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Re: Docket No. 040001-EI

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are an original and fifteen copies each of the prepared direct testimony and exhibits of David E. Dismukes.

Also enclosed are two diskettes containing the above-referenced testimony and Attachment 1 thereto in Word format, as well as the Exhibits in PDF format.

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DOCKET NO. 040001-EI FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

IN RE: FUEL AND PURCHASED POWER COST RECOVERY CLAUSE AND GENERATING PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE FACTOR

DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS OF: DAVID E. DISMUKES

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1 I. INTRODUCTION

- 2 Q WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS
- 3 ADDRESS?
- 4 A My name is David E. Dismukes. My business address is 6455 Overton
- 5 Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 6 Q WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR OCCUPATION AND CURRENT
- 7 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT?
- 8 A I am a Consulting Economist with the Acadian Consulting Group ("ACG"),
- 9 a research and consulting firm that specializes in the analysis of regulatory,
- 10 economic, financial, accounting, and public policy issues associated with
- 11 regulated and energy industries. ACG is a Louisiana-registered partnership,
- formed in 1995, and is located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 13 Q HAVE YOU PREPARED ANY ATTACHMENTS TO YOUR TESTIMONY
- 14 OUTLINING YOUR QUALIFICATIONS IN ELECTRIC AND REGULATED
- 15 **INDUSTRIES?**
- 16 A Yes. Attachment 1 to my testimony provides my academic vitae that
- 17 includes a full listing of my publications, presentations, and pre-filed expert
- witness testimony, expert reports, and affidavits.
- 19 Q WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?
- 20 A My testimony is being sponsored by Power Systems Manufacturing, LLC
- 21 ("PSM") and Thomas K. Churbuck to evaluate the reasonableness of Florida
- 22 Power and Light Company's ("FPL" or "the Company") proposal to recover the
- costs associated with three purchased power agreements ("PPA") with Southern

- 1 Company Services, Inc. ("SCSI"), a corporate affiliate of the Southern Company.
- 2 ("Southern"). Additionally, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group ("FIPUG")
- 3 has agreed to sponsor my testimony because it is consistent with the group's
- 4 stated policy of supporting wholesale competition for electric supply.

5 Q HOW IS THE REMAINDER OF YOUR TESTIMONY ORGANIZED?

- 6 A My testimony is organized into the following sections:
- Section II: Summary of Recommendations
- Section III: Summary of FPL's PPA Request
- Section IV: FPL's PPA Proposal Circumvents the Commission's
 Competitive Bidding Process
- Section V: The Current Fuel Proceeding is an Inappropriate

 Proceeding for Evaluating the Company's PPA Proposals
- Section VI: The Additional Benefits Claimed by the Company Appear
 to be Limited and Do Not Overwhelm the Potential Upsides of a
 Competitive Bidding Process
- Section VII: The Company's Review of the Market Does Not Appear to
 be Complete and Includes a Number of Errors
- Section VII: Summary and Recommendations

19 II. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

20 Q WOULD YOU PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS?

- 21 A I recommend that the Commission separate the cost recovery issue for
- 22 three purchased power contracts with subsidiaries of Southern from the
- remaining issues in this fuel proceeding for the following reasons:

(1) The proposed purchased power contracts represent a considerable commitment for FPL that extends well into the future. The proposal raises numerous complex issues that should not be considered on a relatively expedited basis.

- (2) Because of the magnitude of this request, the terms, conditions, and rates for these proposed contracts should be compared to the best alternative available in the market. The Company has not conducted a Request for Proposal ("RFP") process as envisioned in the FPSC Rule 25-22.082; therefore, the Commission cannot be assured that this resource proposal is the most cost effect in the market for ratepayers. In fact, the Company has admitted that its self-build option is some \$60 to \$80 million lower than the PPA contracts FPL is asking the Commission to approve in this proceeding. [Hartman Direct Testimony, 15: 17-18.]
- (3) The extent to which the Company has queried the market is questionable. Further, a number of the "additional benefits" associated with these contracts are questionable. If the Commission wishes to have the Company seek these types of additional benefits, they should be written into the requirements of a competitive RFP or similar solicitation submitted to the market.
- (4) Separating this issue would not appear to harm ratepayers since the Company has noted that its current contract terms with Southern allow 6 months for regulatory approval or until

transmission rights are obtained, whichever is later. [Hartman Direct Testimony, 6:17-18. Section 7.4.1 of the PPA contains a transmission deadline date which has been redacted.]

