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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF ELECTRIC & GAS (KUMMER) ^{OK}
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (CULPEPPER) ^{AC} RVE JBJ

RE: DOCKET NO. 960482-EI - REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER OF
RULE 25-6.0437(7), FILING OF LOAD RESEARCH DATA REPORT BY
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT

AGENDA: APRIL 30, 1996 - REGULAR AGENDA - DECISION PRIOR TO
HEARING - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I:\PSC\EAG\WP\960482.RCM

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should Florida Power and Light Company's (FPL) request for a temporary waiver of Rule 25-6.0437(7), F.A.C., to allow FPL to file the results of its load research study no later than August 30, 1996, be approved?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes.

STAFF ANALYSIS: By letter dated April 12, 1996, FPL has requested a waiver from the requirements of Rule 25-6.0437(7), Florida Administrative Code. Rule 25-6.0437, F.A.C., Cost of Service Load Research, requires all investor-owned utilities to perform periodic load research to support cost of service studies. The rule was adopted to ensure that current load research was available primarily for rate case analysis. In addition to rate cases, load research data is used to allocate demand costs in setting recovery factors for environmental, capacity, and energy conservation clauses.

To perform load research, test meters are set for a statistically determined sample of customers and data is recorded for a calendar year. Subsection 7 of the rule requires the company

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to then file the results of this research within 120 days of the conclusion of the test period, which ended December 31, 1995. Currently, FPL has until the close of business on April 29, 1996, to file its report.

FPL is in the process of changing its load research process from a main-frame to a PC-based system. The new system will, in FPL's estimation, be more cost effective and make load research more accessible. FPL estimates that the required re-engineering and personnel training will delay the report by approximately 4 months. FPL does not have a pending rate case and the data will be available prior to the next recovery clause proceedings. Staff, therefore, does not believe any harm will be done by delaying the report four months. The delay may well be beneficial because FPL will be able to use the additional time to test the new system to make sure it presents reliable results.

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. The docket should remain open until the load research report is filed.

STAFF ANALYSIS: FPL is requesting a temporary waiver with the requirement to be fulfilled by a time certain. Staff, therefore, recommends that this docket remain open until the load research report is submitted. Upon the filing of the report, this docket should be closed.