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**Via Hand Delivery**

Re: Petition for Expedited Approval of Settlement Agreement Regarding Negotiated Contract for Purchase of Firm Capacity and Energy from a Qualifying Facility, with Pasco Cogen Ltd. by Florida Power Corporation, Docket No. 961407-EQ

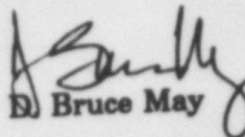
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the docket referenced above are the original and 15 copies of Vastar Gas Marketing, Inc.'s ("VGM") Petition for Leave to Intervene; the original and 15 copies of VGM's Request for Oral Argument; and a diskette containing both pleadings. For purpose of our records, please acknowledge your receipt of this filing on the enclosed copy of this letter.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

  
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cc: All parties of record  
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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In Re: Petition for expedited approval of settlement agreement regarding negotiated contract for purchase of firm capacity and energy from a qualifying facility with Pasco Cogen, Ltd. by Florida Power Corporation )  
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Docket No. 961407-EQ  
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**VASTAR GAS MARKETING, INC.'s  
REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

Vastar Gas Marketing, Inc. ("VGM"), by and through undersigned counsel, pursuant to Rules 25-22.058, Florida Administrative Code, hereby submits this Request for Oral Argument on its Petition for Leave to Intervene in this proceeding which it is filing contemporaneously herewith. In support of its Request for Oral Argument, VGM states:

1. Oral argument would be beneficial in aiding the Commission in comprehending and evaluating the issues raised in VGM's Petition for Leave to Intervene. Oral argument will allow VGM to explain to the Commission how the rights of Pasco Cogen, Ltd.'s fuel suppliers will be materially and adversely affected if the

ACK        Commission approves the Settlement Agreement, and how the Settlement Agreement  
AFA   1   could engender additional litigation. Oral argument will also allow the Commission to  
APP         
CAF        ask questions that may be helpful in resolving the issues raised in VGM's Petition for  
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WHEREFORE, VGM respectfully requests that it be granted oral argument on its Petition for Leave to Intervene.

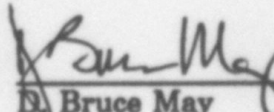
Respectfully submitted,

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Request for Oral Argument was furnished by U.S. mail to James A. McGee, Esq., Florida Power Corporation, P.O. Box 14042, St. Petersburg, FL 33733-4042 and by hand delivery to Lorna R. Wagner, Esq., Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Rm. 370, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 this 20th day of February, 1997.

  
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