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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 970096-EQ

Dear Ms. Bayo:

CC:tr Enclosures

Enclosed for filing in the subject docket is an original and fifteen copies of a Notice of Filing of Revised Statement of Basic Position together with the Statement of Basic Position.

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,

Chris Coutroulis

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Florida Power Corporation ("FPC"), pursuant to the direction of Staff counsel, hereby files the attached revised Statement of Basic Position for inclusion in FPC's Prehearing Statement in place of the Statement of Basic Position contained in the Prehearing Statement as originally filed by FPC.

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C. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

FPC has a unique opportunity to terminate the Tiger Bay contracts, one of FPC's most expensive capacity and energy sources, and purchase the facility. This transaction will save ratepayers an estimated \$1.9 -- \$2.4 billion (\$203 -- \$388 million on an NPV basis). The contemplated five year recovery of the purchase cost through the Capacity Cost Recovery clause, and recovery of the natural gas fuel costs through the Fuel Adjustment Clause, are appropriate. Such an arrangement reasonably balances the savings for ratepayers, avoids a short-term but substantial rate increase, and avoids unfairly burdening FPC's shareholders through a longer recovery period.