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**Re: Florida Power & Light Company's Request for
Confidential Classification of Certain Material
Provided in Connection with the Monthly Fuel Filings;
Docket No. 010001-EI**

Dear Ms. Bayó:

I enclose and hand you herewith for filing in the above-referenced matter, the original and five (5) copies of Florida Power & Light Company's ("FPL") Request for Confidential Classification. The original includes Attachments A, B, and C. The five copies include only Attachments B and C.

Attachment A contains the confidential information that is the subject of FPL's Request for Confidential Classification. Attachment A is submitted for filing in a separate, sealed folder or carton marked "**ATTACHMENT A – CONFIDENTIAL**". Attachment B is an edited version of Attachment A, in which the information FPL asserts is confidential has been blocked out. Attachment C contains FPL's justification for its request for confidential classification.

In accordance with Rule 25-22.006(3)(d), FPL requests confidential treatment of the information in Attachment A pending disposition of FPL's request for Confidential Classification.

Also included herewith is a computer diskette containing FPL's Request for Confidential Classification and Attachment C, in Word Perfect version 6/7/8.

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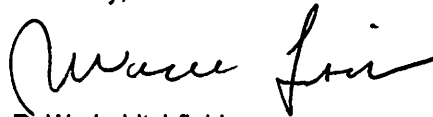
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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you or your Staff have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Wade Litchfield". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.

R. Wade Litchfield

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Enclosures

cc: Service List (w/out Attachment A)

**BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Fuel and Purchased Power) DOCKET NO. 000001-EI
Cost Recovery Clause and Generating)
Performance Incentive Factor) FILED: April 18, 2001

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

NOW, BEFORE THIS COMMISSION, through undersigned counsel, comes Florida Power & Light Company (“FPL” and, pursuant to section 25-22.006 of the Florida Administrative Code and section 366.093 of the Florida Statutes, hereby requests confidential classification of certain information on Florida Public Service Commission (“FPSC” or “Commission”) Form 423-1(a) submitted in Docket No. 000001-EI. In support of its Request, FPL states as follows:

1. Petitioner’s principal business address is as follows:

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2. The following attachments are included herewith and made a part hereof:

a. Attachment A is the complete and unedited version of FPL's January 2001 Form 423-1(a) which contains certain information that FPL asserts should be accorded confidential treatment. The information in Attachment A for which FPL seeks confidential classification has been highlighted. Attachment A is submitted separately in a sealed envelope marked "**CONFIDENTIAL**".

b. Attachment B is the edited version of Attachment A. All information that FPL asserts is entitled to confidential treatment has been blocked out in Attachment B.

c. Attachment C identifies information for which confidential treatment is sought and, with regard to each item or type of information, contains a brief statement that explains the need for confidentiality and refers to the specific statutory basis or bases for the request.

3. Pursuant to section 366.093, FPL seeks confidential protection for the information highlighted in Attachment A. FPL submits that such information is proprietary confidential business information within the meaning of section 366.093(3). Pursuant to section 366.093, such materials are entitled to confidential treatment and are exempt from the disclosure provisions of the public records law. Thus, once the Commission determines that the information in question is proprietary confidential business information, the Commission is not required to engage in any further analysis or review such as weighing the harm of disclosure against the public interest in access to the information.

4. FPL requests that the Commission make the following findings with respect to the No. 6 fuel oil information identified as confidential on Attachments A and C:

The No. 2 and No. 6 fuel oil data identified are contractual data; and FPL's ability to procure No. 2 and No. 6 fuel oil, terminaling and transportation services, and petroleum inspection services is reasonably likely to be impaired by the disclosure of the information identified because:

- (1) the markets in which FPL, as a buyer, must procure No. 2 and No. 6 fuel oil, terminaling and transportation services, and fuel inspection services are oligopolistic;
- (2) FPL, as a substantial buyer in an oligopolistic market may obtain price concessions not available to other buyers; and
- (3) the disclosure of such concessions likely would end them, resulting in higher prices to FPL.

5. FPL requests that the information for which FPL seeks confidential classification not be declassified until the dates specified on Attachment C in order to allow FPL a reasonable period of time within which to negotiate future contracts. Disclosure prior to the requested dates for declassification would impair FPL's ability to negotiate future contracts.

6. The statutory bases and support for FPL's assertion of confidentiality with regard to specific items or types of information are set forth in Attachment C. The information for which confidential classification is sought is intended to be and is treated by FPL as confidential and, to the best of FPL's knowledge and belief, has not been publicly disclosed.

