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Re: Docket No. 000824-EI

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing in the subject docket are an original and fifteen copies of Florida Power Corporation's Motion for Suspension or Adjournment of Scheduled Hearing.

Please acknowledge your receipt of the above filing on the enclosed copy of this letter and return to the undersigned. Also enclosed is a 3.5 inch diskette containing the above-referenced document in WordPerfect format. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

James A. McGee

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Enclosure

cc: Parties of record

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Submitted for filing:
March 20, 2002

JOINT MOTION TO POSTPONE SCHEDULED HEARINGS

Florida Power Corporation, the Office of Public Counsel, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group, and Publix Super Markets, Inc. (the Joint Movants) hereby jointly move the Prehearing Officer to postpone the hearings scheduled to begin this date, March 20, 2002, in order to afford the Joint Movants and the other parties to this proceeding the opportunity to finalize the terms of a settlement stipulation recently agreed to in principle that will resolve all outstanding issues. In support of this motion, the Joint Movants represent as follows:

1. The Joint Movants have been engaged in negotiations for the purpose of reaching a comprehensive stipulation in settlement of all issues in this proceeding and thereby avoiding the need for expensive, time consuming litigation of these issues in hearings before the Commission. Late on March 19, 2002, these negotiations resulted in an agreement in principle that, if accepted by the other parties and successfully finalized, would achieve this purpose. The Moving Parties anticipate that several additional days will be needed to accomplish this remaining task. If the hearings in this proceeding were to commence before the negotiations have been finalized, the opportunity to reach a comprehensive settlement stipulation would be severely impaired, if not precluded.

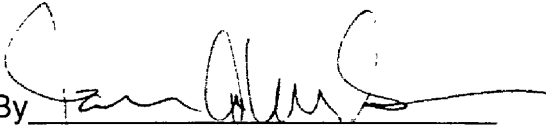
2. Accordingly, the Joint Movants request that the currently scheduled hearings be postponed until the parties have had the opportunity to finalize and submit a settlement stipulation to the Commission for approval, at which time a further postponement of the hearings will be requested in order for the stipulation to be acted upon by the Commission.

3. The Joint Movants have contacted counsel for each of the other parties and have been advised that they concur with the postponement of the hearings as requested by this joint motion.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Movants respectfully request that the Prehearing Officer postpone the hearings scheduled to commence March 20, 2002.

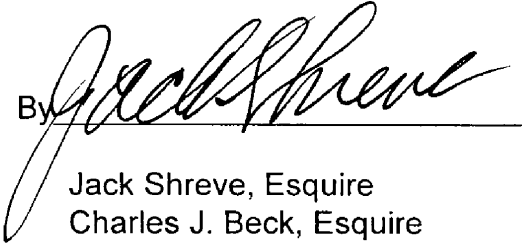
Respectfully submitted,

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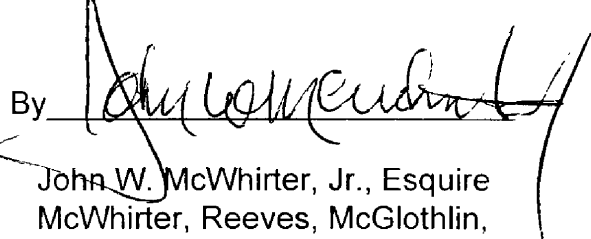
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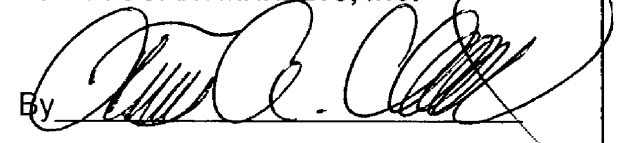
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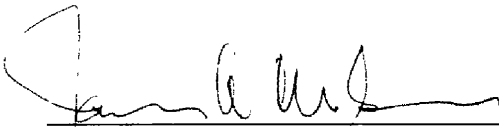
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing motion has been furnished to the following individuals by regular U.S. Mail this ___ day of March, 2002.

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