

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Joint Petition of Florida) DOCKET NO. 920949-EU
Power Corporation and Sebring) ORDER NO. PSC-92-1060-PCO-EU
Utilities Commission for Approval) ISSUED: 09/24/92
of Certain Matters in Connection)
with the Sale of Assets by)
Sebring Utilities Commission to)
Florida Power Corporation.)

ORDER ON PREHEARING PROCEDURE

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 25-22.033(3), Florida Administrative Code, all parties are hereby required, either collectively or individually, to file with the Director of Records and Reporting a prehearing statement on or before October 20, 1992. Each prehearing statement shall set forth the following:

- (a) all known witnesses that may be called and the subject matter of their testimony;
- (b) all known exhibits, their contents, and whether they may be identified on a composite basis and the witness sponsoring each;
- (c) a statement of basic position in the proceeding;
- (d) a statement of each question of fact the party considers at issue and which of the party's witnesses will address the issue;
- (e) a statement of each question of law the party considers at issue;
- (f) a statement of each policy question the party considers at issue and which of the party's witnesses will address the issue;
- (g) a statement of the party's position on each issue identified pursuant to paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) and the appropriate witness;
- (h) a statement of issues that have been stipulated to by the parties;
- (i) a statement of all pending motions or other matters the party seeks action upon; and
- (j) a statement as to any requirement set forth in this order that cannot be complied with, and the reasons therefor.

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The original and fifteen copies of each prehearing statement must be received by the Director of Records and Reporting, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on October 20, 1992. Failure of a party to timely file a prehearing statement shall be a waiver of any issues not raised by other parties or by the Commission Staff. In addition, such failure shall preclude the party from presenting testimony in favor of his or her position on such omitted issues. Copies of prehearing statements shall also be served on all parties. Prehearing statements shall substantially conform to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure requirements as to form, signatures, and certificates.

Each party is required to prefile all exhibits and all direct testimony it intends to sponsor in written form. Prefiled testimony shall be typed on standard 8 1/2 x 11 inch transcript quality paper, double spaced, with 25 numbered lines, in question and answer format, with a sufficient left margin to allow for binding. An original and fifteen copies of each witness's prefiled testimony and each exhibit must be received by the Director of Records and Reporting, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on the due date. Failure of a party to timely prefile exhibits and testimony from any witness in accordance with the foregoing requirements may bar admission of such exhibits and testimony. Copies of all prefiled testimony shall also be served by the sponsoring party on all other parties. Florida Power Corporation's and the Sebring Utilities Commission's prefiled direct testimony will be filed with the Director of Records and Reporting on September 25, 1992. Direct testimony of Intervening parties and staff must be filed with the Director of Records and Reporting on or before October 20, 1992. Finally, the Petitioners' rebuttal testimony, if any, must be filed on or before October 30, 1992.

A final prehearing conference will be held beginning at 1:00 p.m., November 23, 1992, in Room B-45, Fletcher Building, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida. The conditions of Rule 25-22.038(5)(b), Florida Administrative Code, will be met in this case and the following shall apply:

- 1) Any party who fails to attend the final prehearing conference, unless excused by the prehearing officer, will have waived all issues and positions raised in his or her prehearing statement.
- 2) Any issue not raised by a party prior to the issuance of the prehearing order shall be waived by that party, except for good cause shown. A party seeking to raise a

new issue after the issuance of the prehearing order shall demonstrate that: he or she was unable to identify the issue because of the complexity of the matter; discovery or other prehearing procedures were not adequate to fully develop the issues; due diligence was exercised to obtain facts touching on the issue; information obtained subsequent to the issuance of the prehearing order was not previously available to enable the party to identify the issue; and introduction of the issue could not be to the prejudice or surprise of any party. Specific reference shall be made to the information received, and how it enabled the party to identify the issue.

- 3) Unless a matter is not at issue for that party, each party shall diligently endeavor in good faith to take a position on each issue prior to issuance of the prehearing order. When a party is unable to take a position on an issue, he or she shall bring that fact to the attention of the prehearing officer. If the prehearing officer finds that the party has acted diligently and in good faith to take a position, and further finds that the party's failure to take a position will not prejudice other parties or confuse the proceeding, the party may maintain "no position at this time" prior to hearing and thereafter identify his or her position in a post-hearing statement of issues. In the absence of such a finding by the prehearing officer, the party shall have waived the entire issue. When an issue and position have been properly identified, any party may adopt that issue and position in his or her post-hearing statement.

