

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition for Expedited)
Approval to Purchase the Tiger)
Bay Cogeneration Facility and)
Terminate Related Purchased)
Power Contracts by Florida)
Power Corporation.)
_____)

Docket No. **970096-EQ**

Filed: February 18, 1997

**THE FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP'S
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Pursuant to rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG), through its undersigned counsel, files this petition to intervene in this docket. As grounds therefor, FIPUG states:

1. All notices, orders and correspondence should be sent to the following on behalf of FIPUG:

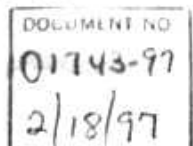
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2. FIPUG is an ad hoc group of industrial users of electricity. FIPUG members use millions of kilowatt hours of electricity per year. This expense comprises one of members' largest variable expenditures.

3. In this docket, Florida Power Corporation (FPC) has asked the



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing FIPUG Petition to Intervene has been furnished by *hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the following this 18th day of February, 1997:

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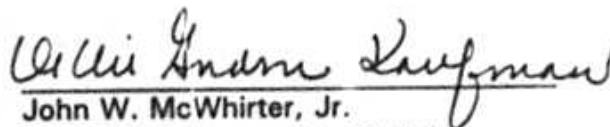
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Commission to approve its purchase of the Tiger Bay cogeneration facility and to pass the cost of the transaction (\$488 million) on to ratepayers to be recovered through the capacity cost recovery clause over a period no greater than five years. In addition, FPC seeks to recover the cost of related gas supply and transportation costs through the fuel adjustment clause.

4. As consumers of large amounts of electricity, if the Commission approves this transaction for recovery from ratepayers, FIPUG members will be subject to assessment for a portion of the costs of this transaction. Therefore, FIPUG's interests will be substantially affected if the Commission approves FPC's request and/or takes any other action in this docket.

WHEREFORE, FIPUG requests that the Commission grant FIPUG's petition to intervene and accord it full party status in this docket.



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Re: Tiger Bay Buyout
Docket No. 970096-EQ

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing and distribution are the original and fifteen copies of The Florida Industrial Power Users Group's Petition to Intervene in the above docket.

Please acknowledge receipt of the above on the extra copy enclosed herein and return it to me. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,

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