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Public Service Commission

DATE: February 19, 1997

TO: Parties of Record

FROM: Blanca S. Bayó, Director *BSB*
Division of Records and Reporting

RE: Docket No. ~~970001-EI~~ - Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause and generating performance incentive factor.

This is to inform you that the Commission has reported the following communication in the above-referenced docket.

- Letter from Senator Charlie Crist, dated February 7, 1997.

The letter from Senator Crist and Commissioners Johnson and Clark's response, copies of which are attached, are being made a part of the record in these proceedings. Pursuant to Section 350.042, F.S., any party who desires to respond to an ex parte communication may do so. The response must be received by the Commission within 10 days after receiving notice that the ex parte communication has been placed on the record. Please mail your response to the Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870.

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Public Service Commission

February 17, 1997

The Honorable Charlie Crist
The Florida Senate
Room 304, Senate Office Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Senator Crist:

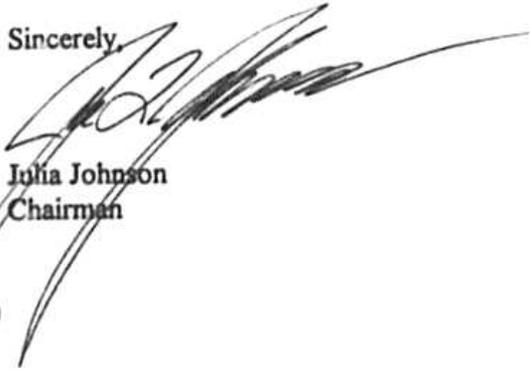
Thank you for your letter concerning the proposed rate increase requested by Florida Power Corporation (FPC) in Docket No 970001-EI, Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause and Generating Performance Incentive Factor. I am prohibited by Florida law from commenting on the merits of pending dockets before the Commission, however, I will share with you some of the procedural aspects of this docket.

FPC's requested increase will be heard by the Commission at our regularly scheduled fuel cost recovery hearing starting February 19, 1997. As you pointed out in your letter, the requested rate increase is primarily due to the Crystal River nuclear unit outage. Specifically, electricity that was generated from nuclear fuel is now being replaced by electricity generated from higher cost fossil fuels. The requested increase is to pay for this higher cost fuel.

In closing, let me assure you that I, along with my fellow Commissioners assigned to this case will thoroughly evaluate all issues brought before us.

If I may be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Julia Johnson
Chairman

JLJ/CJW:ssf
Division of Records and Reporting (Docket No 970001-EI)
Mr. Joe Jenkins, Director, Division of Electric and Gas

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Public Service Commission

February 12, 1997

The Honorable Charlie Crist
Senator, 20th District
The Florida Senate
304 Senate Office Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Dear Senator Crist:

Thank you for your letter of February 7, 1997, regarding Florida Power Corporation's proposed fuel charge increase.

The rate increase proposed by Florida Power Corporation is being considered in the Commission's fuel adjustment proceeding (Docket No. 970001-EI), which is an ongoing proceeding designed to review the fuel costs passed through to customers in the fuel charge. While I am not currently assigned to this proceeding, I can assure you that the Commission very carefully scrutinizes the costs passed through to customers. The Commission conducts audits of the companies' fuel adjustment filings to make sure that only those costs reasonably necessary to acquire fuel are recovered.

The panel assigned to this case will hear testimony and evidence pertaining to this matter during a public hearing scheduled for February 19-21, 1997. It is at this hearing that the Commission would consider evidence relating to any allegations of mismanagement. It is customary for fuel adjustment panels to render "bench decisions," meaning that a decision will likely be made at the hearing directly after the presentation of evidence. The Commission's order is scheduled to be issued on March 12, 1997.

Because this is a pending matter, it would not be appropriate for me to comment on the merits of the



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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

SENATOR CHARLIE CRIST
20th District

COMMITTEES:
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Governmental Reform and Oversight
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Ways and Means,
Sub. D (Criminal Justice)

February 7, 1997

Chairwoman Johnson and Commissioners
Public Service Commissioner
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Commissioner:

I am writing to you about the proposed rate increase by Florida Power.

Recently these rate increases seem to parallel the diversification Florida Power has taken into other businesses. Since they are literally granted a monopoly in the electric power area, this could lead some to believe that these rate increases may be underwriting more than power related activity.

This coupled with the alleged poor management at the Crystal River Nuclear Plant seems to indicate rate increases are used to make up for poor management decisions about their core business.

