

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Review of Florida Power Corporation's Earnings, Including Effects of Proposed Acquisition of Florida Power Corporation by Carolina Power & Light

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FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION'S OBJECTIONS TO STAFF'S SEVENTH SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION

Pursuant to § 350.0611(1), Fla. Stat. (2000), Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-106.206, and Fla. R. Civ. P.1.340, Florida Power Corporation ("FPC") objects to the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Staff") Seventh Set of Interrogatories and states as follows:

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

FPC objects to any interrogatory that calls for information protected by the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, the accountant-client privilege, the trade secret privilege, or any other applicable privilege or protection afforded by law, whether such privilege or protection appears at the time the response is first made to these interrogatories or is later determined to be applicable based on the discovery of documents, investigation or analysis. FPC in no way intends to waive any such privilege or protection.

In certain circumstances, FPC may determine upon investigation and analysis that information responsive to certain interrogatories to which objections are not otherwise asserted are confidential and proprietary and should be produced only under an appropriate confidentiality agreement and protective order, if at all. By agreeing to provide such information in response to such interrogatory, FPC is not waiving its right to insist upon appropriate protection of confidentiality by means of a confidentiality agreement and protective order. FPC hereby asserts

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its right to require such protection of any and all documents that may qualify for protection under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and other applicable statutes, rules and legal principles.

FPC objects to these interrogatories and any definitions and instructions that purport to expand FPC's obligations under applicable law.

FPC objects to these interrogatories to the extent they are intended to require any expert/consultant retained by FPC in connection with this proceeding to provide a response, except those interrogatories that are expressly permitted to be directed at an expert/consultant as set forth in Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.280(b)(4). Rule 1.340 permits interrogatories to be directed only to parties, and FPC is not obligated to have experts/consultants respond to interrogatories other than those limited interrogatories that are specifically authorized as stated above. However, in the spirit of cooperation, FPC will agree at this point to have its experts/consultants provide responses to this set of interrogatories, but preserves its right to refuse to continue to do so at any point should it so choose. FPC in no way intends to waive this objection.

FPC also objects to these interrogatories to the extent they purport to require FPC to prepare information in a particular format or perform calculations not previously prepared or performed as an attempt to expand FPC's obligations under applicable law. FPC will comply with its obligations under the applicable rules of procedure.

FPC incorporates by reference all of the foregoing general objections into each of its specific objections set forth below as though pleaded therein.

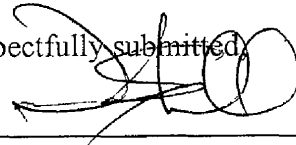
In addition, FPC reserves its right to count interrogatories and their sub-parts (as permitted under the applicable rules of procedure) in determining whether it is obligated to respond to additional interrogatories served by any party.

INTERROGATORIES

202. What is the Standard & Poor's estimate of FPC's off-balance sheet (OBS) obligation as of December 31, 2000; March 31, 2001; June 30, 2001; and September 30, 2001? Please provide a schedule which shows how the OBS amount was calculated. (Maury)

203. What is the projected amount of FPC's OBS obligation for December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2002? (Maury)

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