



**Florida
Power**
CORPORATION

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June 7, 1996

Ms. Blanca S. Bayó, Director
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Florida Public Service Commission
101 East Gaines Street
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960604-EI

Re: Joint Petition for Expedited Approval of Settlement Agreement by
Florida Power Corporation and Ridge Generating Station, L.P.

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and 15 copies of Florida Power Corporation's Request for Confidential Classification. We have previously enclosed in a separate, sealed envelope an unredacted version of Exhibit C to the Joint Petition for which Florida Power is now requesting confidential classification.

Please acknowledge your receipt of the above filing on the enclosed copy of this letter and return to the undersigned. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. Wesley Bailey
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint Petition for Expedited
Approval of Settlement Agreement
by Florida Power Corporation
and Ridge Generating Station, L.P..

Docket No. 960604-EQ

Submitted for filing:
June 7, 1996

**FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Florida Power Corporation ("FPC"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C., requests confidential classification of the highlighted information submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") in FPC's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification filed on May 10, 1996. In support of its request, FPC states:

BACKGROUND

1. On May 10th, 1996, FPC and Ridge Generating Station, L.P. ("Ridge") filed with the Commission their joint petition for expedited approval of a settlement agreement between FPC and Ridge involving the Negotiated Contract for the Purchase of Firm Capacity and Energy from a Qualifying Facility, dated March 8, 1991, between FPC and Ridge.

2. The joint petition included Exhibit C which consists of a table entitled "Ratepayer Benefit - Ridge" in which information of a confidential nature to FPC was redacted. FPC filed a Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification for the information redacted in that table, along with one copy in a separate, sealed envelop in which the confidential portions were shaded. This request provides the justification for confidential classification of the information in that table.

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JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

3. FPC is currently engaged in settlement negotiations with several of its contract Qualifying Facilities ("QFs") in an attempt to resolve various matters in dispute similar to those resolved in FPC's settlement with Ridge. Disclosure of the detailed financial information contained in Exhibit C to the joint petition would seriously impair FPC's ability to negotiate settlements with these other contract QFs on terms favorable to FPC and its ratepayers. If these QFs were to know the financial basis of FPC's settlement with Ridge on the individual issues in dispute or the percentage of total amount in dispute on which settlement was based, they would be unwilling to settle for a lesser amount in their negotiations with FPC, thus effectively establishing a ceiling on the benefits available to Florida Power and its ratepayers from such negotiations.

WHEREFORE, Florida Power Corporation requests that the highlighted information in the table in Exhibit C of the joint petition be classified confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL
FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the within document has been served by U.S. Mail on Mr. Ty Quinn, Wheelabrator Ridge Energy, Inc., Ridge Generating Station, 3131 K-Ville Avenue, Auburndale, Florida 34990 and Richard A. Zambo, Richard A. Zambo, P.A., 598 S.W. Hidden River Avenue, Palm City, Florida 34990 on this 7th day of June, 1996.

J. Wesley Bailey

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June 10, 1996

TO: DIVISION OF APPEALS
 DIVISION OF AUDITING AND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS
 DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS
 DIVISION OF ELECTRIC AND GAS
 DIVISION OF RESEARCH
 DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER
 DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES

FROM: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (WILLIAMS)

RE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION

DOCUMENT NO: 05383-96 (filed 5/13/96)

DESCRIPTION: Ratepayer Benefit-Ridge (Exhibit C to petition)

SOURCE: FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION

DOCKET NO.: 960604-EI

The above material was received with a request for confidentiality (attached). Please prepare a recommendation for the attorney assigned to the case by completing the section below and forwarding a copy of this memorandum, together with a brief memorandum supporting your recommendation, to the attorney. Copies of your recommendation should also be provided to the Division of Records and Reporting and to the Division of Appeals.

Please read each of the following and check if applicable.

The document(s) is (are), in fact, what the utility asserts it (them) to be.