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January 17, 2001

Florida Public Service Commission
Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Records and Reporting
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

201783-64

RE: Application of Florida Public Utilities Company for Authority to Issue and Sell Securities During the Calendar Year 2001 Pursuant to Section 366.04, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 25-8, Florida Administrative Code

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Florida Public Utilities Company has enclosed for filing an original and five copies, of the amended, Page 4 of the Application of Florida Public Utilities Company for Authority to Issue and Sell Securities. Page 4 has been revised to state "in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$ 60,000,000".

Please let us know if you or your staff have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl M. Martin".

Cheryl M. Martin
Manager of Corporate Accounting

Enclosure

CC: Mr. George M. Bachman
Mr. Jack Brown
Mr. Jack English
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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) seeks permission to issue and sell and/or exchange any combination of the long-term debt, short-term notes and equity securities described below and/or to assume liabilities or obligations as guarantor, endorser or surety in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$60,000,000 during the calendar year 2001.

The long-term debt securities may include first mortgage bonds, medium-term notes, debentures convertible or exchangeable debentures, notes, convertible or exchangeable notes, or other straight debt or hybrid debt securities, whether secured or unsecured, with maturities ranging from one to one hundred years. The expected interest rate on long-term debenture bonds is 8.50 %.

The short-term notes with a maturity of less than three years are to bear interest at the London Interbank Offered Rates (LIBOR) plus 50 basis points. Authority to issue up to \$ 25,000,000 of short-term notes will give the Company financial flexibility with respect to future permanent financing. At the present time the interest rate is 7.12 %.

The equity securities would be common stock issued at Fair Market Value less any issuance costs. The expected dividend rate would be \$.72 per share annually. The expected issuance price would be \$ 16 per share (net) with a maximum number of shares to be issued of 2,000,000.

6. Purposes of Issues

(a)(b)(c) The net proceeds to be received from the issuance and sale and/or exchange of the debt and equity securities will be added to FPUC's

Amended 1/17/01