To facilitate the management of documents in this docket, parties and Commission Staff shall submit an exhibit list with their respective prehearing statements. Exhibits will be numbered at the Prehearing Conference. Each exhibit submitted will be numbered at the Prehearing Conference. Each exhibit submitted shall have the following in the upper right-hand corner: the docket number, the witness' name, the word "Exhibit" followed by a blank line for the Exhibit Number, and the title of the exhibit.

An example of the typical exhibit identification format is as follows:

Docket No. 870675-TL
J. Doe Exhibit No. _____
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- 1) It is the policy of the Florida Public Service Commission that all Commission hearings be open to the public at all times. The Commission also recognizes its obligation pursuant to Sections 364.183, 366.093, and 367.156, Florida Statutes, to protect proprietary confidential business information from disclosure outside the proceeding.
- 2) Any party wishing to use any proprietary confidential business information, as that term is defined in Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, shall notify the Prehearing Officer and all parties of record by the time of the Prehearing Conference, or if not known at that time, no later than seven (7) days prior to the beginning of the hearing. The notice shall include a procedure to assure that the confidential nature of the information is preserved as required by statute.
- 3) Failure of any party to comply with 2) above shall be grounds to deny the party the opportunity to present evidence which is proprietary confidential business information.
- 4) When confidential information is used in the hearing, parties must have copies for the Commissioners, necessary staff, and the Court Reporter, in envelopes clearly marked with the nature of the contents. Any party wishing to examine the confidential material that is not subject to an order granting confidentiality shall be provided a copy in the same fashion as provided to the Commissioners, subject to execution of any appropriate protective agreement with the owner of the material.
- 5) Counsel and witnesses are cautioned to avoid verbalizing confidential information in such a way that would compromise the confidential information. Therefore, confidential information should be presented by written exhibit when reasonably possible to do so.
- 6) At the conclusion of that portion of the hearing that involves confidential information, all copies of confidential exhibits shall be returned to the proffering party. If a confidential exhibit has been admitted into evidence, the copy provided to

the Court Reporter shall be retained in the Commission Clerk's confidential files.

The following dates have been established to govern the key activities of this proceeding in order to maintain an orderly procedure:

1. September 25, 1992 - Petitioners' Direct Testimony to be filed
2. October 20, 1992 - Staff and Intervenor Direct testimony to be filed
3. October 20, 1992 - Prehearing Statements to be filed
4. November 23, 1992 - Prehearing Conference
5. October 30, 1992 - Rebuttal Testimony to be filed
6. November 25, 1992 - Discovery closes
7. December 2, 1992 - Hearing
8. December 18, 1992 - Standard order

DISCOVERY PROCEDURES

The hearing in this docket is presently set for December 9, 1992. Unless authorized by the Prehearing Officer for good cause shown, all discovery shall be complete by November 25, 1992.

To facilitate identification, all interrogatories, requests for admissions, and requests for production of documents shall be numbered consecutively. Each set of discovery requests shall be numbered sequentially from any previous set. Unless authorized by the prehearing officer, the following limitations shall apply, which include all subparts:

Interrogatories	75
Requests for Production of Documents	75

Any information provided pursuant to a discovery request for which proprietary confidential business information status is requested shall be treated by the Commission and the parties as confidential. The information shall be exempt from Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, pending a formal ruling on such

request by the Commission, or upon the return of the information to the person providing the information. If no determination of confidentiality has been made and the information has not been used in the proceeding, it shall be returned expeditiously to the person providing the information. If a determination of confidentiality has been made and the information was not entered into the record of the proceeding, it shall be returned to the person providing the information within the time periods set forth in Section 366.097(2), Florida Statutes.

NOTICE

The provisions of Rule 25-22.045, Florida Administrative Code apply to the public hearing to be conducted in this case. In addition to the usual notice provided for public hearings, under subsection (4) of Rule 25-22.045, the Commission may require any public utility involved in this proceeding to publish notice in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the proceeding, and the Commission may require the utilities involved to give notice to their customers by mail. In view of the nature of this case, it is appropriate here to require Florida Power Corporation to publish notice of this proceeding in newspapers of general circulation in the Sebring area no later than October 12, 1992. Furthermore, Florida Power Corporation is required to notify its customers of this proceeding by mail no later than October 12, 1992.

By ORDER of Chairman Thomas M. Beard, as Prehearing Officer,
this 24th day of September, 1992.


THOMAS M. BEARD, Commissioner
and Prehearing Officer

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