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Ms. Marlene K. Stern, Esquire
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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RE: Docket No. 010949-EI
Commercial in-service status of Smith Unit 3

Dear Ms. Stern:

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Commission and the parties that the combined cycle generating plant known as Smith Unit 3 has achieved commercial in-service status effective 12:01 am Central Daylight Savings Time on April 22, 2002.

Smith Unit 3 has undergone performance and emissions testing and correction of deficiencies over the past couple of months and has now demonstrated the capability of base load operation. The unit is now ready to schedule operations in accordance with electrical demand. Therefore, beginning at 12:01 am CDT on April 22, 2002 Smith Unit 3 has been considered to be in "commercial operation" and the unit's status has changed from plant under construction to plant in service.

As noted in Staff's Memorandum to the Commissioners dated April 15, 2002, one of the stipulations approved by the Commission at the hearing related to Issue 123. The approved stipulation states:

5. Based on the Stipulation approved in Order No. PSC-99-2131-S-EI, the rates approved in this docket will be effective for bills rendered on or after (i) the commercial in-service date of Smith Unit 3, or (ii) 30 days after the date of the Commission's vote in this docket, whichever is later. (Issue 123)

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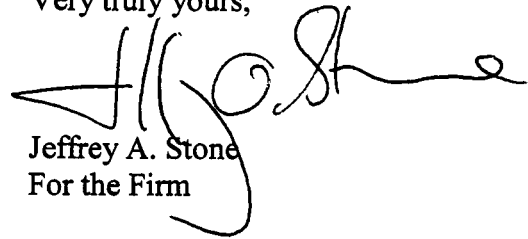
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As a result of the stipulation and the anticipated vote in this docket scheduled for the special agenda on May 8, 2002, the rates approved in this docket will be effective for bills rendered on or after June 7, 2002 which is (1) 30 days after the vote and (2) later than the commercial in-service date of Smith Unit 3.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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