additional 2 percent was added to each year's escalation rate, while for the low
13 scenario, the annual escalation rate was reduced by 2 percent. For petroleum
14 coke, EVA provided specific high and low forecasts which were used for the
15 respective fuel price scenarios.

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17 Several other fuel price scenarios were developed. First, fuel prices were
18 assumed to remain constant in real terms. OUC's actual 2000 delivered costs for
19 No. 2 and No. 6 oil, nuclear, and coal were assumed to escalate at the 2.5 percent
20 general inflation rate. For natural gas, the general inflation rate of 2.5 percent was
21 added to the 2000 commodity price and \$0.75/MBtu was added for transportation.
22 Since OUC did not purchase any petroleum coke in 2000, the base case forecast
23 supplied by EVA for 2000 was used as the starting point, with the 2.5 percent
24 general inflation applied.

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1 A fuel price scenario was also analyzed which incorporated projections from the
2 Energy Information Administration's *2001 Annual Energy Outlook (AEO)*. The
3 AEO fuel price forecast provided a constant dollar delivered forecast for coal, as
4 well as for No. 2 and No. 6 oil. AEO's well head projection for natural gas was
5 used and \$0.75/MBtu was added to each year's well head price to determine the
6 delivered natural gas forecast. Since AEO did not provide projections for
7 petroleum coke or nuclear fuel, the base case forecasts for these fuels were used.
8 The 2.5 percent general inflation rate was included in all the fuel price
9 projections.

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11 The final fuel scenario was developed by applying the escalation rates presented
12 in the AEO forecast to the average price paid by OUC in 2000 for natural gas,
13 coal, and No. 2 and No.6 oil. Again, a \$0.75/Mbtu transportation charge was
14 added to each year's natural gas forecast to determine the delivered price. Since
15 AEO forecasts were not available for either petroleum coke or nuclear fuel, the
16 base case forecast for these fuels were used.

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18 **Q. Do you believe the five fuel forecasts developed adequately reflect any fuel**
19 **price scenarios that may reasonably be expected?**

20 A. Yes, I believe the fuel forecasts developed and analyzed adequately reflect any
21 fuel price scenarios that may be reasonably expected. The various forecasts
22 reflect a wide range of fuel prices.

23
24 **Q. Were any demand-side management (DSM) measures in addition to their**
25 **existing programs found to be cost effective for OUC, KUA and FMFA?**

1 A. No. Based on the rate impact test (RIM) there were no additional DSM measures
2 beyond those in their existing programs that were found to be cost effective

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4 **Q. Do you feel that the RIM test is the appropriate criterion for determining if**
5 **DSM measures are cost effective?**

6 A. Yes. For municipalities, I believe that it is appropriate to require that DSM
7 measures pass the RIM test. Programs that do not pass the RIM test will result in
8 increased rates. I also believe that it is appropriate for DSM measures to be
9 required to pass the participant and total resource tests as well.

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11 **Generating Unit Alternatives**

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13 **Q. What generating units were considered as alternatives to Stanton A?**

14 A. A large number of generating unit alternatives were considered including
15 renewable technologies, waste to energy technologies, advanced technologies,
16 energy storage systems, and conventional technologies. Cost and performance
17 characteristics were developed for each of the alternatives.

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19 **Q. Please describe the process through which alternatives were selected for**
20 **detailed analysis.**

21 A. The generating unit alternatives considered were evaluated and screened with
22 respect to availability of resources and commercial development. Generating
23 unit alternatives which were deemed to be commercially available and have
24 adequate resources available were considered for further evaluation. All of the
25 conventional alternatives as well as solar thermal, solar photovoltaic, fuel cells,

1 and supercritical coal units met these criteria. They were compared to similar
2 conventional alternatives on a levelized \$/MWh basis. The conventional
3 alternatives were lower in cost on a \$/MWh basis and thus only the conventional
4 alternatives were considered for further evaluation.

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6 **Q. What conventional alternatives were considered?**

7 A. In general, the conventional alternatives considered included pulverized coal
8 units, fluidized bed units, combined cycle units, and simple cycle combustion
9 turbine units. Specific alternatives were developed for each utility considering
10 their ownership of existing sites, potential for joint participation, and size.

11
12 **Q. Were specific alternatives developed for direct comparison to Stanton A?**

13 A. Yes Initially Black & Veatch developed cost estimates for two 2 x 1 Siemens-
14 Westinghouse 501 F combined cycle units. One configuration incorporated
15 minimum duct firing, while the other configuration incorporated the greatest
16 amount of duct firing possible resulting in a larger unit. The scope and cost
17 estimate for these units are contained in the Need for Power Application Exhibit
18 OUC-1 _____, Appendices 1A.D and 1A.F respectively. OUC used these cost
19 estimates to compare the cost of a self-build alternative to proposals received
20 from the joint development and power supply RFPs.

21
22 **Q. Could OUC obtain combustion turbines in time to achieve the specified**
23 **October 1, 2003 commercial operation date?**

24 A. No. The delivery schedule for new Siemens-Westinghouse combustion turbines
25 was the beginning of 2004. Thus, a 2005 commercial operation date would be the

1 earliest possible commercial operation date Nevertheless the capital cost
2 estimates based on current market prices were useful to OUC in order to indicate
3 the capital cost savings in the proposals in response to the joint development RFP
4 OUC was also able to evaluate the benefit of the earlier commercial operation
5 dates provided in the proposals.

6
7 **Q. Were there any other alternatives available to OUC, KUA and FMPA that**
8 **could be directly compared to Stanton A?**

9 A. Possibly KUA had an option for two General Electric 7 F combustion turbines
10 which was obtained when KUA purchased the combustion turbine for Cane
11 Island 3. The original option for the combustion turbine was scheduled to expire
12 before the proposals from the joint development RFP were due. KUA was able to
13 extend the option for the combustion turbines through the evaluation period for
14 the joint development RFP. Thus, a technically identical self-build alternative
15 utilizing KUA's extended option for combustion turbines with a delivery schedule
16 that would support an October 1, 2003 commercial operation date was available.
17 The estimated cost for the technically identical alternative was based on the actual
18 cost of the combustion turbines under option to KUA. The performance of the
19 self-build alternative was assumed to be identical to Stanton A.

20
21 **Q. Were there any other possible obstacles to the construction of the self-build**
22 **alternative for a commercial operation date of October 1, 2003?**

23 A. Yes First, KUA's combustion turbine option had a provision indicating that the
24 delivery date for the combustion turbines could be subject to General Electric's
25 prior sales Second, the option was not specific as to whether the combustion

1 turbines could be used for a power plant constructed at Stanton Energy Center
2 In the event that the combustion turbines could not be used at Stanton, the project
3 could have been constructed at Cane Island. Finally, OUC would have had to
4 been able to engage a firm to design and construct the project for the October 1,
5 2003 commercial operation date. While adequate time existed for the design and
6 construction of the project, many of the firms providing design and construction
7 services are fully booked through 2003. Nevertheless, cost and performance
8 estimates were developed and used to evaluate the technically identical self-build
9 alternative to Stanton A.