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(5) Separating this issue from the remaining issues in this docket, and considering it in a more thorough fashion by testing the new contracts against the competitive market through an RFP process, would serve the public interest by ensuring "that a public utility's selection of a proposed generation addition [inside or outside of Florida] is the most cost-effective alternative available." [F.A.C., FPSC Rule 25-22.082]

Q DO YOU HAVE ANY ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS?

- 12 A Yes. If the Commission rejects my primary recommendation to separate 13 the issues associated with the Company's proposed PPA from this proceeding, 14 then I would recommend that the Commission not approve the Company's 15 proposed PPAs at this time. I base this alternative recommendation on the 16 following points:
 - (1) The Company has not conducted a thorough competitive bidding or other procurement process for these resources;
 - (2) The Company has not provided complete and detailed information in its filing proving that these PPAs are the least cost option available to ratepayers.
- 22 (3) The Company has indicated that its self-build option is a lower-cost resource than the proposed PPAs. The purported additional

benefits associated with the Company's proposed PPAs do not offset these potential costs savings for ratepayers. The Company should be required to compare this self-build option to all potential contracts and resource alternatives in the market through a competitive bidding process.

6 III. SUMMARY OF FPL'S PPA REQUEST

7 Q WOULD YOU PLEASE PROVIDE SOME BACKGROUND ON THE

8 COMPANY'S FUEL FILING?

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- 10 levelized fuel recovery charge for the period January 2005 through December 2005. In addition to setting the fuel recovery charge, the Company has requested approval for recovery of three purchased power contracts with SCSI, a subsidient of Southern through the fuel and purchased power contracts recovery.
- subsidiary of Southern through the fuel and purchased power cost recovery
- 14 clause and the capacity recovery clause.
- 15 Q PLEASE DESCRIBE THE THREE PURCHASED POWER CONTRACTS
- 16 THAT THE COMPANY HAS REQUESTED TO BE INCLUDED AND
- 17 APPROVED IN THIS DOCKET.
- 18 A The contracts consist of:
- 165 megawatts ("MW") of firm capacity and energy from a coal
 generation unit in Georgia;
- Up to 600 MW of energy and capacity from a combined cycle facility in Alabama; and

- 190 MW of energy and capacity from an additional combined cycle
 facility in Alabama.
- 3 The total contract amount for the three purchases is 955 MW. After allowances
- 4 for transmission losses that occur on the Southern system (not considering the
- 5 additional transmission losses on the FPL system), the net injection into the
- 6 Company's system would be 930 MW. All three contracts begin on June 1, 2010
- 7 and end on December 31, 2015. The contracts tied to natural gas units include
- 8 options for additional two-year extensions that can be exercised presumably at
- 9 any time prior to January 2010. The contribution each of these contracts makes
- to the total purchase amount is provided in Exhibit DED-1. The proposed PPAs
- 11 represent new contracts that follow up on an existing agreement referred to as
- the Unit Power Sales Agreement (the "UPS Agreement"). However most of the
- units to which these new contracts are tied, differ from the original UPS
- 14 Agreement. The original agreement expires on May 31, 2010, roughly six years
- 15 from the current date.
- 16 IV. FPL'S PPA PROPOSAL CIRCUMVENTS THE COMMISSION'S
- 17 COMPETITIVE BIDDING RULE
- 18 Q WHY DOES THE COMPANY'S PPA PROPOSAL CIRCUMVENT THE
- 19 COMMISSION'S COMPETITIVE BIDDING RULES?
- 20 A These new contracts circumvent if not the Commission's bidding rule
- 21 itself, then at least the spirit of the rule. The PPA has not been subjected to a
- 22 competitive bidding process, and has only been "tested" to the market in an
- 23 incomplete and cursory manner. Section 25-22.082 of the Commission's Rules

- outlines a process that utilities are required to follow in evaluating the need and
- 2 selection of additional generating capacity. This rule requires utilities to compare
- 3 proposed resource acquisitions to a RFP process. The competitive bidding
- 4 provisions of this rule were established to ensure that the most cost effective
- 5 resources are secured for ratepayers. By testing the competitive market, the
- 6 Commission can be assured that the least cost resource has been secured for
- 7 ratepayers.

