

Section 1 - Division of Records and Reporting (RAR) Completes

Docket No. 981390-E1

Date Docketed: 10/22/1995 Title: Investigation into the equity ratio and return on equity of

Florida Power & Light Company.

Company: Florida Power & Light Company

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From: Office of Chairman Joe Garcia

Docket No. 981390-EI

Title: Investigation into the equity ratio and return on equity of Florida Power & Light Company.

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RE:

DOCKET NO. 981390-EI - INVESTIGATION INTO THE EQUITY RATIO AND RETURN ON EQUITY OF FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT

COMPANY

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Attached is an ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL AND CLOSING DOCKET, with attachments, to be issued in the above-referenced docket. (Number of pages in order -3)

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COMPANY

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Attached is an ORDER GRANTING THE FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP'S AND TROPICANA PRODUCTS, INC.'S MOTION TO FILE RESPONSE ONE DAY OUT OF TIME to be issued in the above-referenced docket. (Number of pages in order - 3)

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## Public Service Commission

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DATE: March 2, 1999

TO: Blanca Bayó, Director, Records and Reporting

FROM: Joy Kelly, Chief, Bureau of Reporting

RE: DOCKET NOS. 981390-EI, #12 OF 2-16-99 AGENDA CONFERENCE.

RE: INVESTIGATION INTO THE EQUITY RATIO AND RETURN ON EQUITY OF FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

DOCUMENT NO. 02637, 3-1-99

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### -M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M-

DATE: December 17, 1998

TO: Blanca Bayó, Director, Records and Reporting

FROM: Joy Kelly, Chief, Bureau of Reporting

RE: DOCKET NOS. 981390-EI, #6 of AGENDA CONFERENCE HELD 12-1-98

RE: INVESTIGATION INTO THE EQUITY RATIO AND RETURN ON EQUITY OF FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY.

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DATE: November 5, 1998

TO: Blanca Bayó, Director, Records and Reporting

FROM: Joy Kelly, Chief, Bureau of Reporting

RE: DOCKET NO. 981390-EI.

RE: INVESTIGATION INTO THE EQUITY RATIO AND RETURN ON

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From: Kay Flynn To: Bob Elias

Subject: fwd: 980001/981390

===NOTE==========4/29/99==1:42pm==

Lisa from FPL's office just came in to ask about some interrogatories that were served on FPL back in January. She showed me their copies of the interrogatories. The docket number referenced is 981390. However, the attached certs of service reference 980001. RAR was given a copy of the certs of service only (normal procedure) and we entered them in 990001 (see DNs 00624-99 and 00625-99). I believe the certs should actually have referenced 981390. Lisa said FPL just wants to be sure there aren't any staff interrogatories out there directed to FPL in 990001 (since FPL has never received any such interrogatories). If you can just reply and confirm that we're making the right assumptions here, I'll move those cert of service cys over to 981390 and let FPL know they should have referenced 981390. Kay

Fwd=by:=Bob=Elias=====4/29/99==1:58pm== Fwd to: Kay Flynn CC: Jackie Schindler

You are correct. The interrogatories and request for production have the wrong number on them. Move the certificates and call FPL. Thanks!



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### MEMORANDUM February 12, 1999

TO:

Ms. Blanca S. Bayó, Director

Division of Records & Reporting

Florida Public Service Commission

FROM:

Richard A. Zambo

Florida Bar No. 312525

RE:

Request to add name to lists of "Parties of Record and Interested Persons"

Following up on our FAX of this same date, please add Rich Zambo, of the law firm of Richard A. Zambo, P.A., to the list of "interested parties" in the following Commission Dockets. Mr. Zambo represents the Florida Industrial Cogeneration Association (FICA), whose members have an interest in these proceedings. If you have questions or require further information, please notify this office.

