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Re: Docket No. 040216-GU – Application for Rate Increase by Florida Public Utilities Company.

Dear "Doc":

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC or utility) provide responses to the following data requests:

- CMP _____
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156. FPUC's SEC Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004 states the following:

Due to current market conditions and an improved banking environment, FPUC will pursue increasing its LOC to provide short-term financing. Discussions with FPUC's primary bank have indicated a willingness to increase the LOC and FPUC will pursue increasing the LOC up to \$20 million. If successful, the Company expects that internally generated cash, coupled with short-term borrowings, will be sufficient to satisfy its operating, normal capital expenditure requirements, and dividend payments for the near future. Depending upon operation requirements and construction expenditures, financing is anticipated to be needed to pay off the LOC in approximately one to three years. An equity offering is likely at that time, but will depend upon market conditions and other factors.

Please explain how FPUC's use of short-term debt during 2005 will be affected by the above statement.

157. Please provide a complete Schedule G-1(B-1) 2004 (the projected 2004 balance sheet) without the 2004 equity offering.

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158. Please provide a complete Schedule G-1(B-1) 2005 (the projected test year balance sheet) without the effect of the 2004 equity offering.

159. Please provide complete Schedules G-3(D-1), pages 1 and 2 (2004 and 2005), without the 2004 equity offering.

Please provide the original and four copies of this requested information to me by the close of business on September 20, 2004. If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance please call me at (850) 413- 6234, or Sam Merta at (850) 413-6427.

Sincerely,



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