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I wish to the attached Prehearing Statement on behalf of the CITY of NORTH MIAMI for Docket No. 060198-EI. The Public Service Commission Staff Attorney assigned to this matter/Docket Number is Roseanne Gervasi, Esq. I am copying Ms. Gervasi on this electronic filing.

Thank you,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The City of North Miami, a municipal corporation, Petitioner.

In re: Requirement for investor-owned electric Utilities to file ongoing storm preparedness plans and implementation cost estimates. DOCKET NO. 060198-EI) FILED/SERVED: January 10, 2007) FLORIDA BAR NO. 0173071)

DATED: January 10, 2007

CITY OF NORTH MIAMI'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

COMES NOW the City of North Miami pursuant to the Order Establishing Procedure in this docket and files its Prehearing Statement and states as follows:

1.) At the time of the hearing the City of North Miami intends to call the following

witnesses:

a) Terry Lytle- Director of Parks and Recreation, City of North Miami.

Mr. Lytle will discuss the type of trees which are grown in the City and the need for trimming them on a regular basis. He will also discuss the problems caused by infrequent trimming of trees such as trees falling and premature tree failure.

b) Keith Miller- Parks Superintendent, City of North Miami. Mr. Miller will discuss tree trimming standards, integrity of the tree, structural pruning, and the effect of extreme trimming.

2.) None at this time.

3.) It is the City of North Miami's position that FPL should maintain a three year tree trimming cycle in the City of North Miami due to the nature of fast growing trees which are found in the city. North Miami is located in a hurricane prone

area and is known for its tree lined streets and medians. A three year tree trimming schedule would keep trees from interfering with FPL's facilities. Also, a three year maintain schedule is preferable to a six year maintain schedule for reducing Customer Interruptions (CI). The determining factor should be the need to best provide service and prevent service interruptions to the customers along with maintaining the integrity of the trees and preventing tree failure, instead of just cost to FPL.

4.) The issues in this proceeding are:

1) Should Florida Power & Light Company establish a three-year cycle for its vegetation management program within the City of North Miami?

2) Should the docket be closed? North Miami's position is "yes" to issue 1 and, provided that FPL establishes a three-year cycle for its vegetation management program within the City, then the City's position would also be "yes" to issue 2.

5.) Same as 4 above.

6.) There are no pending motions.

7.) None.

8.) The City does not object to any witness' qualifications as expert.

9.) None

WHEREFORE, the City of North Miami, a party to this proceeding and an interested party pursuant to Fla. ADC 25-22.029(3) files its Prehearing Statement.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Prehearing Statement was served via U.S. Mail and electronic mail on this 10th day of January, 2007 to: John T. Butler, Esq., FPL, 700 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach, Florida 33408-0420 and

to Rosanne Gervasi, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, Public Service Commission,
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850.

Respectfully submitted,

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