- FPSC Docket No. 980569-PU
   Proposed amendments to Rule 25-4.002, F.A.C., Application and Scope; 25-4.141, etc.
- FPSC Docket No. 981390-E1
   Investigation Into The Equity Ratio And Return On Equity Of Florida Power & Light.
- FPSC Docket No. 981635-EI
   Request For Authority To Establish A Regulatory Liability To Defer 1998 Earnings . . . .
- FPSC Docket No. 981893-EQ
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   Petition By The Citizens Of The State Of Florida For A Full Revenue Requirements

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### FACSIMILE TRANSFER February 12, 1999

TO:

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director

FAX No: (850) 413-7118

Division of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission

RE:

Request to add name to lists of "Parties of Record and Interested Persons"

This document consists of \_1\_ page(s), including this cover page. If you have problems receiving this transmission, please call. For a FAX reply, our number is (561) 220-9402.

Please add Rich Zambo, of the law firm of Richard A. Zambo, P.A., to the list MESSAGE: of "interested parties" in the following Commission Dockets. Mr. Zambo represents the Florida Industrial Cogeneration Association (FICA), whose members have an interest in these proceedings.

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If you have questions or require further information in this regard, please contact this office.

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## Public Service Commission

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DATE: December, 23, 1998

TO: Blanca Bayo, Director, Division of Records and Reporting

FROM: Melinda Butler, Assistant to Commissioner Jacobs 400

RE: Intercepted Communications From an Interested Party Received in

Docket No: 981390

This office has received the attached correspondence of Jay Taber. The correspondence has not been viewed or considered in any way by Commissioner Jacobs. Under the terms of the advisory opinion from the Commission on Ethics (issued July 24, 1991 as COE 91-33-JULY 19, 1991), the following letter does not constitute an ex parte communication by virtue of the fact that it was not shown to the Commissioner. Because it is not deemed to be an ex parte communication, it does not require dissemination to parties pursuant to the provisions of Section 350.042, Florida Statutes. However; in such cases Commissioner Jacobs has requested that a copy of the correspondence and this memo, as a matter of routine, be placed in the correspondence side of the file in this docket.

November 25, 1998
Commissioner Leon Jacobs
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida, 32399

Dear Commissioner Jacobs:

return on equity. I have read in the Sun Sentinel, (copy enclosed) where FPL is disputing the PSC's staff comparison with other electric utilities concerning their 12 percent rate of return. As a former employee of Florida Power And Light, I am appalled by the attitude of FPL concerning their

In the past 3 years FPL has used its increased profits not to reduce its rates and pass the savings on to the ratepayer, but to add to its war chest by buying other power plants in the northeast and in other countries. Why should the ratepayers have to fund their expansion when we will not see any benefits?

its expansion agenda. ctilities are now monopolies, and yet FPL still argues that their current rate of return is justified to continue The Public Service Commission is the only voice the ratepayer has in light of the fact that all electric

workforce to under 10,000 employees. At the same time, it continually cut the salaries of its remaining employees by eliminating the higher pay classifications and lowering limits and midpoints of remaining workforce from 16.000 plus employees to less than 11,000. Since 1995 FPL has continued to cut its Back in 1991, 1993, and 1995, FPL reduced its operating and maintenance costs by slashing their salary bands forcing employees to take the lower pay scale.

employees they were cutting costs and it was a take it or leave it proposition. I finally left in 1995 Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi, where they made their comparisons. Management told their the cost of living for their employees was higher in Florida than in states such as Georgia, North and South southeast were paying their employees for the same jobs performed. FPL did not want to hear the fact that They justified this action by studies they took comparing what other electric utilities throughout the

Now that the shoe's on the other foot, FPL argues the PSC staff is unjustified in comparing other electric utilities lower rate of return with theirs.

If the shoe fits...

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### FPL profit case critical, win or lose

By ANTONIO FINS Business Writer

Florida Power & Light customers could find out this week whether there's a shot at a partial refund of their electric bills.

Discussions among financial analysts at the Public Service Commission, FPL and an array of "interested parties" are expected to reach a conclusion by noon Thursday.

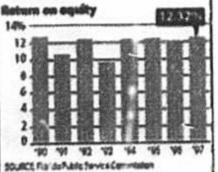
The outcome of those discussions could take any number of turns. The PSC could side with FPL and not take any action. Or public service commissioners could schedule a hearing to consider ordering a refund of money consumers have paid to FPL in the past. Regulators have not speculated how much money a refund could put back in the pockets of FPL customers.

