## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Review of GridFlorida Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Proposal Docket No. 020233-El Filed: April 24, 2002

## PETITION TO INTERVENE OF KISSIMMEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

This Petition to Intervene is filed by the undersigned qualified representative pursuant to

Rule 25-22.039 of Florida Administrative Code on behalf of Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA).

In support of this Petition, KUA states the following:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the Petitioner is as follows:

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2. Copies of all correspondence, notices, pleadings, and orders in the above-referenced

proceeding should be provided to the following:

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3. Coincident with this Petition, KUA is submitting a separate filing to designate Mr. John and Mr. Rick as its qualified representatives pursuant to Section 28.106.106(d) of the *Florida Administrative Code*.

4. <u>Statement of Substantial Interests.</u>

 A. As the Commission is aware, KUA is a municipal electric utility operating an integrated electric generation, transmission, and distribution system within the State of Florida. KUA serves approximately 49,332 customers within the State of Florida.

C. On March 20, 2002, Florida Power Corporation, Florida Power & Light Company, and Tampa Electric Company filed its GridFlorida RTO proposal in the abovereferenced proceeding. Consistent with Order No. PSC-01-2489-FOF-EI, the proposal calls for the establishment of an Independent System Operator (ISO) to serve as the RTO and become the primary transmission provider within the state. All utilities within the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC) – including KUA – would be permitted to join and turn operational control of their transmission facilities over to the RTO. The RTO would also serve as the security coordinator for the FRCC.

D. The structure and formation of GridFlorida, which are at issue in this proceeding, will substantially impact KUA in a number of key respects. First, as an owner of transmission facilities within the state, KUA may ultimately elect to join GridFlorida, so the structure of the organization will influence its decision of whether to join the RTO, as well as the terms of such participation. Second, even KUA does not join the RTO, it will be significantly impacted to the extent that it is required to contract with GridFlorida for transmission service. Finally, GridFlorida is designed to operate facilities that are interconnected to KUA's system, so GridFlorida's operation of those system will impact KUA.

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E. In light of its potential membership in GridFlorida, reliance on GridFlorida for transmission service, and/or operation of interconnected facilities, KUA submits that it has a substantial interest in this proceeding and should be granted full party status. Pursuant to the extended procedural schedule adopted by Order No. PSC-02-0548-PCO-EI, KUA intends to file comments by May 8, 2002, as part of an *ad hoc* "Florida Municipal Group" consisting of KUA, the City of Tallahassee, Florida, the City of Lakeland, Florida d/b/a Lakeland Electric, and the City of Gainesville, Florida d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities.

WHEREFORE, KUA respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order granting this Petition and according it full party status in the above-styled docket.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 24th day of April 2002.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene of Kissimmee Utility Authority has been furnished by U.S. Mail to the following this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002.

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