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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for
determination of need for an
electrical power plant in
Okeechobee County by Okeechobee
Generating Company, L.L.C.

DOCKET NO. 991462-EU

FILED: FEBRUARY 24, 2000

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-0290-PCO-EU, issued February 11, 2000, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

Staff has no witnesses at this time.

b. All Known Exhibits

Staff has no exhibits at this time.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Is there a need for the Okeechobee Generating Project taking into account the need for electric System reliability and integrity, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes?

Position: No position pending further discovery and evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 2: Is there a need for the Okeechobee Generating Project taking into account the need for adequate electricity at a reasonable cost, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes?

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Position: No position pending further discovery and evidence adduced at hearing.

Issue 3: Is the Okeechobee Generating Project the most cost-effective alternative available, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes?

Position: No position pending further discovery and evidence adduced at hearing.

Issue 4: Are there any conservation measures taken by or reasonably available to the petitioner which might mitigate the need for the proposed power plant?

Position: No position pending further discovery and evidence adduced at hearing.

Issue 5: Does the Commission have sufficient information to assess the need for the proposed power plant under the criteria set forth in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes?

Position: No position pending further discovery and evidence adduced at hearing.

Issue 6: Can the existing Peninsular Florida transmission system accommodate power deliveries from the Okeechobee Generating Project to other utilities in Peninsular Florida?

Position: No position pending further discovery and evidence adduced at hearing.

Issue 7: Would granting the determination of need for the Okeechobee Generating Project be consistent with the public interest and the best interests of electric customers in Florida?

Position: No position pending further discovery and evidence adduced at hearing.

Issue 8: Based on the resolution of the foregoing issues, should the petition of Okeechobee Generating Company for determination of need for the Okeechobee Generating Project be granted?

Position: No position pending further discovery and evidence adduced at hearing.

Issue 9: Should this docket be closed?

Position: No position pending further discovery and evidence adduced at hearing.


e. Pending Motions:

Staff has no pending motions.

f. Compliance with Order No. PSC-00-0290-PCO-EU

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of February, 2000.



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that one true and correct copy of Staff's
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