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**VIA FACSIMILE AND FEDERAL EXPRESS
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Lila A. Jaber, Chairman
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: In re: Petition to determine need for an electrical power
plant in Martin County by Florida Power & Light Company
Docket No: 020262-EI

In re: Petition to determine need for an electrical power
plant in Manatee County by Florida Power & Light Company
Docket No. 020263-EI

Dear Chairman Jaber:

As you know, Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) released its supplemental RFP on April 26, 2002. The schedule calls for responsive bids to be submitted to FPL on or before May 24, 2002. Thereafter, FPL will open the bids and commence its evaluation. The evaluation is to be completed and a short list of competing bids announced by June 18, 2002.

FPL would like to offer to the Commission's staff the opportunity to observe the evaluation process as it occurs in Miami. Specifically, FPSC staff members are welcome to visit the offices of FPL's Resource Planning Department at any time throughout the evaluation period and to observe as much of the evaluation process as they feel is necessary. Of course, Staff will continue to have the opportunity to ask questions and educate itself regarding any aspect of the bids or the bid process after the evaluation phase, as occurred in the initial RFP. However, we believe that Staff's observation of the

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evaluation process in real time will provide Staff with a head start in its review of the supplemental bids and bid process.

It is our intent to provide Staff with the same degree of open access to the bids, the bid process, and the people who conduct the evaluation, as was made available to Staff subsequent to the initial RFP, subject to appropriate measures to ensure that the confidentiality of competitively sensitive bid data is maintained.

Staff members who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to observe the bid evaluation process should contact Anne Grealy, Director of Regulatory Affairs, at (305) 552-4332.

Sincerely,



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Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

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