The dispute centers on two financial calculations: return on equity and equity ratio. Both terms relate to how profitable an investment in the utility's stock is. The higher the return and the equity ratio go, the better it gets for investors.

No one questions that FPL is profitable. Earnings have risen steadily through the last four years as the utility slashed costs. Through the first nine months of 1998, FPL's profits of \$571 million outpaced last year's

### Power play

FPL's return on equity, which determines how much the utility can profit for its parent FPL Group, is one factor used to determine the rates the utility's customers pay.



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comparable total by \$43 million.

Since 1995, FPL's profits would have topped the permitted levels, if not for hundreds of millions of dollars in additional commissionapproved expenses.

The question before regulators now is how much should FPL keep for itself and its shareholders? The answer lies in large part on the return and equity ratios, two calculations that help

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determine how much money the utility may charge its 3.6 million customers.

The PSC staff, in a series of recommendations made Oct. 22, argues that FPL's return and equity ratios could be too high and the commission should hold a hearing to determine whether they should be lowered. If commissioners agree, one result could be a customer refund.

FPL argues that the PSC staff recommendations are wrong.

"We ask that the commission take the longer view toward addressing the best interests of the customers and not look to what I think is more of a short-term perspective," said Matthew Childs, an attorney representing FPL, during a presentation to the commission on Nov. 3.

Officials from the PSC, FPL and others involved in the talks did not comment for this article, citing an agreement to keep negotiations

confidential.

Documents filed in the case show that arguments orbiting the utility's return are clearcut: The PSC staff and FPL simply disagree on what the actual target for FPL profits should be.

Right now, FPL is permitted to earn a return on equity within a range of 11 percent to 13 percent with a midpoint target of 12 percent. That has been the goal every year since 1993.

Bond yield drops

However, the PSC staff notes the target figure was chosen in part because, at the time, a 30-year U.S. Treasury bond was offering a 6.62 percent yield.

In September, the staff now points out, the yield dropped to 5.19 percent and even more recently reached "historic lows."

On top of this, the staff says, regulators in other states, including Missouri and New York, have set returns for some utilities at much lower levels, ranging from 9.5 percent to 11.25 percent.

"Based upon the decline in interest rates and the levels of returns approved in other jurisdictions, it appears the currently allowed (return on equity for FPL) is excessive," the PSC staff concluded in its October report.

FPL disputes that assessment.

The utility denies the 12 percent return is unwarranted.

FPL said the PSC's comparison with other utilities is a flawed one because the power companies are not entirely similar.

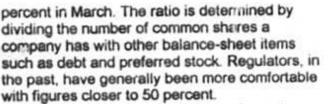
FPL said some of the companies the PSC staff is pointing at, including Empire District Electric based in Missouri, simply distribute power generated by someone else.

By contrast, FPL generates and distributes power. The long-term costs of building, maintaining and operating power plants, FPL said, makes comparisons to nongenerating utilities unfair.

### Equity ratio rises

The other leg of the talks, which center on FPL's equity ratio, is more complex. In those talks, regulators and FPL generally agree on the numbers but dispute their significance.

FPL's equity ratio, the PSC staff said, has increased from 48.6 percent in 1994 to 64.1



Regulators say the 64.1 percent figure is "excessive" and worry that it may "increase tile overall cost of capital" and, thus, increase the charges passed on to consumers in the future.

The PSC staff also said a higher equity ratio has not helped FPL borrow at a cheaper rate, so the risk of higher capital costs outweighs any current benefits.

### Interpreting numbers

FPL has countered those arguments in the past, saying the high ratio levels the PSC staff is concerned with are misleading because they do not include FPL's contracts to buy power from other electricity producers. According to the New York-based rating agency Standard & Poor's, FPL has \$1.2 billion in such obligations. If that amount is treated as debt in calculating the equity ratio, the utility's ratio is a more palatable 54.9 percent.

Regulators point out that S&P assigns FPL's power contracts low-risk ratings. And two of the contracts on the list, those with a pair of West Palm Beach generators, are in litigation that could spare FPL the total cost of the contract in the future.