7. Upon a finding by the Commission that the material in Attachment A for which FPL seeks confidential treatment is proprietary confidential business information within the meaning of section 366.093(3), pursuant to section 366.093(4) such materials should not be declassified until the end of the protective period set by the Commission.

Further, the materials should be returned to FPL as soon as the information is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business.

WHEREFORE, for the above and foregoing reasons, including those set forth in the supporting materials included herewith, Florida Power & Light Company respectfully requests that its Request for Confidential Classification be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



R. WADE LITCHFIELD

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, THE UNDERSIGNED COUNSEL, HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of Florida Power & Light Company's Request for Confidential Classification, without Attachment A, has been served via first class mail, postage prepaid to the parties listed below, this 18th day of April, 2001:

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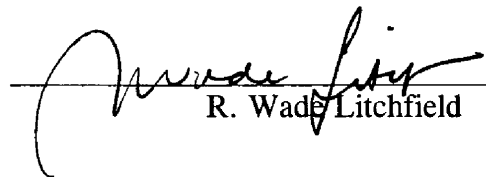
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ATTACHMENT A

FPSC FORM NO. 423-1(a)

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ATTACHMENT B

FPSC FORM NO. 423-1(a)
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MONTHLY REPORT OF COST AND QUALITY OF FUEL OIL FOR ELECTRIC PLANTS
DETAIL OF INVOICE AND TRANSPORTATION CHARGES

FPSC FORM NO. 423-1 (a)

1. REPORTING MONTH: JAN YEAR: 2001

2. REPORTING COMPANY: FLORIDA POWER LIGHT COMPANY

3. NAME, TITLE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON CONCERNING DATA
SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM: RITA MCLELLAN, REGULATORY AFFAIRS, (305) 552 - 4069

4. SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL SUBMITTING REPORT: 

5. DATE COMPLETED: 03/20/2001

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)
LINE NO.	PLANT	SUPPLIER	DELIVERY LOCATION	DELIVERY DATE	TYPE OIL	VOLUME (BBL)	INVOICE PRICE (\$/BBL)	INVOICE AMOUNT (\$)	DISCOUNT (\$)	NET AMOUNT (\$)	NET PRICE (\$/BBL)	QUALITY ADJUST. (\$/BBL)	EFFECTIVE PUR PRICE (\$/BBL)	TRANSP TO TERM (\$/BBL)	ADDITIONAL TRANS CHGS (\$/BBL)	OTHER CHGS (\$/BBL)	DELIVERED PRICE (\$/BBL)
1	CAPE CANAVERAL	COASTAL	PORT CANAVERAL	01/25/200	F06	138872											30.3465
2	PT. EVERGLADES	COASTAL	PORT EVERGLADES	01/04/200	F06	269643											26.8292
3	PT. EVERGLADES	COASTAL	PORT EVERGLADES	01/14/200	F06	132203											27.5792
4	TURKEY POINT	COASTAL	FISHER ISLAND	01/15/200	F06	150085											28.1179
5	FT. MYERS	FAMM	BOCA GRANDE	01/01/200	F06	83116											21.7198
6	FT. MYERS	FAMM	BOCA GRANDE	01/08/200	F06	83035											22.8658
7	FT. MYERS	FAMM	BOCA GRANDE	01/15/200	F06	82304											23.6188
8	FT. MYERS	FAMM	BOCA GRANDE	01/23/200	F06	80986											25.6308
9	FT. MYERS	FAMM	BOCA GRANDE	01/31/200	F06	83141											24.6388
10	CAPE CANAVERAL	NOVARCO	PORT CANAVERAL	01/03/200	F06	191789											27.4195
11	MANATEE	NOVARCO	PORT MANATEE	01/30/200	F06	275478											27.0107
12	SANFORD	NOVARCO	JACKSONVILLE	01/01/200	F06	72708											28.1301
13	SANFORD	NOVARCO	JACKSONVILLE	01/14/200	F06	233656											25.5041
14	SANFORD	NOVARCO	JACKSONVILLE	01/30/200	F06	229642											27.3671
15	CAPE CANAVERAL	COASTAL	PORT CANAVERAL	01/21/200	F06	168747											30.6565
16	MARTIN	COASTAL	PALM BEACH	01/02/200	F06	108439											28.7929
17	PT. EVERGLADES	COASTAL	PORT EVERGLADES	01/28/200	F06	100983											30.0342
18	MANATEE	GLENCORE	PORT MANATEE	01/02/200	F06	120245											26.6857
19	MANATEE	GLENCORE	PORT MANATEE	01/24/200	F06	119496											29.8947
20	RIVIERA	GLENCORE	RIVIERA	01/13/200	F06	120335											28.8420
21	PT. EVERGLADES	KOCH	PORT EVERGLADES	01/23/200	F06	159143											26.0442
22	MARTIN	NOVARCO	PALM BEACH	01/08/200	F06	144704											29.1379
23	MARTIN	NOVARCO	PALM BEACH	01/20/200	F06	145458											31.3309
24	MARTIN	NOVARCO	PALM BEACH	01/31/200	F06	143909											30.7799
25	RIVIERA	NOVARCO	RIVIERA	01/10/200	F06	117096											22.1370
26	RIVIERA	NOVARCO	RIVIERA	01/21/200	F06	117573											23.1120
27	MARTIN	VITOL	PALM BEACH	01/27/200	F06	137601											30.7279
28	TURKEY POINT	COASTAL		01/09/200	FO2	125											48.6700
29	TURKEY POINT	COASTAL		01/24/200	FO2	175											48.6700
30	TURKEY POINT	COASTAL		01/27/200	FO2	107											41.9700