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11 **Q. Are the combustion turbines under KUA's extended option still available?**

12 A. No. The extended option has expired.

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14 **Expansion Planning Methodology**

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16 **Q. Please describe the process used to determine the least cost expansion plan.**

17 A. POWROPT, an optional generation expansion model is used to determine the
18 least cost expansion plan.

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20 **Q. Please describe how POWROPT works.**

21 A. POWROPT is an optional generation expansion model. POWROPT models the
22 utility's existing generating units as well as candidate units. The units are
23 committed and dispatched in a least cost manner as in actual utility operation
24 The simulation calculates fuel and O&M costs on an hourly basis and
25 accumulates the costs on an annual basis. The model projects hourly loads for

1 every year throughout the planning period based on the load forecast. As loads
2 grow and additional capacity is required to meet reserve margin requirements, the
3 model evaluates all combinations of candidate units available to meet the capacity
4 requirements and selects the plan that results in the lowest cumulative present
5 worth costs considering system fuel and O&M costs and annual capital costs
6 obtained by applying an annual fixed charge rate to the capital cost for the new
7 unit installation costs. POWROPT then uses the user specified present worth
8 discount rate to calculate the cumulative present worth of each possible expansion
9 plan that meets the reserve margin requirements and then ranks the expansion
10 plans based on cumulative present worth costs

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12 **Q. What planning period is used for the evaluations?**

13 A. A 20-year planning period from 2000 through 2019 is used

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15 **Q. Is the planning period appropriate?**

16 A. Yes. A 20-year planning period is appropriate and 20-year planning periods have
17 often been used by utilities for evaluating expansion plans.

18
19 **Q. How are the POWROPT results used?**

20 A. The expansion plans developed by POWROPT are modeled by POWRPRO,
21 Black & Veatch's hourly chronological production costing model. POWRPRO
22 provides detailed fuel and O&M costs by unit. These costs are summarized on an
23 annual basis and included with the annual capital costs and any other costs to
24 provide detailed annual costs which are also discounted using the present worth
25 discount rate to provide cumulative present worth costs

1 **Q. Please discuss the sensitivity analyses evaluated.**

2 A. Because the evaluations are based on projections of fuel costs, load forecasts and
3 other parameters which are difficult to accurately project, varying scenarios of
4 fuel cost projections and load forecasts are made and evaluated to determine the
5 robustness of the expansion plan under varying projections for the future. The
6 sensitivity analyses are conducted identically to the base case analyses.

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8 **Reliability Criteria**

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10 **Q. Please explain the concept of a “reliability criteria” and why it is important**
11 **for planning purposes.**

12 A. To serve native load, a utility must have firm capacity resources in excess of its
13 expected firm peak demand. This margin of capacity over firm peak load is
14 needed because factors affecting either demand or supply could cause load to go
15 unserved if a utility maintained only enough resources to meet its expected firm
16 peak demand. On the demand side, higher than expected demand can occur due
17 to a greater number of customers on the system, greater than expected usage per
18 customer, extreme weather conditions, or lower than anticipated demand-side
19 measure impacts. On the supply side, generation capacity could be unavailable
20 due to factors such as forced or scheduled outages on generation equipment,
21 unanticipated transmission constraints limiting power imports, generator deratings
22 due to equipment failures, and unanticipated constraints on fuel supplies or water
23 supplies

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1 Due to uncertainties involved with projecting both demand and available supply,
2 utilities maintain a “margin” of firm capacity resources over and above the
3 anticipated peak level of firm demand. Traditionally in the industry, reserve
4 levels of 15 percent are typical, with some utilities having adopted an even higher
5 reserve margin. The appropriate level of reserve margin varies by utility, but
6 generally, the smaller the utility and the fewer number of interconnections with
7 other utilities, the greater is the reserve margin

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9 **OUC Reliability Criteria**

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11 **Q. What is the target reserve margin adopted by OUC.**

12 A. OUC has adopted a 15 percent reserve margin level. This is based on the work of
13 the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC) which has found that a
14 planned reserve margin criterion of 15 percent is adequate for Peninsular Florida.
15 The 15 percent reserve margin has also been established as a minimum planned
16 reserve margin in Rule 25-6.035(1) Florida Administrative Code for purposes of
17 reserve sharing. Therefore, OUC believes this to be the minimum level it should
18 maintain, consistent with prudent utility planning and Florida regulations.

19
20 **Q. How does the need to meet this reliability criteria impact the timing and need
21 for additional capacity resources for OUC?**

22 A. In order to maintain a 15 percent reserve margin requirement, OUC will likely
23 encounter capacity shortfalls beginning in the summer of 2002. Initially, these
24 capacity needs are small enough that they will likely be met through seasonal
25 power purchases. However, by the winter of 2004, the earliest that new capacity

1 can be brought on-line, the forecast deficit grows to 564 MW with the expiration
2 of the Reliant PPA, and either remains relatively steady or increases thereafter.
3 By the summer of 2019, OUC will require an additional 879 MW of capacity in
4 order to maintain its required reserve margin.

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6 **Q. What generating unit alternatives did OUC consider?**

7 A. OUC considered units that were appropriate in size and technology for OUC's
8 system. For installation by October 1, 2003, OUC considered the Southern-
9 Florida joint development project as well as a technically identical combined
10 cycle unit based on KUA's option for General Electric 7 F combustion turbines.
11 Due to the delivery schedule for F class combustion turbines and the construction
12 and licensing requirements for solid fuel units, no other alternatives were
13 considered available which could meet an October 1, 2003 commercial operation
14 date. Other combustion turbine based technologies including simple cycle 7 F
15 combustion turbines and 2 x 1 501 F combined cycle units were assumed to be
16 available for June 1, 2005 commercial operation date. A circulating fluidized bed
17 unit was assumed to be available in 2005 and an identical pulverized coal unit to
18 Stanton 2 was assumed to be available for commercial operation by June 1, 2006.

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20 **OUC Economic Evaluation and Sensitivity Analyses**

21
22 **Q. What was the conclusion of the detailed economic analysis performed in**
23 **POWROPT/POWRPRO?**

24 A. The economic analysis indicates that participation in the joint development
25 project with Southern-Florida is the most economical option available to OUC.

1 On a cumulative present worth basis, participation in the joint development
2 project results in a \$6.611 million saving as compared to the second least-cost
3 expansion plan.

4
5 **Q. What were the results of the sensitivity analyses for OUC?**

6 A. The sensitivity analyses demonstrate that participation in the joint development
7 project with Southern-Florida is a very sound decision for OUC. The joint
8 development project proves to be the least-cost alternative in all but two of the
9 sensitivity scenarios.

10
11 **Q. What conclusions did you draw from this analysis?**

12 A. Based on the results of the extensive screening analysis and production costing
13 analysis, participation with Southern-Florida in the joint development project
14 proves to be the most cost effective option for OUC's ratepayers under the most
15 likely future conditions expected on the system. It is also the most cost-effective
16 alternative for all but two of the sensitivity scenarios analyzed. Based on these
17 facts, I conclude that the joint development project with Southern-Florida
18 represents the most cost effective option for OUC's ratepayers.

