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Re: Docket No. 980001-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPUC") are the following documents:

1. Original and fifteen copies of Petition for Approval of Florida Public Utilities Company's Fuel Adjustment and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Factors;
2. Original and fifteen copies of Direct Testimony of George M. Bachman; and 10893-98
3. Original and fifteen copies of the Composite Exhibit GMB-2 for the Marianna and Escambia Beach divisions.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Fuel and Purchased Power)
 Cost Recovery Clause and Generating)
 Performance Incentive Factor.)
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Docket No. 980001-EI

Filed: October 5, 1998

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF FLORIDA
 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S FUEL ADJUSTMENT
 AND PURCHASED POWER COST RECOVERY FACTORS**

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU"), by and through its undersigned counsel, submits this Petition for approval of FPU's proposed fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors for each of its two electric divisions for the period January 1999 through December 1999. In support of its Petition, FPU states as follows:

1. All notices, pleadings and orders should be directed to:

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and

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2. The exact name of Petitioner and the address of its principal business office is:

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3. In accordance with the procedures established in this docket, FPU has prepared and filed direct testimony¹ and Composite Exhibit GMB-2² in support of its proposed fuel and purchased power adjustment factors. This evidence demonstrates that the total fuel and purchased power adjustment factors for the period January 1999 through December 1999 should be 2.293 cents-per-KWH for the Marianna division and 2.042 cents-per-KWH for the Fernandina Beach division.

4. As demonstrated in the direct testimony and Exhibit GMB-2, the final remaining fuel and purchased power adjustment true-up amounts for the period October 1997 through March 1998 is an over-recovery of \$125,045 for Marianna, and an over-recovery of \$121,303 for Fernandina Beach.

5. The testimony and exhibits also demonstrate that based upon actual data for April 1998 through August 1998 and projected data for September 1998 through December 1998, the estimated fuel and purchased power adjustment true-up amounts for the period April 1998 through December 1998 are an over-recovery of \$64,938 for Marianna, and an under-recovery of \$(5,409) for Fernandina Beach.

6. The total true-up amounts to be refunded for the period January 1999 through December 1999 are \$60,107 for Marianna and \$126,712 for Fernandina Beach. The appropriate leveled fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors for the period January 1999

¹The direct testimony of Mr. George Bachman is filed with this Petition and is incorporated herein.

²Composite Exhibit GMB-2, which consists of Schedules E-1, E1-A, E1-B, E-1B-1, E-2, E-7 and E-10 for Marianna (pages 1-8) and Schedules E-1, E1-A, E1-B, E-1B-1, E -2, E-7, E-8, and E-10 for Fernandina Beach (pages 9-18), is being filed with this Petition and is incorporated herein.

through December 1999, adjusted for line loss multipliers and including taxes, are as follows:

MARIANNA

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
RS	\$0.04077
GS	\$0.04014
GSD	\$0.03584
GSLD	\$0.03461
OL	\$0.02730
SL	\$0.02695

FERNANDINA BEACH

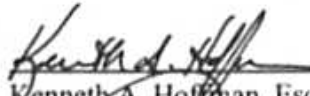
<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
RS	\$0.03762
GS	\$0.03599
GSD	\$0.03297
CSL	\$0.02310
OL	\$0.02310
SL	\$0.02310

7. FPU's approved fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors should be effective for all meter readings on or after January 1, 1999, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January, 1998.

WHEREFORE, Florida Public Utilities Company requests the Commission to approve its above-stated fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors for the Marianna and Fernandina Beach divisions to be applied to customer bills for the period January 1999 through December 1999, and to billings thereafter until such time as another cost recovery factor is approved by the Commission.

Dated this 5th day of October, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



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