I would strongly encourage that there be no rate increase granted until these areas of concern are satisfactorily addressed. Even then, I would be most reluctant about the granting of a rate increase due to the fact that Florida Power's customers are already paying the highest rates in the state.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist
Florida Senator

CC/ref

REPLY TO:

- 363 Central Avenue, Suite 1210, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701 (813) 883-6463
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- 304 Senate Office Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (904) 487-6075

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President Pro Tempore

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The Honorable Charlie Crist
February 12, 1997
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proceeding. However, I will place a copy of your letter on the record and give the parties an opportunity to respond.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,



Susan F. Clark
Commissioner

c: Division of Records and Reporting
-- DN970001-EI
Rob Vandiver, General Counsel

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February 17, 1997

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MEMORANDUM

FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

TO: Blanca Bayo
Director of Records and Reporting

FROM: Chairman Julia Johnson *JLJ*

SUBJECT: Letter received from Senator Charlie Crist regarding Docket No. ~~951153-FL~~

970001-EI

Please find attached a letter dated February 7, 1997, from Florida Senator Charlie Crist, and my response to him. Because this letter addresses matters relevant to a pending proceeding, I ask that you place this memorandum and attachments on the record on the above-referenced proceeding.

Also, please give notice of this communication to all parties to the docket, and inform them that they have 10 days from receipt of the notice to file a response.

JLJ:CJW:ssf

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COMPANY NAME: FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

COMPANY CODE: E1802

ACCT NO:

TYPE: SUBJECT: PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

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ASSIGNED TO:

ACTION TAKEN

ACTION DATE

DIVISION ASSIGNED: EAG

RESPONSE: DRAFT LETTER

RESPONSE DATE: 02/13/1997

DATE CLOSED: 02/17/1997

RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS

- PREPARE LETTER FOR THE CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE
- RESPOND TO LETTER AND CC: CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE
- CONTACT ME BEFORE ACTING ON THIS COMPLAINT/INQUIRY
- NO RESPONSE NECESSARY



Public Service Commission

-M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M-

DATE: February 12, 1997

TO: Blanca Bayó, Director of Records and Reporting

FROM: Susan F. Clark, Commissioner *SFC*

RE: Docket No. 970001-EI

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I have attached a copy of a letter dated February 7, 1997, from Florida State Senator Charlie Crist, which references matters at issue in the above-referenced proceedings. I have also attached a copy of my response. Please place this memorandum and attachment on the record of the above-referenced proceedings. Also, please give notice of this communication to all parties to the dockets and inform them that they have 10 days from receipt of the notice in which to file a response.

Attachment

From: Carol Purvis

Confirm receipt

To:

Curtis Williams, Billy Stiles, Brenda Ferris, Charles Rehwinkel, Braulio
Baez

Subject: Ex Parte

===NOTE=====

Commissioner Clark has reported receiving a communication from Senator Charlie Crist, dated February 7, 1997, concerning Docket No. 970001-EI. We are preparing to distribute the communication to the parties to this docket. Would you please advise if your Commissioner also received this communication from Senator Crist.

From: Carol Purvis

To:

Billy Stiles, Braulio Baez, Brenda Ferris, Charles Rehwinkel, Curtis Williams

Subject: fwd: Ex Parte

===NOTE=====2/14/97==2:20pm=====

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Fwd-by:=-Braulio=Baez==2/14/97==2:22pm=====

Fwd to: Carol Purvis

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Our office recieved this letter. It was placed in the intercept file.

From: Carol Purvis

To:

Billy Stiles, Braulio Baez, Brenda Ferris, Charles Rehwinkel, Curtis Williams

Subject: fwd: Ex Parte

===NOTE=====2/14/97==2:20pm=====

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Fwd-by:=-Charles-Rehwi=2/14/97==2:52pm=====

Fwd to: Carol Purvis

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Commissioner Deason received a copy of the same letter. While we do not deem it to be Ex Parte, please consider this to be our reporting that the letter was received.

From: Carol Purvis

CONFIRMED

To:

Billy Stiles, Braulio Baez, Brenda Ferris, Charles Rehwinkel, Curtis Williams

Subject: fwd: Ex Parte

====NOTE=====2/11/97==5:45pm=====

Commissioner Garcia has reported receiving a communication from Mr. Don Patrick, Executive Vice President, St. Augustine Chamber of Commerce, dated February 5, 1997, concerning Docket No. 961153-TL. We are preparing to distribute the communication to the parties to this docket. Would you please advise if your Commissioner also received this communication from Mr. Patrick.

Fwd-by:=-Brenda=Ferris=2/14/97==2:58pm=====

Fwd to: Carol Purvis

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Commissioner Kiesling did not receive this correspondence.

From: Carol Purvis

To: Billy Stiles, Braulio Baez, Brenda Ferris, Charles Rehwinkel, Curtis Williams

Subject: fwd: Ex Parte

===NOTE=====2/14/97==2:20pm=====

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Fwd=by:=-Curtis-Willia=2/17/97=10:08am=====

Fwd to: Carol Purvis

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YES!
