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Re: In the matter of: Review of Confidentiality Procedures before the Florida Public Service Commission; Undocketed

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") are the original and fifteen copies of FPL's Post-Workshop Comments.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the copy to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Hoffmar

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## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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the Florida Public Service		)	
Commission.		)	Filed: April 15, 2002
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## FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S POST-WORKSHOP COMMENTS

Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and at the request of the Commission Staff, hereby files its Post-Workshop Comments addressing the Staff's proposed amendments to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, discussed at the March 15, 2002 Staff Workshop, and attached hereto as Exhibit "A". FPL supports the proposed amendments to the statute and believes that the proposed statutory amendments, if enacted, would substantially diminish the unnecessary expenditure of time and resources of the Commission, Commission Staff, public utilities and intervenors currently spent in preparing and reviewing the line item justification of confidential information filed by public utilities. By providing confidential protection of data and documents claimed to be proprietary confidential business information, while at the same time reserving the rights of persons to challenge a claim of confidentiality, the Commission would appropriately build on a streamlined approach to the filing and protection of, as well as provision of access to, confidential information that has worked well in the telecommunications industry.<sup>1</sup>

At the same time, Staff's suggested amendments to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, should not impede the Florida Legislature's overarching public policy of maintaining public access to public

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See Ch. 96-406, s. 167, Laws of Florida, amending Section 364.183(4), Florida Statutes; and Rule 25-22.006(5), Florida Administrative Code, which preserves a right of challenge to a claim of confidentiality by a telecommunications company.

records. Further, the proposed revisions to the statute are not intended to expand the scope of documents subject to confidential protection as, under the proposed amendments, a challenge to a claim of confidentiality would still be determined under the criteria set forth in Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes, and Commission precedent thereunder.

For these reasons, FPL supports the staff's proposed amendments to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, discussed at the March 15 workshop and attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of Florida Power & Light Company's Post-Workshop Comments were furnished to the following this 15th day of April, 2002:

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- The commission shall continue to have reasonable access to all public utility records and records of the utility's affiliated companies, including its parent company, regarding transactions or cost allocations among the utility and such affiliated companies, and such records necessary to ensure that a utility's ratepayers do not subsidize nonutility activities. Upon request of the public utility or other person, any records received by the commission which are shown and found by the commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from s. 119.07(1). Upon request of the public utility or other person, any records received by the commission which are claimed by the company or other person to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Upon request of any person or upon on its own motion, the commission shall require any person asserting a claim that information is proprietary confidential business information to demonstrate that the information meets the requirements of subsection (3), below. Except as provided in subsection (4), below, records received by the commission which are claimed by the public utility or other person to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential for a period of two years from the date of filing.
- Discovery in any docket or proceeding before the commission shall be in the manner provided for in Rule 1.280 of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. Information which affects a utility's rates or cost of service shall be considered relevant for purposes of discovery in any docket or proceeding where the utility's rates or cost of service are at issue. The commission shall determine whether information requested in discovery affects a utility's rates or cost of service. Upon a showing by a utility or other person and a finding by the commission that discovery will require the disclosure of proprietary confidential business information, the commission shall issue appropriate protective orders designating the manner for handling such information during the course of the proceeding and for protecting such information from disclosure outside the proceeding. Such proprietary information shall be exempt from s. confidential business 119.07(1). Any records provided pursuant to a discovery request for which proprietary confidential business information status is requested shall be treated by the commission and the office of the Public Counsel and any other party subject to the public records law as confidential and shall be exempt from s. 119.07(1), pending a formal ruling on such request by the commission or the return of the records to the person providing the records. Any record which has been determined to be proprietary confidential business information and is not entered into the official record of the

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proceeding must be returned to the person providing the record within 60 days after the final order, unless the final order is appealed. If the final order is appealed, any such record must be returned within 30 days after the decision on appeal. The commission shall adopt the necessary rules to implement this provision.

- (3) Proprietary confidential business information means information, regardless of form or characteristics, which is owned or controlled by the person or company, is intended to be and is treated by the person or company as private in that the disclosure of the information would cause harm to the ratepayers or the person's or company's business operations, and has not been disclosed unless disclosed pursuant to a statutory provision, an order of a court or administrative body, or private agreement that provides that the information will not be released to the public. Proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to:
  - (a) Trade secrets.
- (b) Internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors.
  - (c) Security measures, systems, or procedures.
- (d) Information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms.
- (e) Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.
- (f) Employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities.
- (4) Any finding by the commission that records contain proprietary confidential business information is effective for a period set by the commission not to exceed 18 months, unless the commission finds, for good cause, that the protection from disclosure shall be for a specified longer period. The commission shall order the return of records containing proprietary confidential business information when such records are no longer necessary for the commission to conduct its business. At that time, the commission shall order any other person holding such records to return them to the person providing the records. Records containing proprietary confidential business information which have not been returned at the conclusion of the period set pursuant to this

subsection shall no longer be exempt from s. 119.07(1) unless the public utility or affected person shows, and the commission finds, that the records continue to contain proprietary confidential business information. Upon such finding, the commission may extend the period for confidential treatment for a period not to exceed 18 months unless the commission finds, for good cause, that the protection from disclosure shall be for a specified longer period. During commission consideration of an extension, the records in question will remain exempt from s. 119.07(1). The commission shall adopt rules to implement this provision which shall include notice to the public utility or affected person regarding the expiration of confidential treatment.