8 Q DOES THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING RULE RELATE ONLY TO THE

9 CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GENERATING FACILITIES?

- Strictly speaking, yes. The Scope and Intent section of the Rule notes 10 Α that the purpose of the competitive bidding requirement is to provide the 11 Commission with information in evaluating utility proposals under F.S. Section 12 13 403.519, also known as the Power Plant Siting Act. This statute outlines the terms and conditions under which utilities are allowed to construct new power 14 plants in the state. The Company's proposed PPA is not associated with the 15 construction of a new facility. However, the size and magnitude of the capacity 16 17 represented by these contracts, nearly 1,000 MW, is comparable to a large generating facility. In order to assess the justness and reasonableness of these 18 19 proposed new contracts, the Commission should subject them to a competitive 20 bidding process.
- 21 Q SHOULD THE COMMISSION BE PRECLUDED FROM REQUIRING

22 COMPETITIVE BIDDING IN INSTANCES OF THIS NATURE?

1 Α No. In addition to assuring that the least cost resource is secured for 2 ratepayers, the competitive bidding process also creates a number of other 3 positive opportunities for utility ratepayers. First, the process opens up a formal proceeding under which ratepayers can comment on a utility's plans to secure 4 5 new generating capacity, regardless of whether that capacity is secured through 6 new contracts or the construction of a new plant. Second, the process gives 7 ratepayers some realistic period of time to evaluate the reasonableness of utility 8 proposals, prepare comments, and offer constructive input to the Commission. 9 Lastly, the process gives competitive providers an opportunity to compete directly 10 with utility proposals, securing for ratepayers an opportunity to verify utility 11 behavior.

12 Q IS THIS PPA RENEWAL THE LEAST COST OPTION CURRENTLY

13 **AVAILABLE TO THE COMPANY?**

- A No. The Company has estimated the cost of a self-build option and has noted that the cost of this option ranges from **\$60 to \$80 million in 2004 dollars**
- lower than its current PPA proposal with Southern.
- 17 Q THE COMPANY HAS NOTED THAT THE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS
- 18 ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED PPA JUSTIFY THEIR ADOPTION

19 OVER A SELF-BUILD OPTION. DO YOU AGREE?

- 20 A No, for a number of reasons. First, as the Company admits, a number of
- 21 the benefits associated with the contracts are subjective and highly variable.
- 22 Fuel prices, for instance, are known to swing and become guite variable, and
- 23 what may appear to be a solid fuel option benefit today, could be considerably

dampened in the future. Second, while some of these benefits may actually be 1 positive, none appear to be overwhelming enough to offset the \$60 to \$80 million 2 3 in ratepayer benefits that are quantifiable in today's dollars. Third, a large number of the benefits outlined by the Company, like firm gas transportation on a 4 non-Florida gas transmission line, could be written into a solicitation presented to 5 the market.. Fourth, and most importantly, all of these purported benefits could 6 ultimately be secured if Southern were to bid them into a RFP process and win 7 the resulting bid. This outcome would be a "win-win" for the Commission if FPL 8 9 proved that this Southern proposal, after a comparison to all market alternatives, was the lowest cost alternative. In such an instance, the "benefits" outlined by 10 the Company would be secured, and the Commission could ensure that the 11 least-cost resource was selected for ratepayers. 12

BY ACKNOWLEDGING THESE SAVINGS AREN'T YOU SUPPORTING Q

THE COMPANY'S SELF-BUILD OPTION? 14

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No. The self-build option sets the lower threshold of potential ratepayer Α 15 16 savings that could be obtained if this PPA were compared to the market. The Commission has nothing to lose by requiring FPL to submit this resource need to 17 the market or by refusing to approve the PPA at this time, signaling to FPL the 18 Commission believes it prudent to actively and thoroughly test market before 19 rushing to seek approval of these contracts. At a minimum, by FPL's own 20 estimates, ratepayer savings could range from \$60 to \$80 million, or more if a lower cost competitive offer is submitted and wins the award. 22