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20 **KUA Reliability Criteria**

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22 **Q. What is the target reserve margin adopted by KUA.**

23 A. KUA has adopted a 15 percent reserve margin level. The FRCC has found that a
24 planned reserve margin criterion of 15 percent is adequate for Peninsular Florida
25 The 15 percent reserve margin has also been established as a minimum planned

1 reserve margin in Rule 25-6.035(1) Florida Administrative Code for purposes of
2 reserve sharing. Therefore, KUA believes this to be the minimum level it should
3 maintain, consistent with prudent utility planning and Florida regulations.
4

5 **Q. How does the need to meet this reliability criteria impact the timing and need**
6 **for additional capacity resources for KUA?**

7 A. In order to maintain a 15 percent reserve margin requirement, KUA will likely
8 encounter capacity shortfalls beginning in the summer of 2004. Initially, these
9 capacity needs are small (11 MW); however, by the summer of 2019, KUA will
10 require an additional 216 MW of capacity in order to maintain its required reserve
11 margin
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13 **KUA Generating Unit Alternatives**
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15 **Q. What generating unit alternatives did KUA consider?**

16 A. Generating unit alternatives considered by KUA were based on sole and joint
17 ownership of alternatives that were judged to be appropriate sizes and technology
18 for KUA's system. Alternatives considered include joint participation in the
19 Southern-Florida joint development project, joint participation in an identical self-
20 build project, joint ownership in a pulverized coal, simple and combined cycle
21 units, as well as sole ownership in simple cycle units.
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23 **Q. What was the conclusion of the detailed economic analysis performed in**
24 **POWROPT/POWRPRO?**
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1 A The economic analysis indicates that participation in the joint development
2 project with Southern-Florida is the most economical option available to KUA
3 On a cumulative present worth basis, participation in the joint development
4 project results in a \$1.621 million saving as compared to the second least-cost
5 expansion plan.

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7 **Q. What were the results of the sensitivity analyses?**

8 A. The sensitivity analyses demonstrate that participation in the joint development
9 project with Southern-Florida is a very sound decision for KUA. The joint
10 development project proves to be the least-cost alternative in all but one of the
11 sensitivity scenarios.

12

13 **Q. What conclusions did you draw from this analysis?**

14 A. Participation with Southern-Florida in the joint development project proves to be
15 the most cost effective option for KUA's ratepayers under the most likely future
16 conditions expected on the system. It is also the most cost-effective alternative
17 for all but one of the sensitivity scenarios analyzed. Based on these facts, I
18 conclude that the joint development project with Southern-Florida is the most cost
19 effective option for KUA's ratepayers

20

21 **Q. What is the target reserve margin adopted by FMPA.**

22 A. FMPA has adopted an 18 percent reserve margin in summer and 15 percent in
23 winter. FRCC has determined that a 15 percent reserve margin is adequate for
24 Peninsular Florida and the PSC has established 15 percent as the minimum
25 reserve margin in Rule 25-6.035(1), Florida Administrative Code, for purposes of

1 reserve sharing. FMPA's 18 percent reserve margin in summer provides
2 additional assurance of reliability of supply.

3
4 **Q. How does the need to meet this reliability criteria impact the timing and need
5 for additional capacity resources for FMPA?**

6 A. In order to maintain an 18 percent summer reserve margin requirement, FMPA
7 will likely encounter capacity shortfalls beginning in the summer of 2003.

8 Initially, these capacity needs are small (39 MW) and, due to the delivery
9 schedule of combustion turbines, must be satisfied with purchased power.

10 However, by the summer of 2019, FMPA will require an additional 617 MW of
11 capacity in order to maintain its required reserve margin.

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13 **FMPA Generating Unit Alternatives**

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15 **Q. What generating unit alternatives did FMPA consider?**

16 A. Generating unit alternatives considered by FMPA were based on sole and joint
17 ownership of alternatives that were judged to be appropriate sizes and technology
18 for FMPA's system. Alternatives considered include joint participation in the
19 Southern-Florida joint development project, joint participation in an identical self-
20 build project, joint ownership in pulverized coal and combined cycle units, as well
21 as sole ownership in the simple cycle units.

22
23 **Q. What was the conclusion of the detailed economic analysis performed in
24 POWROPT/POWRPRO?**

1 A. The economic analysis indicates that participation in the joint development
2 project with Southern-Florida is the most economical option available to FMPA
3 in order to help satisfy its 18 percent summer reserve margin criteria. On a
4 cumulative present worth basis, participation in the joint development project
5 results in a \$38.7 million saving as compared to the second least-cost expansion
6 plan

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8 **Q. What were the results of the sensitivity analyses?**

9 A. The sensitivity analyses demonstrate that participation in the joint development
10 project with Southern-Florida is a very sound decision for FMPA. The joint
11 development project proves to be the least-cost alternative in all but two of the
12 sensitivity scenarios.

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14 **Q. What conclusions did you draw from this analysis?**

15 A. Participation with Southern-Florida in the joint development project proves to be
16 the most cost effective option for FMPA's ratepayers under the most likely future
17 conditions expected on the system. It is also the most cost-effective alternative
18 for all but one of the sensitivity scenarios analyzed. Based on these facts, I
19 conclude that the joint development project with Southern-Florida is the most cost
20 effective option for FMPA's ratepayers

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22 **Peninsular Florida Need**

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24 **Q. Is the proposed project consistent with Peninsular Florida's needs?**

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1 A. Yes. The Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC) is responsible for
2 coordinating power supply reliability in Peninsular Florida for the North
3 American Electric Reliability Council. The FRCC has selected a minimum
4 15 percent reserve margin criterion to ensure reliability for Peninsular Florida. As
5 part of its reliability coordination activities, the FRCC provides an annual
6 summary and report of Peninsular Florida Ten Year Site Plans. The most recent
7 planning summary conducted by FRCC is the 2000 Load and Resource Plan for
8 the State of Florida.

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10 As shown in Section 1A.9 of the Need for Power Application Exhibit OUC-1 ____,
11 Peninsular Florida reserve margins are projected to exceed the 15 percent
12 planning criteria through 2009. Without the inclusion of units that have not yet
13 received certification under the Power Plant Siting Act, this reserve margin would
14 drop below 15 percent in 2004. Thus, the joint development venture with
15 Southern-Florida makes a critical contribution to maintaining Peninsular Florida
16 reliability at acceptable levels.

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18 **Q. In your opinion, will the joint development project with Southern-Florida**
19 **contribute to maintaining reliability and integrity for the OUC, KUA,**
20 **FMPA, and Peninsular Florida systems?**

21 A. Yes. The joint development project utilizes proven F-class combined cycle
22 technology and will provide a reliable source of power to contribute to the OUC,
23 KUA, FMPA, and Peninsular Florida capacity requirements.

24
25 **Consequences of Delay**

1 **Q. What would be the consequences of a significant delay or non-approval of**
2 **the joint development project?**

3 A. In the event that the commercial operation of the joint development project were
4 delayed or not approved, OUC, KUA, and FMPA would experience adverse
5 consequences, both from an economic as well as a reliability perspective.

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7 A delay in the commercial operation of the joint development project would force
8 OUC, KUA, and FMPA to incur additional costs to replace the capacity and
9 energy that Stanton A would otherwise provide. The only generating unit
10 alternative available to meet the October 1, 2003, commercial operation date of
11 Stanton A is an LM 6000. The LM 6000 has a 30 percent higher heat rate than
12 Stanton A, and is considerably more expensive on a \$/kW basis. Additionally, the
13 assumption that a LM 6000 could be available for commercial operation by
14 October of 2003 may be optimistic based on actual delivery schedules. If in fact
15 the delivery schedule would preclude installation of an LM 6000 in a timely
16 fashion, OUC, KUA, and FMPA would be forced to look to purchasing power as
17 a means of satisfying their capacity and energy requirements. In addition to the
18 price of purchase power being uncertain, its availability is perhaps even more
19 questionable

20 In the event that commercial operation of Stanton A is delayed significantly,
21 OUC, KUA, and FMPA would face a collective capacity shortfall of 214 MW by
22 the summer of 2004 even with OUC exercising the full 500 MW available from
23 the Reliant PPA.

