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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RECEIVED -FPSC

In re: Review of Florida Power Corporation's earnings, including effects of proposed acquisition of Florida Power Corporation by Carolina Power & Light

Docket No. 000824-EI

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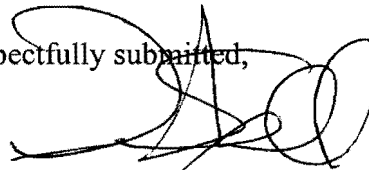
FLORIDA POWER'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Florida Power Corporation ("FPC", "Florida Power" or the "Company"), through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to the Commission's Rules and Section 366.071 Fla. Stats., request oral argument on Citizens' First Motion to Compel an as grounds therefore states as follows:

The Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") has raised several different discovery issues in its motion to compel. We are concerned that OPC's motion creates confusion about what discovery has actually been provided in this case, what discovery should legitimately be provided to satisfy the limited rationale that OPC advances, and what discovery cannot reasonably be provided in this proceeding without bogging down the whole case, benefitting no party nor the Commission.

For these reasons, Florida Power requests the opportunity to provide oral argument to the Hearing Officer concerning OPC's motion. We believe that argument would be helpful to the Hearing Officer in resolving this dispute.

Respectfully submitted,



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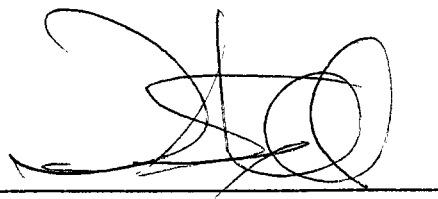
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