

#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition to determine need for an electrical power plant in Martin County by Florida Power & Light Company.	) ) )	Docket No.: 020262-EI	CLERK	SEP -5 PH 4: 3	SEWED-1-30
In re: Petition to determine	)			4	( ,
need for an electrical power	)	Docket No.: 020263-EI			
plant in Manatee County by	)	Filed: September 5, 2002			
Florida Power & Light Company.	)				
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# CPV GULFCOAST, LTD.'S OBJECTIONS TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S THIRD REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS (Nos. 44-56)

CPV Gulfcoast, Ltd. ("CPV Gulfcoast"), pursuant to Rule 28-106.206, Florida Administrative Code, and Rules 1.340, 1.350 and 1.280(b), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby submits the following Objections to Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL") Third Request for Production of Documents:

### **INTRODUCTION**

The objections stated herein are preliminary in nature and are made at this time for the purpose of complying with the 10-day requirement as set forth in Order No. PSC-02-0992-PCO-EI ("Procedural Order") issued by the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the above-referenced dockets. Should additional grounds for objection be discovered as CPV Gulfcoast prepares its responses to the above-referenced requests, CPV Gulfcoast reserves the right to supplement, revise or modify its objections at the time that it serves its responses on FPL. Moreover, should CPV Gulfcoast determine that a Protective Order is necessary with respect to any of the material requested by FPL, CPV Gulfcoast reserves the right to file a motion with the Commission

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seeking such an order at the time that it serves its answers and responses on FPL.

# **GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

CPV Gulfcoast makes the following General Objections to FPL's Third Request for Production of Documents ("Third POD"). These general objections apply to each of the individual requests in the Third POD, respectively, and will be incorporated by reference into CPV Gulfcoast's responses and answers when they are served on FPL.

- 1. CPV Gulfcoast objects to the requests to the extent that such requests seek to impose an obligation on CPV Gulfcoast to respond on behalf of subsidiaries, parent entities, affiliates or other persons that are not parties to this case on the grounds that such requests are overly broad, unduly burdensome, oppressive, and not permitted by applicable discovery rules.
- 2. CPV Gulfcoast objects to each and every request and instruction to the extent that such request or instruction calls for information that is exempt from discovery by virtue of the attorney-client privilege, work product privilege or other applicable privilege.
- 3. CPV Gulfcoast objects to each and every request insofar as the request is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, imprecise or utilizes terms that are subject to multiple interpretations but are not properly defined or explained for purposes of these requests. Any responses provided by CPV Gulfcoast to FPL's requests will be provided subject to, and without waiver of, the foregoing objection.
- 4. CPV Gulfcoast objects to each and every request insofar as the request is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and is not relevant to the subject matter of this action. CPV Gulfcoast will attempt to note in its responses each instance where this objection applies.

- 5. CPV Gulfcoast objects to FPL's discovery requests, instructions and definitions, insofar as they seek to impose obligations on CPV Gulfcoast that exceed the requirements of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure or Florida law.
- 6. CPV Gulfcoast objects to providing information to the extent that such information is already in the public record before the Commission, or elsewhere. CPV Gulfcoast also objects to the extent that the documents requested have already been provided to FPL.
- 7. CPV Gulfcoast objects to each and every request, insofar as it is unduly burdensome, expensive, oppressive or excessively time consuming as written.
- 8. CPV Gulfcoast objects to each and every request to the extent that the information requested constitutes "trade secrets" which are privileged pursuant to Section 90.506, Florida Statutes. To the extent that FPL requests proprietary confidential business information which is not subject to the "trade secrets" privilege, CPV Gulfcoast may make such information available to counsel for FPL pursuant to an appropriate Protective Agreement, subject to any other general or specific objections contained herein.
- 9. CPV Gulfcoast objects to the nature of information sought by FPL on the following grounds: FPL filed Petitions for Need in these cases. Consequently, FPL has the affirmative burden of proving that its proposed projects will satisfy the statutory need criteria set forth in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes. FPL did not identify CPV Gulfcoast as a primarily-affected utility in this proceeding pursuant to Section 25-22.081, F.A.C. FPL did not short list or negotiate with CPV Gulfcoast. As an intervenor, CPV Gulfcoast must show that it was a participant in FPL's selection process. See Rule 25-22.082(8), F.A.C. Nevertheless, FPL has served extensive discovery on CPV Gulfcoast, most of which is irrelevant, immaterial, argumentative, unduly burdensome, and not

reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Put simply, it is FPL's need case and selection process that is at issue, not CPV Gulfcoast's. To the extent that FPL somehow contends it needs CPV Gulfcoast's sensitive financial information to judge CPV Gulfcoast's ability to perform, now, after the fact, it ignores the RFP's requirement of certain completion security terms.

# SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS: THIRD POD

In addition to the foregoing General Objections, CPV Gulfcoast raises the following Specific Objections to the following individual interrogatories in the Third POD:

53. Please provide Douglas F. Egan's any document relevant to Douglas F. Egan's expertise and qualifications to speak regarding the subject of corporate or project finance, utility capital structure, cost of capital, or any other related subject.

Objection: The request is unclear, ambiguous, and not capable of being responded to as framed.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by e-mail and U.S. Mail to those listed below without an asterisk, and by e-mail and hand delivery to those listed below with an asterisk on this 5th day of September, 2002:

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