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1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JOHN E. HEARN

3 ON BEHALF OF OUC

4 DOCKET NO. 010142-EM

5 March 5, 2001

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7 **Q. Please state your name and address.**

8 A. My name is John E. Hearn. My business address is 500 South Orange
9 Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32802.

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11 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

12 A. I am employed by Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC) as Vice President and
13 Chief Financial Officer.

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15 **Q. Please describe your responsibilities in that position.**

16 A. I am responsible for the financial operations of OUC. Among my duties are
17 financial planning and project financing.

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19 **Q. Please state your educational background and professional experience.**

20 A. I am a graduate of the University of Central Florida with a bachelor's degree
21 in accounting. I am also a certified public accountant in the State of Florida. I
22 previously served as finance director for the City of Kissimmee. I have been
23 with OUC for 14 years.

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25 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

1 A. The purpose of my testimony is to discuss OUC's existing conservation and
2 demand-side management programs and to discuss OUC's ability to finance
3 Stanton A.

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5 **Q. Are there sections of the Need for Power Application identified as Exhibit**
6 **OUC-1__ that you are sponsoring as your testimony?**

7 A. Yes. Sections 1B.5.1 and 1B.9.0.

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9 **Q. Are there any corrections to these sections?**

10 A. No.

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12 **Q. Please describe OUC's current conservation programs that reduce peak**
13 **demands and energy consumption?**

14 A. Significant changes have occurred in the market during the last 5 years.
15 Today there is much more emphasis on competition as the electric industry
16 prepares for deregulation. Economic conditions have changed significantly,
17 for example, the cost of power plants and interest rates have decreased
18 drastically. As a result, conservation programs are not always as cost-
19 effective, but greater emphasis is placed on customer satisfaction. OUC's
20 existing programs include the following:

- 21 • Residential Energy Survey Program
- 22 • Residential Heat Pump Program
- 23 • Residential Weatherization Program
- 24 • Low Income Home Energy Fixup Program
- 25 • Educational Outreach Program

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- Commercial Energy Survey Program

These programs are provided because they have been proven to meet the needs of OUC's customers and contribute to reduction of energy consumption and peak demand. OUC will continue to evaluate DSM programs to identify programs that add customer value.

Q. How does OUC intend to finance its ownership share of Stanton A?

A. No final decision has been made as to the method of financing. As with other recent projects, OUC will assess whether the project should be financed with long-term debt, short-term debt, internally generated funds, or a combination of these sources. As a municipal utility, OUC could finance the project in whole or in part with tax-exempt debt.

Q. Does OUC have the capability to finance the project with long term debt if required?

A. Yes. OUC is financially very healthy. Our debt service coverage ratio for fiscal year 2000 was 2.23. We have strong credit ratings on all of our senior debt consisting of AA+ by Fitch, Aa1 by Moody's, and AA by Standard & Poor's. In fact, no municipal utility in the United States has higher credit ratings. In light of this financial health, OUC has the capacity to finance the project entirely through long-term debt if that proves to be the most appropriate option.

Q. In general, how does OUC recover costs in rates?

1 A. Rates are developed on a cost of service basis. Base rates are set to recover
2 capital costs including the amortization of debt and a return on equity, O&M
3 costs, and administrative and general costs. Fuel and purchase power costs
4 including capacity and energy charges are recovered through a fuel charge.

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6 **Q. How do OUC's wholesale power sales affect rates?**

7 A. OUC's wholesale power sales are generally structured such that fuel is a pass
8 through. The nonfuel revenue from wholesale power sales reduces base rates.

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10 **Q. How did the sale of the Indian River Steam Units affect OUC's rate
11 making process?**

12 A. The sale of the Indian River Steam Units resulted in unique opportunities for
13 OUC.

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15 The proceeds from the sale of the Indian River Steam Units were allocated in
16 three areas. First, the outstanding debt related to the Indian River Steam Units
17 was eliminated. This was accomplished by reducing other borrowing to offset
18 the remaining debt on the Indian River Steam Units. Next, two funds were set
19 up with the remaining proceeds. The first fund was for approximately
20 \$45 million and along with the interest from the second fund is used to offset
21 the higher cost of the Reliant Power Purchase Agreement (Reliant PPA) over
22 the four year term so that the net cost under the Reliant PPA would be the
23 same as if OUC had not sold the Indian River Steam Units. The balance
24 representing approximately \$140 million comprises the second fund which is

1 earmarked either to retire existing generation debt or for new generation such
2 as Stanton A.

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4 **Q. How will the cost for OUC's ownership share of Stanton A be recovered?**

5 A. The capital and O&M costs for OUC's ownership share of Stanton A will be
6 recovered through base rates. As mentioned above, the capital may be paid
7 from funds from the sale of the Indian River Steam Units. The fuel cost will
8 be recovered through the fuel charge.

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10 **Q. How will the cost for OUC's entitlement to purchase power from Stanton
11 A be recovered?**

12 A. OUC's costs for our entitlement to the purchase power from Stanton A will be
13 recovered through the fuel charge.

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15 **Q. Does this conclude your prefiled testimony?**

16 A. Yes it does.

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1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ABANI KUMAR SHARMA

3 ON BEHALF OF KUA

4 DOCKET NO. 010142-EM

5 MARCH 5, 2001
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7 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

8 A. My name is Abani (Ben) Kumar Sharma. My business address is 1701 West
9 Carroll Street, Kissimmee, Florida, 34741.
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11 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

12 A. I am employed by Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA) as Director of Power
13 Supply.
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15 **Q. Please describe your responsibilities in that position**

16 A I am responsible for KUA's Power Supply Department. The department has a
17 staff of 80 employees and an annual operating budget of \$47 million. The
18 department consists of three divisions, which include the power production
19 division, system control division, and the bulk system planning division. As
20 part of my responsibilities, I am also involved in the planning, permitting and
21 construction of new generation facilities, fuel supply and transportation
22 contracting, and purchase power negotiations and contracting. As Director of
23 Power Supply, I am accountable to the President, General Manager, and CEO
24 on all matters concerning the department. I have held this position for eleven
25 and one-half years.

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Q. Please state your professional experience and educational background.

A. I have more than 27 years of professional engineering experience including 22 years of utility experience. Prior to joining KUA, I was employed by the City of Tallahassee Electric Department during the years 1979 through 1989. I began my employment with the City of Tallahassee Electric Department as a System Planning Engineer. I was promoted to Superintendent of Planning in 1981 and after certain reorganization in the department renamed as Superintendent of Planning in 1988. During my period of employment with the City of Tallahassee Electric Department, I was responsible for performing various planning and engineering activities including preparation of Ten-Year Site Plans, initiation of the Jackson Bluff Hydro Electric Project, including completion of the feasibility study, acquisition of DOE grants of \$1.75 million and obtaining the construction and operating license from FERC.

