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DECEMBER 19, 2000

RE: DOCKET NO. 001064-EI - Petition for determination of need for Hines Unit 2 Power Plant by Florida Power Corporation.

Issue 1: Is Florida Power Corporation an "applicant" within the meaning of the Siting Act and Section 403.519, Florida Statutes?

Stipulated Position: Yes. FPC is an "applicant" within the meaning of the Siting Act and Section 403.519, Florida Statutes.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the stipulation.

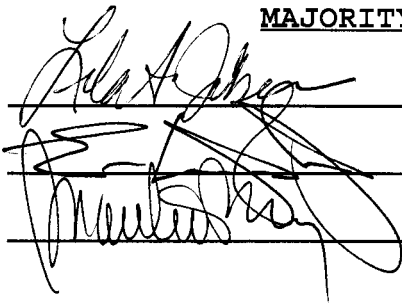
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Issue 2: Is the output of the proposed Hines Unit 2 fully committed for use by Florida customers who purchase electrical power at retail rates?

Stipulated Position: Yes. The proposed Hines Unit 2 will be fully committed to helping FPC meet its obligation to provide reliable electric service to ratepayers at a reasonable cost. This does not preclude FPC from making wholesale sales inside and outside the state when it is in the best interests of FPC's retail ratepayers. The entire Hines 2 plant will count toward FPC's reserve margin.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the stipulation.

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Issue 3: Is there a need for the proposed Hines Unit 2, taking into account the need for electric system reliability and integrity, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes?

Recommendation: Yes. Florida Power Corporation has a need for additional capacity, but the need for Hines Unit 2 is primarily driven by cost-effectiveness as discussed in Issue 7.

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Issue 4: Is there a need for the proposed Hines Unit 2, taking into account the need for adequate electricity at a reasonable cost, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes?

Recommendation: Yes. As discussed in Issue 3, Hines 2 will contribute to the reliability of FPC's system. The cost of the electricity to be provided by Hines 2 appears to be reasonable based on cost-effectiveness.

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Issue 5: Has Florida Power Corporation met the requirements of Rule 25-22.0826, Florida Administrative Code, "Selection of Generating Capacity," by conducting a fair bid process?

Recommendation: Yes. FPC's bidding process complied with Rule 25-22.0826, Florida Administrative Code. Whether the bid process was fair is subjective.

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Issue 6: Stricken pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-1933-PCO-EI.

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Issue 7: Is the proposed Hines Unit 2 the most cost-effective alternative available, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519?

Recommendation: Yes. Hines 2 appears to be the most cost-effective alternative over the 25 years during which FPC's ratepayers will be obligated for the costs of the unit. FPC should be responsive to unforeseen changes in its forecasts for load, energy, fuel prices, environmental factors and other changes in regulation which may affect continued cost-effectiveness of Hines 2. If the Commission wishes to further explore the policy of obligating customers for the 25-year life of a power plant, a rulemaking docket may be opened.

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Issue 8: Are there any conservation measures taken by or reasonably available to Florida Power Corporation which might mitigate the need for the proposed power plant?

Stipulated Position: There are no conservation measures taken by or reasonably available to FPC which might mitigate the need for the proposed power plant.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the stipulation.

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Issue 9: Based on the resolution of the foregoing issues, should the Commission grant Florida Power Corporation's petition to determine the need for the proposed Hines Unit 2?

Recommendation: Yes.

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Issue 10: Have all requests for confidentiality been addressed?

Recommendation: Yes.

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Issue 11: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: The docket should be closed after the time for filing an appeal has run.

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