Regulators also note the utility's sister subsidiary, FPL Group Capital, has an equity ratio of 40.2 percent, which is lower than desired. FPL Group Capital is the unit that finances out-of-state investments by the utility's parent company. Since January, FPL's parent company has been working to buy power plants in the Northeast for about \$1 billion.

Regulators suggest the commission should examine whether "FPL's ratepayers are subsidizing FPL Group's riskier investments" and compensating for its lower ratio.

FPL disagrees with the staff's assessments. First, the utility argues the reason its equity ratio has increased is because the company has cut costs and reduced debt.

### Debt level reduced

The company points out that operating and

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DATE: November 19, 1998

TO: Blanca Bayo, Director, Division of Records and Reporting

FROM: Bill Berg, Assistant to Commissioner Deason 100

RE: Intercepted Communications From an Interested Party Received in Docket No:

981390-EI

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November 2, 1998

Florida Public Service Comm. Commissioner Deason

Julia L. Johnson, Chair Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oaks Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Florida Public Service Commission ("FPSC") Docket No. 981390-EI/ Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") / Investigation into the Equity Ratio and Return on Equity of Florida Power & Light Company

Dear Commissioner Johnson:

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Sincerely

Robert Sands Corporate Director

**Building Operations** 

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J. Terry Deason

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## Public Service Commission

November 18, 1998



### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director

Records and Reporting

FROM:

Curtis Williams

Executive Assistant to Chairman Johnson

SUBJECT:

Intercepted Communication received from Mr. Robert Sands

Corporate Director of Building Operations, Harris Corporation

re Docket No. 981390-EI

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November 2, 1998

Julia L. Johnson, Chair Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oaks Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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To: Julia Johnson

Subject: fwd: Sprint Fort Myers

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From: Captain Bob Swindell <swindell@flinet.com>

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November 5, 1998

Public Service Commission

Division of Consumer Affairs:

2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard

The Betty Easley Conference Center

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0867

Attn.: Julia L. Johnson, Chairman

#### Dear Commissioner Johnson:

I have enclosed the communications that I have had with Sprint. I have been trying to get the monies they owe me since July 1998.

The credit was due to them placing unauthorized service on our phone. This service was not even permitted under their own regulation&s. It was made to appear as part of the basic charge so it would go undiscovered. They eventually issued a credit, but refuse to refund my

I have called them eight (8) times, yes count them, Sally, Tammy, Sonya, Malisa, Eddie, Mrs. Walton and two persons from their treasury. I been promised the money each time. It takes over fifteen minutes to contact someone each time.

I would appreciate any effort you make to add your voice to mine.

Maybe someone will give you a straight answer.

Sincerely yours,

11/16/98

7:27pm

Printed by Curtis Williams

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From: HHALL @ SMTP (Hank Hall) (hhall@mods.net)

To: Julia Johnson Subject: fwd: FP&L

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To: jljohnso@psc.state.fl.us

Subject: FP&L

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I will try to make this story short. Due to a divorce and subsequent move to a new home in West Palm Beach, I encountered a concern that need to be addressed. FP&L has a policy that allow previous customers to move their service to a new location if you physically relocate within their coverage area. The problem lye in that if one of the parties(Husband/Wife) move to a new location that policy/credit will not

be extended to the party whose name don't appear on the FP&L application. The FP&L application only allow one party to sign-upper household for service and then it penalizes the other long standing party for moving to a new location. I was told by FP&L that if neither party pay the bill, both will be held responsible but If one party move to a new location because his/her name didn't appear on the application,

that person will not get credit for a outstanding relationship over the years with FP&L.

One of two things must happen either FP&L get rid of such ploicy/credit for all customers so that everyone must repay when one relocates signee or not; and this must include businesses as well, or extend this credit

to all good standing clients. I did not have this problem with Bell South or my long distance carrier. Please have someone contact me. I think the PSC's mission statement need to be revisited or maybe I need a

better understanding of your mission.

MAYBE THEIR NEED TO BE A PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE PEOPLE ONLY!!! DISCRIMINATION ON ANY LEVEL IS A SERIOUS CONCERN.