My background includes 4 years of experience with Southern Engineering Company of Atlanta, Georgia. I was responsible for preparation of distribution expansion plans, long-range capacity expansion plans, system design studies and preparation of Power Requirements Studies necessary for cooperatives to acquire REA (now RUS) and Cooperative Financing Corporation (CFC) loans.

I am a registered professional engineer in the States of Florida and Georgia. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1962 from Banaras Engineering College in Banaras, India, and a master's degree in

1 electrical engineering in 1965 from the Georgia Institute of Technology in
2 Atlanta, Georgia.

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4 From 1996 to 2000, I also served as Chairman of Florida Gas Utility (FGU), a
5 non-profit organization which procures natural gas and manages natural gas
6 transportation for its members. Currently FGU has 22 municipal members
7 and three full service industrial members.

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9 As for my community involvement, I was President of the Rotary Club of
10 Kissimmee-West during 1998-1999.

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12 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

13 A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide a description of KUA, discuss
14 KUA's need for Stanton A, describe KUA's benefits from its participation in
15 Stanton A, and to discuss KUA's ability to finance Stanton A. I also will
16 show that Stanton A will provide reliability and integrity to KUA's system,
17 that Stanton A will provide adequate electricity at a reasonable cost to KUA,
18 and that Stanton A is the most cost-effective alternative available to KUA.

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20 **Q. Are there sections of the Need for Power Application identified as Exhibit**
21 **OUC-1__ that you are sponsoring as your testimony?**

22 A Yes. Sections 1C.2.0 and 1C.9.0.

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24 **Q. Are there any corrections to these sections?**

25 A. No.

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2 **Q. Please describe the structure of KUA?**

3 A. Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA) operates as an independent utility
4 authority owned by the City of Kissimmee and is directed by a five-member
5 Board of Directors plus the mayor of the City of Kissimmee who serves as a
6 non-voting member. KUA serves retail customers in Osceola County. The
7 retail customers are located within and outside of the city limits of
8 Kissimmee. The primary goal of KUA is to provide reliable electric service to
9 its customers at the lowest possible cost in an environmentally acceptable
10 manner. In order to accomplish this, KUA has diversified its power supply
11 resources, which are based on KUA's own generation, offsite generation
12 through joint participation projects, and long- and short-term purchase power
13 contracts. Since becoming an independent utility authority, KUA has
14 maintained stable management and has been operated in a very business-like
15 environment

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17 **Q. What generating units does KUA own?**

18 A. KUA owns and operates or has ownership interest in generating units
19 comprised of several technologies, including nuclear, coal fired, diesel, simple
20 cycle combustion turbine, and combined cycle. KUA owns and operates eight
21 diesel generating units and a combined cycle generating unit at the Roy B.
22 Hansel Generating Station in downtown Kissimmee. KUA is a 50 percent
23 owner of Cane Island Unit 1, a simple cycle General Electric LM 6000
24 combustion turbine, and Cane Island Unit 2, a 1 x 1 General Electric 7EA
25 combined cycle project. KUA has a 12.2 percent (9 MW) ownership in

1 OUC's Indian River Combustion Turbine Units A and B and a 0.68 percent (6
2 MW) ownership in Florida Power Corporation's Crystal River Unit 3. KUA
3 also has a 4.8 percent ownership share (21 MW) in OUC's Stanton Energy
4 Center Unit 1. In total, KUA owns 172 MW of capacity based on summer
5 ratings.

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7 **Q. Does KUA have any entitlement to capacity from FMPA projects?**

8 A. Yes. KUA has entitlement to approximately 7 MW of the St. Lucie 2 nuclear
9 unit and 8 MW of the Stanton 1 and 33 MW of the Stanton 2 coal-fueled
10 units. While these entitlements are officially purchase power, they are
11 essentially ownership shares.

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13 **Q. In addition to the entitlement capacity from FMPA, does KUA have any
14 other purchase power?**

15 A. Yes. KUA is purchasing 20 MW through 2003 from Orlando Utilities
16 Commission (OUC).

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18 **Q. Does KUA have any generating units under construction?**

19 A. Yes. KUA is constructing Cane Island Unit 3 which is a 250 MW 1 x 1
20 General Electric 7F combined cycle unit with a scheduled commercial
21 operation date of June 28, 2001. Cane Island 3 received its Need Order on
22 October 7, 1998, and construction commenced in late November of 1999.

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24 **Q. Why is KUA interested in joint participation in Stanton A?**

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1 A. KUA has a need for additional capacity beginning in the summer of 2004. As
2 a smaller utility, it is difficult for KUA to obtain the economies of scale that
3 larger utilities have available to them. To mitigate this disadvantage, KUA
4 has historically used joint participation to obtain the economies of scale from
5 larger projects. This joint participation has been both through participation in
6 projects managed by others such as Stanton 1 and 2, Crystal River 3, and St.
7 Lucie 2, and joint participation in projects managed by KUA such as Cane
8 Island 1, 2, and 3.

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10 OUC and FMPA also have a need for capacity by the summer of 2004. The
11 three utilities decided to jointly explore capacity addition alternatives to
12 benefit from economies of scale as they have on several other existing
13 projects.

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15 **Q. Please discuss KUA's need for Stanton A.**

16 A. KUA has historically been one of the fastest growing utilities in the United
17 States with a 5.7 percent annual growth rate in peak demand over the last ten
18 years. Rapid growth is projected to continue with a 3.7 percent annual growth
19 rate in peak demand projected through the end of the 20-year planning period.
20 The development of the proposed World Exposition Center (Expo Center) is
21 projected to contribute significantly to KUA's load growth. KUA is currently
22 using a 15 percent reserve margin for planning purposes. By the summer of
23 2004, KUA is projected to require additional capacity to meet its reserve
24 margin requirements. Additional capacity is projected to be required
25 regardless of the status of the Expo Center.

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Q. Will KUA fully utilize its entire entitlement in Stanton A beginning in the summer of 2004?

A. KUA is projected to need 11 MW of additional capacity beginning in the summer of 2004 to meet its minimum reserve requirement of 15 percent. Joint participation in Stanton A provides approximately 59 MW of summer capacity to KUA. In order to better take advantage of the benefits of joint participation, KUA and OUC have agreed that OUC will purchase a portion of KUA's excess entitlements.

Q. Is Stanton A the most cost-effective option for KUA?

A. As presented in the Need for Power Application, Exhibit OUC-1 __, KUA has evaluated numerous demand-side and supply-side alternatives to meet capacity requirements. Appropriate alternatives to Stanton A have been evaluated to determine if they are lower in cumulative present worth revenue requirements. Stanton A has proven to be KUA's most cost-effective option through all evaluations as well as a thorough test of the marketplace. Furthermore, the flexibility incorporated in the joint ownership and power purchase agreement for Stanton A provides significant additional benefits to KUA, especially in light of future uncertainties such as the uncertainty associated with the development of the Expo Center and possible deregulation of the utility industry. Also, KUA believes that Stanton A represents minimal cost and performance risk to its customers due to the proven performance of the "F" class combined cycle technology.

1 **Q. How does KUA intend to finance its ownership share of the construction**
2 **of Stanton A?**

3 A. KUA has not made a final decision regarding the financing of KUA's 3.5
4 percent ownership share of Stanton A. The relatively small amount of equity
5 required may come from a number of sources including retained earnings, tax
6 exempt bond proceeds from either existing or future issues, short term
7 commercial paper or similar instruments, or the FMPA Pooled Loan Project.

