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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca Bayó
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Re: Docket No. 971313-EI

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed are the original and 15 copies of IMC-Agrico's Motion for Expedited Consideration in the above docket.

I have enclosed an extra copy of the above document for you to stamp and return to me. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Joseph A. McGlothlin

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of IMC-Agrico Company)
for a Declaratory Statement Confirming)
Non-Jurisdictional Nature of Planned)
Self-Generation.)

Docket No. 971313-EU

Filed: December 19, 1997

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

IMC-Agrico Company ("IMCA"), through its undersigned attorney, moves for expedited consideration of the Petition for Declaratory Statement that initiated this proceeding, and states:

1. On October 10, 1997, IMCA filed a Petition for Declaratory Statement in this docket. In the Petition, IMCA described a proposed business structure for the development and operation of a proposed power plant. IMCA asked the Commission to confirm, through the issuance of a declaratory statement, that the proposed business structure would constitute self-generation as opposed to a retail sale subject to the Commission's regulatory jurisdiction.

2. During the agenda conference of December 16, 1997, the Commission determined to conduct an evidentiary hearing in this docket.

3. The timing of the Commission's decision in this docket is of critical importance to IMCA. The proposal described within the Petition represents IMCA's plan to achieve its business objectives of greater self-reliance and savings in production costs. The savings and reliability that the proposal is designed to achieve are extremely significant to IMCA's ability to compete and survive in its product markets. The date on which IMCA can put the plan into effect is a function of the

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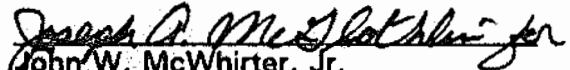
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date on which it receives the confirmation sought in the Petition. To delay the decision would postpone the date when IMCA can begin to realize its objectives.

WHEREFORE, IMCA respectfully requests the Commission to conduct the hearing and its deliberations in this proceeding on an expedited basis.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of IMC-Agrico Company's foregoing **Motion for Expedited Consideration** has been furnished by U.S. Mail or Hand Delivery(*) this **19th day of December, 1997**, to the following:

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