Henry L. Hall 561.682.9214

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## Public Service Commission

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DATE: November 5, 1998

TO: Blanca Bayo, Director, Division of Records and Reporting

FROM: Melinda Butler, Assistant to Commissioner Jacobs

RE: Communication From an Interested Party Received in

Docket No: 981390-EI

This office has received the attached correspondence of Michael T. Caldwell. (Please note that the attached file mentioned at the end of the correspondence was lost in cyberspace. Under the terms of the advisory opinion from the Commission on Ethics (issued July 24, 1991 as COE 91-33-JULY 19, 1991), the following letter does not constitute an ex parte communication because it appears that a residential ratepayer was representing himself without compensation. Given that it is not deemed to be an ex parte communication, it does not require dissemination to parties pursuant to the provisions of Section 350.042, Florida Statutes. However; in such cases Commissioner Jacobs has requested that a copy of the correspondence and this memo be placed in the correspondence side of the file in this docket.

From: MIKEC996 @ SMTP (mikec996) (mikec996@gateway.net)

To: Julia Johnson

Subject: Need for detailed rate review of Florida Power & Light Company

---NOTE-----10/28/98--2:35am------

CC: Joe Garcia, Leon Jacobs, Susan Clark

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To: <JLJOHNSO@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

Cc: "JGARCIA" <JGARCIA@PSC.STATE.FL.US>, "LJACOBS" <LJACOBS@PSC.STATE.FL.US>,

"SCLARK" <SCLARK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>

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To: The Honorable Julia Johnson, Chair, Florida Public Service Commission

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These are just some of the many items that have not been scrutinized by the PSC in over a decade. With inflation at an all time low and significant changes in the company and the electric industry as a whole, it is time for a detailed rate review. Even though these are time consuming and costly, once every fifteen years is not too much to ensure that the ratepayer is being protected.

I hope that you will seriously consider a detailed rate review. If you have any questions, please contact me at 305-233-7779 or email at mikec996@gateway.net

Sincerely.

Michael T. Caldwell 12540 SW 108 Avenue Miami, Florida 33176

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October 28, 1998

Michael T. Caldwell 12540 SW 108 Avenue Miami, FL 33176

The Honorable Chair Julia L. Johnson Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Hearing on Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) Profits

Dear Commissioner Johnson.

I read with interest the Miami Herald article of October 24,1998 regarding the FPSC's call for a hearing on whether FPL Group's profits are too high. I believe that the FPSC: hould not only review the company's profits but should also perform a detailed review of all of FPL Group's rates, operations and expenditures.

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These are just some of the many items that need to be more closely scrutinized by the FPSC. With the significant changes that have taken place at FPL, in the electric industry as a whole, and in the economy, it is time for a detailed rate review to ensure that the interests of the ratepayer are protected. I hope that you will seriously consider a full detailed rate review of FPL.

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Sincerely,

Michael T. Caldwell

cc: Commissioner Clark

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November 5, 1998

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Mr. Robert Sands, Corporate Director Building Operations Harris Corporation 1025 West NASA Boulevard Melbourne, FL 32919

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As you know, Commission action on Staff's recommendation has been deferred pending further negotiations. Harris Corporation is participating in those negotiations. On behalf of the Staff, we appreciate Harris Corporation's participation and look forward to reaching a satisfactory resolution of these issues.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Elias, Bureau Chief Division of Legal Services

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Agenda for Commission Conference November 3, 1998

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Critical Date(s): None

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Issue 1: Should the Commission hold a hearing to determine the appropriate equity ratio and return on equity (ROE) for Florida Power & Light Company (FPL)?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff believes information exists suggesting that FPL's equity ratio is excessive and that its currently authorized ROE, 12.0%, exceeds a reasonable return required by investors. The Commission should hold a limited proceeding hearing to determine the appropriate equity ratio and ROE for FPL for all regulatory purposes.

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. The docket should remain open for a hearing.



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October 27, 1998

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Dear Ms. Bayo:

Please accept this letter as our official request to be put on the mailing list for the following docket(s):

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Michelle Hershel

Director of Regulatory

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Sincerely

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