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September 17, 1996

Ms. Blanca S. Bayó, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. **960604-EQ** - 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 fifteen (15) copies of the
Florida Power Corporation's Request for Confidential Classification of DN 07789-
96.

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:
September 17, 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 in DN 07789-96, submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") in FPC's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification filed on July 22nd, 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. On July 22nd, 1996, FPC filed two tables entitled "Ratepayer Benefit - Ridge Curtails to Zero" and "FPC Position" 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 those tables, along with a 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 those tables.

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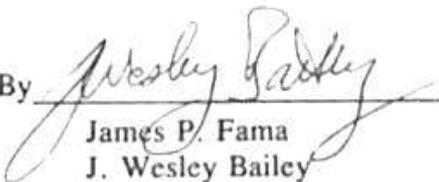
JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

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 DN 07789-96 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 DN 07789-96 be classified confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

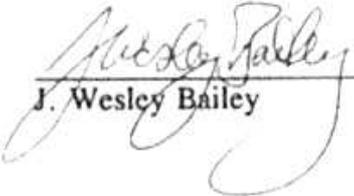
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 17th day of September, 1996.



J. Wesley Bailey