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November 26, 2001



Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission Capital Circle Office Center 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 011477-TX

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Attached is the information you requested for compliance with Rule 25-4.043, Florida Administrative Code.

Prior to receiving Docket No. 011477-TX, faxed to Gainesville Regional Utilities on this date, we were unaware that the 2001 ALEC Data Request had not been received by the Florida Public Service Commission. Upon investigation, we found that the original data request had been completed and filed with it's copy, and apparently not mailed to the Public Service Commission by the August deadline. We are taking steps to strengthen our records request procedures to insure that this will not happen in the future. This is the first time we've experienced this type of problem. We are genuinely concerned that our oversight has caused you to take this action and caused additional work.

Please be assured that this is an isolated incident and one that will be prevented in the future. In light of the circumstances and the fact that this is our first incidence of this type, we ask that you accept a penalty fee of \$3,500.00 to compensate for our error. Additionally, we would also request 30 days within which to submit payment once the order is issued. Your understanding and assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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