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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**In re: Petition for Determination
of Need of Hines Unit 3 Power Plant.**)
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Docket No.: 020953-EI

Submitted for Filing: September 18, 2002

**FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION'S NOTICE OF FILING PRELIMINARY
ISSUES IN PROCEEDING FOR DETERMINATION OF
NEED FOR AN ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT**

Florida Power Corporation ("Florida Power" or the "Company"), respectfully files with the Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC" or the "Commission"), its issues for determination by the Commission in connection with the proceeding initiated by Florida Power for an affirmative determination of need for its Hines 3 power plant. The list of issues that must be resolved in this proceeding consistent with the Commission's jurisdiction under Section 403.519, Fla. Stats., are, in Florida Power's view, as follows:

1. Whether the Hines 3 power plant is needed by Florida Power to meet its needs for electric system reliability and integrity.
2. Whether the Hines 3 power plant is needed by Florida Power to continue to provide adequate electricity to its ratepayers at a reasonable cost.
3. Whether the Hines 3 power plant is the most cost-effective alternative available to meet Florida's reliability needs.
4. Whether Florida Power has adequately considered the conservation measures taken by the Company or reasonably available to it which might have mitigated the need for the Hines 3 power plant.
5. Given the resolution of the foregoing issues, should the Commission grant Florida Power an affirmative determination of need.

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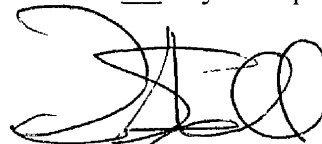


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