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Ms. Blanca S. Bayó, Director
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Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket Nos. ~~971313-EU~~ and 971446-EU

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Please include the enclosed in the record of the above-referenced dockets. The letter was addressed individually to each Public Service Commissioner.

Sincerely,

James A. Scott, Chairman
Regulated Industries Committee

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The Honorable Julia Johnson, *Chairman*
Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Dear Chairman Johnson:

My staff has advised me that the Public Service Commission's agenda conference scheduled for December 16, 1997, includes consideration of two petitions for declaratory statements concerning the eligibility of electric companies to seek determinations of need to build large power plants in Florida, even though they would not be regulated by the Public Service Commission pursuant to Chapter 366, F.S.

The complex issues raised by these petitions extend far beyond the interests of the parties involved. In addition to regulatory issues, they raise important statewide policy questions that may affect consumers of electric power throughout the state.

When the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act was enacted during the 1970s, no one contemplated the possibility that it might someday apply to electric companies that do not directly serve retail customers in Florida. Yet that is the interpretation recommended by PSC staff. Without judging the merits of the specific petitions before the Commission, I believe that a policy decision of this magnitude should not be made without a full and complete hearing by the Legislature.

Sincerely,

James A. Scott, *Chairman*
Regulated Industries Committee