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Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director  
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RE: Docket No. 000824-EI

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official docket file.

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cc: Chairman Jacobs  
Commissioner Deason  
Commissioner Jaber  
Commissioner Baez  
Commissioner Palecki

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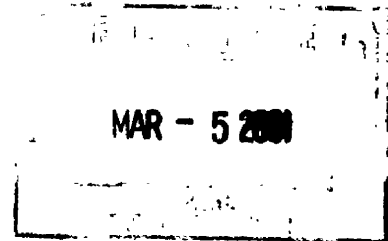


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Mr. William Talbott  
Executive Director  
Florida Public Service Commission  
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Re: Docket No. 000824-EI

Dear Mr. Talbott:

As you know, Staff's recommendation in the subject earnings review docket is scheduled to be filed shortly and considered by the Commission at its March 13, 2001 Agenda Conference. I understand that Staff may intend to recommend that the Commission take some form of formal action in an attempt to move the issues pending in the docket toward resolution. Florida Power is concerned that taking such action could be detrimental to ongoing informal discussions with Staff and interested parties regarding these issues that may occur in the future.

Because of this concern, Florida Power proposes as an alternative that Staff's currently scheduled recommendation be indefinitely deferred in order to allow future discussions with Staff and interested parties to proceed unfettered by formal Commission action. This would also facilitate these discussions by allowing time to resolve the uncertainty that presently surrounds the outcome of industry restructuring proposals in the current legislative session. To ensure ratepayers are fully protected, Florida Power agrees that, in the event the Commission subsequently decides to take formal action under the interim rate statute, the effective date of that action may be the same as if the Commission had taken the action at the March 13, 2001 Agenda Conference.

Very truly yours,



James A. McGee

JAM/scc