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9 **Q. What is KUA's overall financial position?**

10 A. KUA is in strong financial position and can support any of the methods of
11 financing discussed above. In Fiscal 2000, KUA operating revenues were
12 \$90.2 million with an operating income of \$7.2 million. KUA's debt service
13 coverage ratio was 1.77 for Fiscal 2000.

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15 **Q. Does Stanton A contribute to providing KUA with adequate electricity at**
16 **a reasonable cost?**

17 A. Yes. The timeframe for Stanton A provides a unique opportunity for KUA to
18 obtain the economies of scale of a large, highly efficient generating unit with
19 an amount of capacity appropriate for KUA's system requirements, thus
20 providing adequate electricity at lower cost than would be available without
21 such a joint participation arrangement.

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23 **Q. Does Stanton A contribute to the reliability and integrity of KUA's**
24 **system?**

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1 A. Yes. Stanton A provides KUA's additional capacity requirements beginning
2 in the summer of 2004, and its proven technology will provide reliable power
3 for KUA's system.

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5 **Q. Generally describe how KUA sets its rates.**

6 A. KUA sets its rates on a cost of service basis by customer class. The rates
7 consist of a base rate component, a fuel component, and a cost of power
8 adjustment comprised of adjustments in the cost of purchase power and fuel.
9 The cost of power adjustment is determined monthly by KUA's Board of
10 Directors. It may be revised monthly or held constant for several months.

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12 **Q. How will the costs for KUA's ownership participation in Station A be
13 recovered?**

14 A. The capital and O&M costs of KUA's ownership participation in Stanton A
15 will ultimately be recovered in base rates. The relatively small amount of
16 capital and O&M cost associated with KUA's ownership share in Stanton A
17 may not require a specific adjustment in base rates. The fuel costs associated
18 with KUA's ownership share of Stanton A will be recovered in the cost of
19 power adjustment. Depending upon the price of natural gas, the cost of power
20 adjustment may decrease with Stanton A.

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22 **Q. How will the costs for the purchase power portion of KUA's entitlement
23 in Stanton A be recovered?**

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1 A. The capacity and fuel costs for KUA's entitlement in the Stanton A PPA will
2 be recovered through cost of power adjustment.

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4 **Q. Does this conclude your prefiled testimony?**

5 A. Yes it does.

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1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JONATHAN SCHAEFER

3 ON BEHALF OF KUA

4 DOCKET NO. 010142-EM

5 MARCH 5, 2001
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7 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

8 A. My name is Jonathan Schaefer and my business address is 1701 West Carroll
9 Street, Kissimmee, Florida 34741.
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11 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

12 A. I am employed by the Kissimmee Utility Authority as a Planning Engineer in the
13 Bulk System Planning division.
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15 **Q. Please describe your responsibilities in that position**

16 A. I am responsible for the preparation of the customer, energy and peak load
17 forecast. In addition, I am also responsible for the preparation of a residential and
18 commercial customer survey. I also assist in the preparation of the fuel and
19 purchased power budget, ten-year site plan and evaluation of power supply
20 alternatives.
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22 **Q. Please state your educational background and professional experience.**

23 A. I earned a Master of Science in Industrial Engineering from the University of
24 Central Florida in Orlando, Florida, a Bachelor of Science in Industrial
25 Engineering from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and I am a

1 candidate for a Master of Science in Systems Management from the Florida
2 Institute of Technology

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4 While employed with KUA, I have also attended a short course in econometrics at
5 the University of California at Berkeley, and several courses on applied business
6 forecasting moderated by Business Forecast Systems.

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8 I have been employed at KUA for seven years as a Planning Engineer. Prior to
9 that I was employed by R.W. Beck, Incorporated, for six years as a consultant.

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11 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

12 A. The purpose of my testimony is to address KUA's need for power in light of the
13 long-term load and energy forecast and existing demand-side management
14 programs.

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16 **Q. Are there sections of the Need for Power Application identified as Exhibit**
17 **OUC-1__ that you are sponsoring as your testimony?**

18 A. Yes. Sections 1C.4.0 and 1C.5.1.

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20 **Q. Are you adopting these sections as part of your testimony?**

21 A. Yes, I am.

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23 **Q. Are there any corrections to these sections?**

24 A. No.

1 **Q. Please describe the methodology used in forecasting KUA's energy**
2 **consumption and power demand.**

3 A. KUA prepares a detailed long-term customer, energy consumption, and power
4 demand forecast using a combination of econometrics, exponential smoothing and
5 linear trending coupled with expert judgement. The detailed forecast is developed
6 on a fiscal year basis (October through September), and serves as a primary driver
7 in annual planning activities.

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9 The econometric models and associated statistical relationships were developed to
10 forecast annual changes in customers and electricity consumption by rate
11 classification as function of demographic, weather and economic factors such as
12 income, temperature, and real price of electricity.

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14 To mitigate the effect of migration among general service demand rate
15 classifications, the general service demand forecast includes all demand rate
16 classifications: demand, large demand, time of use, interruptible, large time of use
17 and contract rate customers. The historical data on accounts billed revealed that
18 no significant change in the number of general service demand accounts has
19 occurred since the rate re-classification in October of 1990. Because of this the
20 customer growth in the general service demand classification was held flat. An
21 econometric model was built for general service demand. However, even though
22 statistically the model was a good fit for the historical period, the projected sales
23 increased too rapidly. These results are unreasonable because the conclusion
24 drawn is that general service demand use per customer is also increasing rapidly,
25 a conclusion that is not supported by historical data. At this point, we met with

1 City of Kissimmee planners, and gathered information on large facilities
2 scheduled to be built in our service territory over the next 5 years. Using planning
3 level estimates of energy consumption per thousand square feet and information
4 provided by City planners, a schedule of spot loads to be phased into our load
5 forecast evenly over a 5 year period was prepared. Also included was an estimate
6 of the World Expo Center beginning phased construction in fiscal year 2001. At
7 the end of the 5 year period, the energy sales in the general service demand rate
8 classification was escalated at 1 percent per year, which was the lowest annual
9 growth experienced in the previous 5 year period. The peak load forecast is
10 derived by applying average system load factors for winter and summer peak
11 demand to the forecast net energy for load.

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13 **Q. What was the source for the input data for the econometric forecast models?**

14 A. Historical customer and energy sales information was taken from our billed
15 revenue report, and monthly peak load information was taken from our monthly
16 operations and maintenance report. Economic and population forecasts from the
17 Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) were included in the
18 analysis as econometric variables. The BEBR economic forecast was utilized
19 through 2010. To develop economic data beyond 2010, the economic data were
20 adjusted by using their rate of change with respect to population in the base case.
21 Weather data was provided the National Climatic Data Center weather station
22 located at the Orlando International Airport. The real price of electricity was
23 calculated by taking projected rate increases from our Finance Department and
24 deflating them by an estimate of the CPI.

1 **Q. Were cases other than the base case analyzed?**

2 A. Yes, in addition to the base case, a high and low load forecast case was analyzed
3 for sensitivity purposes. These were developed by evaluation of BEBR's high
4 and low economic forecast. For data beyond 2010, the rate of change with respect
5 to the population ratio was maintained in the high and low cases.