MONTHLY REPORT OF COST AND QUALITY OF FUEL OIL FOR ELECTRIC PLANTS
 DETAIL OF INVOICE AND TRANSPORTATION CHARGES

FPSC FORM NO. 423-1 (a)

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3. NAME, TITLE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON CONCERNING DATA
 SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM: RITA MCLELLAN, REGULATORY AFFAIRS, (305) 552 - 4069

4. SIGNATURE OF OFFICIAL SUBMITTING REPORT: *Paul A. Kamm*

5. DATE COMPLETED: 03/20/2001

(A) LINE NO.	(B) PLANT	(C) SUPPLIER	(D) DELIVERY LOCATION	(E) DELIVERY DATE	(F) TYPE OIL	(G) VOLUME (BBL)	(H) INVOICE PRICE (\$/BBL)	(I) INVOICE AMOUNT (\$)	(J) DISCOUNT (\$)	(K) NET AMOUNT (\$)	(L) NET PRICE (\$/BBL)	(M) QUALITY ADJUST. (\$/BBL)	(N) EFFECTIVE PUR PRICE (\$/BBL)	(O) TRANSP TO TERM (\$/BBL)	(P) ADDITIONAL TRANS CHGS (\$/BBL)	(Q) OTHER CHGS (\$/BBL)	(R) DELIVERED PRICE (\$/BBL)
31	MARTIN	COASTAL		01/18/200	FO2	360											44.0600
32	MARTIN	COASTAL		01/19/200	FO2	362											45.9500
33	MARTIN	PORT		01/17/200	FO2	362											44.6900
34	FT. MYERS	BP		01/30/200	FO3	99908											37.8700
35	PFL	COASTAL		01/26/200	FO3	1142											39.0000
36	PFL	COASTAL		01/29/200	FO3	1153											39.0000
37	PFL	COASTAL		01/30/200	FO3	1153											39.0000
38	PFL	COASTAL		01/31/200	FO3	1341											39.0000
39	PT. EVERGLADES	COASTAL		01/05/200	FO3	10043											37.3900
40	PT. EVERGLADES	COASTAL		01/25/200	FO3	15052											37.0700
41	PFL	COASTAL		01/08/200	FO3	1014											39.0000
42	PFL	COASTAL		01/09/200	FO3	941											39.0000
43	PFL	COASTAL		01/10/200	FO3	1139											39.0000
44	PFL	COASTAL		01/11/200	FO3	1362											39.0000
45	PFL	COASTAL		01/12/200	FO3	1150											39.0000
46	PFL	COASTAL		01/15/200	FO3	1015											39.0000
47	PFL	COASTAL		01/16/200	FO3	1170											39.0000
48	PFL	COASTAL		01/17/200	FO3	1109											39.0000
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51	PFL	COASTAL		01/20/200	FO3	606											39.0000
52	PFL	COASTAL		01/22/200	FO3	680											39.0000
53	PFL	COASTAL		01/23/200	FO3	1108											39.0000
54	PFL	COASTAL		01/24/200	FO3	1118											39.0000
55	PFL	COASTAL		01/25/200	FO3	1119											39.0000
56	FT. MYERS	GEORGE		01/05/200	FO3	23322											39.8100
57	FT. MYERS	GEORGE		01/14/200	FO3	22177											38.0700
58	PPN	STEUART		01/19/200	FO3	14931											43.3700
59	PPN	STEUART		01/22/200	FO3	15028											42.0100
60	PT. EVERGLADES	AMERIGAS		01/24/200	PRO	13	55.9400	727	0	727	55.9400	0.0000	55.9400	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	55.9400

