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Re: Docket No. **970410-EI**
Proposal to Extend Plan for the Recording of Certain Expenses for the Years
1998 and 1999 for Florida Power & Light Company

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find for filing with the Public Service Commission the original and fifteen copies of the following documents:

1. Response to Florida Power & Light's Motion to Deny and Dismiss the Petition and Protest of AmeriSteel Corporation; and
2. AmeriSteel Corporation's Response to Florida Power & Light Company's Request for Oral Argument.

Thank you for your assistance in filing the above. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Proposal to Extend Plan for
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**AMERISTEEL CORPORATION'S RESPONSE TO
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

On June 10, 1997, Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") filed a Request for Oral Argument on its Motion, filed the same day, to Deny and Dismiss the Petition and Protest of AmeriSteel Corporation to Proposed Agency Action. FPL asserts that oral argument would aid the Commission in determining the permissible scope of this proceeding, particularly "...in view of the application of Florida Statutes, Section 120.80(13)(b)."

By separate pleading, AmeriSteel has filed its Response to FPL's Motion to Deny and Dismiss. To the extent FPL's intent in asking for oral argument is to revisit its opposition to hearings of any kind in this docket, AmeriSteel considers the filed pleadings to provide more than an adequate basis for a decision by the Hearing Officer or the full Commission. Oral argument is not necessary. To the extent FPL is asking the Commission to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in this proceeding, the request for oral argument is premature.

In accordance with established practice, by memo dated May 28, 1997, Robert V. Elias, Chief of Electric and Gas Division, Division of Legal Services, invited parties to submit proposed preliminary list of issues. On June 6, 1997, AmeriSteel and FPL responded with proposed issue lists. Staff thereupon circulated proposed revisions and consolidations of the issues proposed by the parties as well as additional issues. Staff scheduled a meeting held on June 16, 1997, to discuss the

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proposed issues, and hopefully arrive at a consensus among the participants. The meeting was attended by numerous Staff members, AmeriSteel representatives from Tallahassee, Tampa and Washington, D.C., and FPL. FPL, however, refused to discuss the preliminary list of issues and left the meeting. AmeriSteel and Staff reviewed the issues list Staff had compiled and were largely in accord on the issues to be addressed. Apart from FPL's singular point that there are no disputed issues of material fact addressed above, AmeriSteel respectfully urges the Commission to allow Staff and the parties to complete their effort to identify and outline the issues to be heard before hearing oral argument on the scope of the proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,



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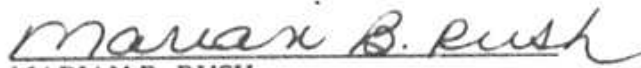
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of AmeriSteel Corporation's Response to Florida Power & Light Company's Request for Oral Argument has been furnished via U.S. Mail on the 20th day of June, 1997, to the following:

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