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7 **Q. How is the impact of conservation reflected in the load forecast?**

8 A. The effects of existing conservation programs are implicitly included in the
9 forecast.

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11 **Q. In your opinion are the assumptions in the base case load forecast reasonable
12 for planning purposes?**

13 A. Yes.

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15 **Q. Describe KUA's current conservation programs that reduce peak demands
16 and energy consumption.**

17 A. KUA is committed to conservation and load management programs and
18 continues to evaluate old and new demand side management (DSM) programs for
19 the electric system that add value for their customers. KUA conservation
20 programs were originally established for the City of Kissimmee under the Florida
21 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FEECA) program. A list of these
22 programs includes the following:

- 23 • Residential Load Management (SAVE)
- 24 • Residential and Energy Audit
- 25 • Fix up program

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- High pressure sodium street lighting/private area lighting conversion
- Elimination of electric strip heating

Q. Does this conclude your prefiled testimony?

A. Yes it does.

1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF RICHARD L. CASEY

3 ON BEHALF OF FMPA

4 DOCKET NO. 010142-EM

5 MARCH 5, 2001

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8 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

9 A. My name is Richard L. Casey. My business mailing address is 8553 Commodity
10 Circle, Orlando, Florida, 32819.

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12 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

13 A. I am employed by Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) as System Planning
14 Manager.

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16 **Q. Please describe your responsibilities in that position.**

17 A. As the System Planning Manager for FMPA, I am responsible for conducting and
18 supervising system planning needs. As System Planning Manager, I have
19 responsibility for managing the Agency's planning functions for its expanding
20 1,000 MW All-Requirements Power Supply Project including production of
21 annual load forecasts, annual reporting to regulatory bodies, transmission
22 planning, demand-side planning, and generation planning. I manage the
23 development, issuance, and evaluation of requests for proposals involving both
24 short-term and long-term purchases and generation construction options. I am also
25 responsible for negotiation of contracts with successful bidders. I am directly

1 responsible for development, modeling, and production of annual O&M budgets
2 for four of the five FMPA power supply projects totaling over \$100 million
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4 **Q. Please state your educational background and professional experience.**

5 A. I received a Bachelors of Science degree in electrical engineering from Lamar
6 University, in Beaumont, Texas. I am a member of the Institute for Electronic &
7 Electrical Engineers (IEEE).

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9 My past 29 years in the electric utility industry have encompassed many facets of
10 the business including distribution engineering and operations, coal mining and
11 rate design and administration. Before joining FMPA, I served as a Transmission
12 Services Consultant for Texas Utilities Electric Co. which required the analysis,
13 development, negotiation, and administration of various contractual arrangements
14 including transmission wheeling service and interconnection agreements, joint
15 transmission line ownership agreements, and microwave interconnection
16 agreements.

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18 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

19 A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide a description of FMPA and the All-
20 Requirements Power Supply Project (All-Requirements Project). I will also
21 discuss the process by which FMPA became involved in the Stanton A joint
22 development project. I will summarize FMPA's load forecast and existing DSM
23 programs. I will summarize the reliability criteria used by FMPA. I will discuss
24 FMPA's ability to finance Stanton A. I will describe the proposed contribution of
25 Stanton A to the reliability and integrity of FMPA's and Peninsular Florida's

1 system I will demonstrate that FMPA adequately explored and evaluated the
2 availability of purchased power options through the two RFP processes. Finally, I
3 will demonstrate that Stanton A provides adequate electricity at a reasonable cost
4 and is the most cost-effective alternative available to FMPA.

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6 **Q. Are there sections of the Need for Power Application identified as Exhibit**
7 **OUC-1__ and the revisions to the Need for Power Application identified as**
8 **OUC-2__ that you are sponsoring as your testimony?**

9 A. Yes. Sections 1D.2.0, 1D.4.0, 1D.5.1, and 1D.9.0.

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11 **Q. Are there any corrections to these sections?**

12 A. No, only the one revision in OUC-2__ indicates that there are nine instead of
13 eight members of the St. Lucie Project that are members of the All-Requirements
14 Project

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16 **Q. Please describe the purpose and structure of FMPA.**

17 A The Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA or Agency) was created on
18 February 24, 1978, under the provisions of the Florida Constitution, the Joint
19 Power Act, and the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969. FMPA was
20 formed to allow its members to cooperate with each other, on the basis of mutual
21 advantage, to provide services and facilities in a manner and in a form of
22 governmental organization relevant to geographic, economic, population, and
23 other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities
24 Specifically, FMPA is involved in the joint financing, construction, acquisition,
25 ownership, management, and operation of electric generation resources. FMPA is

1 governed by a Board of Directors consisting of one representative from each of
2 the 29 municipal members which hires a general manager and establishes
3 operations and policies.

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5 **Q. Please summarize FMPA's existing generation system including purchased**
6 **power and transmission arrangements.**

7 A. FMPA is a project-oriented, joint action agency where each project stands on its
8 own. FMPA currently has five power supply projects in operation: (i) the St.
9 Lucie Project near Fort Pierce, (ii) the Stanton Project in East Orlando, (iii) the
10 Tri-City Project in East Orlando, (iv) the Stanton II Project in East Orlando, and
11 (v) the All-Requirements Project located throughout Florida. The need for
12 Stanton A is based upon the All-Requirements Project participants' load growth
13 and need for power.

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15 **Q. Please describe the All-Requirements Project.**

16 A. The All-Requirements Project was formed on May 1, 1986, initially with five
17 municipal participants and several other municipals have joined over time. The
18 All-Requirements Project participants now consist of:

- 19 • City of Bushnell
- 20 • City of Clewiston
- 21 • City of Fort Meade
- 22 • Fort Pierce Utilities Authority
- 23 • City of Green Cove Springs
- 24 • Town of Havana
- 25 • City of Jacksonville Beach

- 1 • City of Key West
- 2 • City of Leesburg
- 3 • City of Newberry
- 4 • Ocala Electric Utility
- 5 • City of Starke
- 6 • City of Vero Beach

7 Presently Lake Worth Utilities is planned to join in 2002. Under the All-
8 Requirements Project, the Agency is contractually obligated to serve all the power
9 requirements (above certain excluded resources) for the 13 municipal members,
10 which, in turn, are contractually obligated to purchase all their requirements from
11 the Agency to serve retail loads in Florida. Tables 1D.2-4 1D.2-5, and 1D.2-6 of
12 the Need for Power Application Exhibit OUC-1 __ display the existing All-
13 Requirements power supply resources which are owned, purchased from All-
14 Requirements Project participants, and purchased under other contracts with a
15 current total net summer capability of 1203 MW. As a joint operating agency,
16 engaged in the business of generating and transmitting electric energy, the FMPA
17 All-Requirements project is an “Electric Utility” under 403.503(13) Fla. Stat.