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61	RIVIERA	AMERIGAS		01/15/200	PRO	6	61.0900	367	0	367	61.0900	0.0000	61.0900	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	61.0900
62	RIVIERA	AMERIGAS		01/30/200	PRO	8	56.9300	455	0	455	56.9300	0.0000	56.9300	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	56.9300
63	PT. EVERGLADES	AMERIGAS		01/05/200	PRO	13	60.9300	792	0	792	60.9300	0.0000	60.9300	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	60.9300
64	TURKEY POINT	AMERIGAS		01/26/200	PRO	7	55.8600	391	0	391	55.8600	0.0000	55.8600	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	55.8600
65	MARTIN	INDIANTOWN		01/16/200	PRO	11	53.7600	591	0	591	53.7600	0.0000	53.7600	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	53.7600
66	MARTIN	INDIANTOWN		01/24/200	PRO	9	53.7600	484	0	484	53.7600	0.0000	53.7600	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	53.7600
67	CAPE CANAVERAL	SUBURBAN		01/29/200	PRO	7	62.7100	439	0	439	62.7100	0.0000	62.7100	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	62.7100
68	MANATEE	SUBURBAN		01/05/200	PRO	5	54.7500	274	0	274	54.7500	0.0000	54.7500	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	54.7500
69	MANATEE	SUBURBAN		01/16/200	PRO	5	62.7400	314	0	314	62.7400	0.0000	62.7400	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	62.7400
70	SANFORD	SUBURBAN		01/19/200	PRO	10	62.6700	627	0	627	62.6700	0.0000	62.6700	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	62.6700

ATTACHMENT C

**Docket No. 010001-EI
January, 2001**

Justification for Confidentiality for January, 2001 Report:

<u>FORM</u>	<u>LINE(S)</u>	<u>COLUMN</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>
423-1(a)	1 - 59	H	(1)
423-1(a)	1 - 59	I	(2)
423-1(a)	1 - 59	J	(2), (3)
423-1(a)	1 - 59	K	(2)
423-1(a)	1 - 59	L	(2)
423-1(a)	1 - 59	M	(2), (4)
423-1(a)	1 - 59	N	(2), (5)
423-1(a)	1 - 59	P	(6), (7)
423-1(a)	1 - 59	Q	(6), (7)

Rationale for confidentiality:

- (1) This information is contractual information which, if made public, "would impair the efforts of [FPL] to contract for goods or services on favorable terms." Section 366.093(3)(d), Fla. Stat. (1995). The information delineates the price per barrel FPL has paid for fuel oil for specific shipments from specific suppliers. This information would allow suppliers to compare an individual supplier's price with the market quote for that date of delivery and thereby determine the contract pricing formula between FPL and that supplier.

Contract pricing formulas generally contain two components, which are: (1) a markup in the market quoted price for that day; and (2) a transportation charge for delivery at an FPL chosen port of delivery. Discounts and quality adjustment components of fuel price contract formulas are discussed in paragraphs 3 and 4. Disclosure of the invoice price would allow suppliers to determine the contract price formula of their competitors. The knowledge of others' prices (*i.e.*, contract formulas) among fuel oil suppliers is reasonably likely to cause the suppliers to converge on a target price, or to follow a price leader, effectively eliminating any opportunity for a major buyer like FPL to obtain price concessions from any one supplier. The end result is reasonably likely to be increased No. 6 fuel oil prices and therefore increased electric rates.

