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# VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Re: Docket No.: 020233-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On behalf of the Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG), enclosed for filing and distribution are the original and 15 copies of the following:

> FIPUG's Preliminary Issues List. ►

Please acknowledge receipt of the above on the extra copy of each and return the stamped copies to me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely.

Timothy J. Perry

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### **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Review of GridFlorida Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Proposal.

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# FIPUG'S PRELIMINARY ISSUES LIST

The Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG), pursuant to the Notice of

Issue Identification Meeting issued August 23, 2002, files its Preliminary Issue List. This

list is preliminary in nature; FIPUG reserves the right to add additional issues.

1. Does the market clearing price aspect of the GridFlorida market design enable utilities with market power to sell generation at a price in excess of their cost?

2. Will incremental cost collected through the new transmission cost recovery clause give any consideration to current earnings derived from base rates?

3. Will incremental costs collected through the new transmission cost recovery clause be limited to net incremental costs in excess of revenues derived from sales growth or can utilities keep the revenue from sales growth and pass along all incremental costs to retail customers?

4. Will incremental cost collected through the new transmission cost recovery clause give any consideration to return on new transmission investment; if so, will the addition to rate base be reduced by the depreciation on transmission investment in the rate base since the last general rate proceeding?

5. Will recovery of incremental transmission costs violate the rate stipulations executed by FPC and FPL in the spring of 2002?

6. What pricing mechanism should be incorporated into GridFlorida's market design? If a market clearing price mechanism is adopted, should regulated, investor-owned utilities that do not have market-based rate authority be permitted to receive the market clearing price?

7. How will the market monitoring system work?

8. What measures should be adopted to ensure that the proposed market design provides transparency and public disclosure of prices?

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9. When the proposed market design fulfills its function of locating zones of transmission congestion, have procedures been developed to ensure that the congestion is eliminated at the least cost to retail electric customers?

10. If the Florida investor-owned utilities must divest assets in order to have access to market-based revenues, should the process for accomplishing this be included in the SMD?

11. Should interruptible customers who are subject to pass-through power premiums be allowed to view real time OASIS price information?

12. Should the Market Monitor discussed in Appendix F of the Applicants' June 21 filing have independent enforcement rights without prior approval from the Florida PSC or FERC?

13. Does an imbalance penalty threshold of 3% create a competitive disadvantage for market generation participants with small numbers of generation assets/contracts?

14. Is the proposed GridFlorida set-up cost excessive?

15. Do FERC definitions and rules for utilities with market power adequately protect Florida retail consumers from excess utility company profits?

16. Are Florida retail consumers adequately protected from excessively high prices from generators that are exempt from FERC market power jurisdiction?

17. Should the GridFlorida LMP market design be implemented in Florida while existing Power Plant Siting Act decisions limit the construction of non-utility competitive generation assets?

18. Is there a danger that short-term Florida wholesale and retail prices may spike when the SMD is implemented?

19. What monitoring and corrective measures should be put in place in the market design plan to adequately protect Florida retail consumers?

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