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19 FMPA is planning on participating in Lakeland Electric’s proposed McIntosh
20 Unit 4 with a projected commercial operation date of June 2005. Currently,
21 Lakeland Electric and FMPA are evaluating proposals for either construction of a
22 unit at the McIntosh site or purchased power. The proposals are based on solid-
23 fueled units. For evaluation purposes, a 100 MW participation is assumed for
24 FMPA

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1 The capacity and energy for the All-Requirements Project is transmitted to the
2 members primarily utilizing the transmission systems of Florida Power & Light
3 (FPL), Florida Power Corporation (FPC), and Orlando Utilities Commission
4 (OUC) FMPA divides the All-Requirements Project members into two
5 categories: members located in the FPL service area (east cities) and members
6 located in the FPC service area (west cities). Network transmission service for
7 the east cities is provided under an existing agreement with FPL. FMPA began
8 purchasing network transmission service from FPL effective April 1, 1996
9 Network transmission for the west cities is provided under an agreement with
10 FPC

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12 **Q. Why is FMPA interested in joint participation in Stanton A?**

13 A Historically FMPA has jointly participated in projects to obtain economies of
14 scale. These are FPL's St. Lucie Unit 2, OUC's Stanton 1 and 2, OUC's Indian
15 River Combustion Turbines A, B, C, and D, and KUA's Cane Island Units 1, 2,
16 and 3. FMPA along with OUC and KUA identified a need for additional capacity
17 by the summer of 2004 and again decided to investigate joint participation for
18 additional power supplies. To further the benefits of joint participation FMPA,
19 along with the OUC, KUA, and Lakeland Electric formed the Florida Municipal
20 Power Pool (FMPP) to economically dispatch the FMPP members' power supply
21 resources.

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23 **Q. What is FMPA's need for the Stanton Energy Center Combined Cycle
24 Project?**

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1 A. FMPA's All-Requirements Project has been growing rapidly through the addition
2 of new municipal members, with Lake Worth also anticipated to join in 2002
3 FMPA's peak demand is projected to grow at a 1.8 percent annual rate from 2000
4 through the end of the planning period in 2019. The forecast loads are shown in
5 Tables 1D.6-1 and 1D.6-2 of the Need for Power Application Exhibit OUC-1 __.
6 The projected load growth assumes no new members will join after Lake Worth
7 in 2002. FMPA uses an 18 percent summer reserve margin and a 15 percent
8 winter reserve margin as reliability criterion. FMPA's reserve margin is projected
9 to drop to 7.3 percent by the summer of 2004, dictating the need to add capacity.

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11 **Q. Describe the methodology used in forecasting FMPA's electric power peak**
12 **demands and energy production?**

13 A. Several techniques are used to develop portions of the load forecast including: 1)
14 econometric modeling, 2) aggregate econometric modeling of system
15 requirements, 3) statistical analysis techniques, 4) incremental load analysis and
16 5) informed judgement. The forecast methodology varies from member to
17 member to provide the most reliable forecast consistent with available data.
18 Generally, FMPA used Forecast Pro to forecast peak demand and energy
19 requirement loads for its member cities. The forecasts are compared and checked
20 for reasonableness by FMPA and any known unusual incremental load additions
21 or reductions are integrated into the overall forecast.

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23 **Q. Were sensitivity scenarios to the base load forecast evaluated?**

24 A. Uncertainty in assumptions dictate the development of high and low load
25 forecasts to ensure that the addition of Stanton A is the most cost-effective option

1 under reasonable alternative conditions that model the future The high load
2 growth sensitivity assumes an initial value that is 2.9 percent higher than the base
3 case value, as this has been the historical standard deviation from predicted
4 values. For the following years, there is an increase in nominal projected growth
5 of 100 percent of the base case increase for each year The low load growth
6 sensitivity assumes an initial value that is 2.9 percent lower than the base case
7 value, as this has been the historical standard deviation from predicted values.
8 For the following years, there is a decrease in nominal projected growth of
9 50 percent of the base case increase for each year.

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11 **Q. Please describe FMPA's current conservation programs that reduce peak**
12 **demands and energy consumption?**

13 A. FMPA staff and member cities promote conservation programs through a number
14 of methods including providing speakers on energy conservation matters to radio
15 talk shows, civic clubs, churches, schools, and so forth. Additionally, bill inserts
16 are utilized to keep customers aware of available conservation programs. FMPA
17 is also assisting in the development of renewable energy resources by
18 participating in the Utility Photovoltaic Group (UPG). UPG is a non-profit
19 organization formed to accelerate the commercialization of photovoltaic systems
20 for the benefit of electric utilities and their customers. The following is a
21 combined list of conservation programs offered by FMPA members:

- 22 • Residential Energy Audits Program
- 23 • High-Pressure Sodium Outdoor Lighting Conservation
- 24 • Assistance for Commercial/Industrial Audits
- 25 • Commercial Time-of-Use Program

- 1 • Natural Gas Promotion
- 2 • Fix-Up Program for the Elderly and Handicapped
- 3 • Residential Load Management Program
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5 **Q. How does FMPA intend to finance its ownership share of the construction of**
6 **Stanton A?**

7 A. FMPA typically relies on debt financing to fund capital additions to its system.
8 The All-Requirements Project is planning to use the FMPA Pooled Loan Project
9 to obtain the financing for FMPA's 3.5 percent ownership share of Stanton A.
10 The FMPA Pooled Loan Project is a financing pool in which participating
11 members or the Agency itself can obtain loans for electric system projects. The
12 All-Requirements Project can borrow the necessary funds at an interest rate of
13 approximately 5 percent for a period of twenty years.

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15 **Q. Is Stanton A the most cost-effective option for FMPA?**

16 A. FMPA has evaluated numerous demand-side and supply-side alternatives to meet
17 capacity requirements. As discussed in the Need for Power Application Exhibit
18 OUC-1__, FMPA has evaluated appropriate alternatives to Stanton A to determine
19 if they are lower in cumulative present worth revenue requirements. As
20 demonstrated in the Application, Stanton A has proven to be FMPA's most cost-
21 effective option through all evaluations as well as a thorough test of the
22 marketplace. These evaluations are described in more detail in the testimony of
23 Myron Rollins

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25 **Q. Will Stanton A provide FMPA adequate electricity at a reasonable price?**

1 A. Yes. In addition, the flexibility associated with the combination of purchase
2 power from and ownership in Stanton A further enhances the cost-effectiveness of
3 the project.

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5 **Q. Will Stanton A provide reliability and integrity to FMPA's system?**

6 A. Yes. The proven reliability of the equipment to be utilized in Stanton A coupled
7 with the reliability guarantee in the Power Purchase Agreement will contribute to
8 the reliability and integrity of FMPA's system.

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10 **Q. Explain in general how the All-Requirements project recovers costs through**
11 **rates.**

12 A. The All-Requirements project recovers all costs through billing rates. Billing
13 rates consist of customer, demand capacity charges, transmission capacity charge,
14 and energy charge components. These rates are set annually based on expected
15 costs and then are adjusted for any over or under recovery of expenses on a
16 twelve month basis for the capacity charges and on a six month basis for the
17 energy charges.

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20 **Q. How will the costs of FMPA's ownership share of Stanton A be recovered in**
21 **rates?**

22 A. The fixed costs will be recovered through the demand and transmission capacity
23 charge and the variable costs will be recovered through the energy charge

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1 **Q. How will the costs from FMPA's purchase power entitlement in Stanton A be**
2 **recovered in rates?**

3 A. The fixed costs will be recovered through the demand and transmission capacity
4 charge and the variable costs will be recovered through the energy charge

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6 **Q. Does this conclude your prefiled testimony?**

7 A Yes it does.

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