- (2) The contract data found in Columns I through N are an algebraic function of Column H. That is, the publication of these Columns together, or independently, could allow a supplier to derive the invoice price of oil.
- (3) Some FPL fuel contracts provide for an early payment incentive in the form of a discount from the invoice price. The existence and amount of such discount is confidential for the reasons stated in paragraph (1) relative to price concessions.
- (4) For fuel that does not meet contract requirements, FPL may reject the shipment, or accept the shipment and apply a quality adjustment. This is, in effect, a pricing term which is as important as the price itself and is therefore confidential for the reasons stated in paragraph (1) relative to price concessions.
- (5) Column N is as important as H from a confidentiality standpoint because of the relatively few times that there are quality or discount adjustments. That is, Column N will equal Column H most of the time. Consequently, Column N needs to be protected for the same reasons as set forth in paragraph (1).
- (6) Column R is used to mask the delivered price of fuel such that the invoice or effective price of fuel cannot be determined. Columns P and Q are algebraic variables of Column R. Consequently, disclosure of Columns P and Q would allow a supplier to calculate the invoice or effective purchase price of oil (Columns H and N) by subtracting these columnar variables from Column R.
- (7) Terminaling and transportation services in Florida tend to have the same, if not more severe, oligopolistic attributes of fuel oil suppliers. In 1987, FPL was only able to find eight qualified parties with an interest in bidding either or both of these services. Of these, four responded with transportation proposals and six with terminaling proposals. Due to the small demand in Florida for both of these services, market entry is difficult. Consequently, disclosure of these contract data is reasonably likely to result in increased prices for terminaling and transportation services.

Petroleum inspection services also have the market characteristics of an oligopoly. Due to the limited number of fuel terminal operations, there are correspondingly few requirements for fuel inspection services. In FPL's last bidding process for petroleum inspection services, only six qualified bidders were found for FPL's bid solicitations. Consequently, disclosure of these contract data is reasonably likely to result in increased prices for petroleum inspection services.

- (8) This information is contractual information which, if made public, "would impair the efforts of (FPL) to contract for goods or services on favorable terms." Section 366.093(3)(d), F.S. (1995). The information delineates the price FPL has paid for No. 2 fuel oil per barrel for specific shipments from specific suppliers. No. 2 fuel oil is purchased through a bidding process. At the request of the No. 2 fuel oil suppliers, FPL has agreed to not publicly disclose any supplier's bid. This nondisclosure agreement protects both FPL's ratepayers and the bidding suppliers. As to FPL's ratepayers, the non-public bidding procedure provides FPL with a greater variation in the range of bids that would otherwise not be available if the bids, or the winning bid by itself, were publicly disclosed. With public disclosure of the No. 2 fuel oil prices found on FPL's Form 423-1(a), the bids would narrow to a closer range around the last winning bid, eliminating the possibility that one supplier might, based on his economic situation, come in substantially lower than the other suppliers. Nondisclosure likewise protects the supplies from divulging any economic advantage that supplier may have which the others have not discovered.

Date of Declassification:

FORM	<u>LINE(S)</u>	<u>COLUMN</u>	<u>DATE</u>
423-1(a)	1-4	H - N, P & Q	07/31/02
423-1(a)	5-9	H - N, P & Q	6/30/01
423-1(a)	10-14	H - N, P & Q	08/31/02
423-1(a)	15-59	H - N, P & Q	07/31/01

Rationale:

FPL requests that the confidential information identified above not be disclosed until the identified date of declassification. The date of declassification is determined by adding six months to the last day of the contract period under which the goods or services identified on Form 423-1(a) or 423-1(b) were purchased.

Disclosure of pricing information during the contract period or prior to the negotiation of a new contract is reasonably likely to impair FPL's ability to negotiate future contracts as described above.

FPL typically renegotiates its No. 6 fuel oil contracts and fuel-related services contracts prior to the end of such contracts. However, on occasion, some contracts are not renegotiated until after the end of the current contract period. In those instances, the contracts are typically renegotiated within six months. Consequently, it is necessary to maintain the confidentiality of the information identified as confidential on FPL's Form 423-1(a) or 423-1(b) for six months after the end of the individual contract period to which the information relates.

With respect to No. 6 fuel oil price information on the Form 423-1(a) or 423-1(b) for oil that was not purchased pursuant to an already existing contract, and the terms of the agreement under which it is purchased are fulfilled upon delivery, FPL requests the price information identified as confidential be kept confidential for a period of six months after the delivery. A six-month period is the minimum amount of time necessary for confidentiality of these types of purchases to allow FPL to utilize its market presence in gaining price concessions during seasonal fluctuations in the demand for No. 6 fuel oil. Disclosure of this information any sooner than six months after completion of the transaction is reasonably likely to impair FPL's ability to negotiate such purchases.