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Mr. Steve Tribble Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 890737-PU

Dear Mr. Tribble:

I am enclosing for filing in the above docket a copy of my June 27, 1989 letter to Suzanne Brownless of the Division of Legal Services.

My letter addresses Paul Sexton's June 19, 1989 comments on the Commission Staff's proposed revisions to Rule 25-17.002.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Butler

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Ms. Suzanne Brownless Division of Legal Services Florida Public Service Commission 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32599-0850

Docket No. 890737-PU

Dear Suzanne:

I am writing in response to the comments on Staff's proposed Rule 25-17.002 that were contained in Paul Sexton's June 19, 1989 letter on behalf of the Florida Industrial Cogeneration Association (FICA).

FPL does not object to Staff's proposal for a non-specific rule. FPL also would be satisfied with a properly structured rule that more specifically described the methodology to be used in setting conservation goals (e.g., the rule proposed in FPL's September 14, 1988 petition to initiate rulemaking). However, FPL would vigorously oppose a rule that provides for statewide goals as suggested by FICA.

While there may be a superficial appeal to the uniformity of setting conservation goals on the same statewide basis that is used for supply-side planning, there are significant differences that would make statewide conservation goals inappropriate and unworkable. Weather and other differences among utilities' service territories can make programs that are appropriate for one utility counterproductive for others. Moreover, the concept of statewide supply-side planning is premised on the assumption that a relatively efficient market exists for the purchase and sale of capacity and energy. No such market exists today for the benefits of demand-side activities, and FPL doubts that it would be possible to develop one. There are simply too many nuances and too much uncertainty in the benefits of such activities for them to be bought and sold in a commodities market of the sort that has functioned well on the supply side.

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For these reasons, I urge you to reject FICA's suggestion that conservation goals be set on a statewide basis. FPL is willing to support Staft's proposed Rule 25-17.002, but could not support the rule envisioned by FICA.

Please call me if you have any questions or need any further information.

Sincerely,

John T. Butler

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