- 1 V. THE CURRENT FUEL PROCEEDING IS AN INAPPROPRIATE
- 2 PROCEEDING FOR EVALUATING THE COMPANY'S PPA PROPOSALS
- 3 Q DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT FUEL PROCEEDING IS THE
- 4 MOST APPROPRIATE PLACE TO CONSIDER THE COMPANY'S PPA
- 5 REQUEST?
- 6 A No. These contracts should not be addressed in this proceeding for a
- 7 number of reasons. First, the proposed PPAs have nothing to do with the
- 8 proposed 2005 fuel adjustments currently being reviewed by the Commission.
- 9 Second, these PPAs are more appropriately addressed under the context of a
- proceeding directed by the requirements of the Commission's Capacity Addition
- 11 Rule. Third, the PPAs involve a significant commitment of resources and present
- a host of issues that are better evaluated in a proceeding that is not being rushed
- 13 to conclusion.

14 Q WOULD YOU PLEASE ELABORATE ON YOUR FIRST POINT?

- 15 A Yes. The purpose of the current fuel proceeding is threefold. The first is
- to true up prior year(s) projected to actual fuel costs to account for any
- over/under collections in the fuel adjustment clause. The second is to determine
- the reasonableness of fuel rates presently being charged by the Company for the
- 19 current year. The third is to review and determine the reasonableness of fuel
- 20 rates that will be charged by the Company over the next year. The PPAs
- 21 proposed by the Company will not be initiated for six years (2010) and their
- 22 renegotiation has little to do with 2005 fuel costs or purchased power. The

- 1 Commission would have plenty of time to review this proposal outside of the
- 2 context of determining the upcoming years' fuel costs.
- 3 Q AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, DO YOU THINK THE INCLUSION OF THE
- 4 PPA ISSUE IN THE CURRENT PROCEEDING UNNCESSARILY EXPEDITES
- 5 THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSALS?
- 6 A Yes. The Company's request for these new PPAs was provided in its pre-
- 7 filed testimony on September 9, 2004. Interveners have been required to review
- 8 the reasonableness of this request, issue and analyze discovery, and file
- 9 opposing testimony by October 4, 2004 a period slightly over 3 weeks. The
- 10 FPSC Staff will only have an additional week to review the Company's proposal,
- as well as other intervener's positions. It is my opinion that this review period is
- 12 exceptionally quick for a capacity addition of this magnitude.
- 13 Q DO THE TIMELINES AND NOTIFICATION PERIODS UNDER THE
- 14 COMMISSION'S CAPACITY ADDITION RULES PROVIDE MORE TIME FOR
- 15 EVALUATION THAN THE CURRENT PROCEEDING?
- 16 A Yes. The Commission's Rules provide several opportunities for advance
- 17 notification and analysis when a utility has a resource acquisition need. For
- instance, the Commission's Rules first require a utility to announce and publish
- its resource requirement need and its Request for Proposals ("RFP") in various
- 20 publications. The Company must then provide at least 60 days for responses to
- 21 the RFP as well as any additional time if changes are made to the RFP, or the
- 22 Company alters its own estimates of its self-build option. Next, the Company
- 23 must review and determine if its self-build option is more cost effective than any

- 1 proposals received. The process is reasonable and appears to be developed in
- a manner that balances the need for a thoughtful analysis with a conscientious
- 3 decision. The process can feasibly be completed within a six month period a
- 4 period much longer than the one month interveners have had in this proceeding.

5 Q IS IMMEDIATE APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACTS

6 **IMPERATIVE?**

- 7 A No. The Company claims that the current provisions of its contracts allow
- 8 for the longer of six months to obtain regulatory approval as well as any time
- 9 needed to obtain firm transmission rights. [Hartman Direct Testimony, 18:6.]
- Additionally, if the Company were to issue a RFP for capacity, Southern would be
- eligible to bid the current contracts against other bidders. Thus, there is minimal
- impact on either company with the issuance of an RFP, and only potential gains
- 13 to ratepayers should any better offers surface. If an RFP process were
- 14 conducted, the Commission could be satisfied that the purchased power
- 15 contracts are the best alternative available.
- 16 Q DOES THE EXPIRATION OF THE EXISTING UPS AGREEMENT WITH
- 17 SOUTHERN REPRESENT THE MOST IMMEDIATE RESOURCE ISSUE THE
- 18 COMPANY NEEDS TO ADDRESS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF ITS LAST TEN
- 19 YEAR SITE PLAN?
- 20 A No, while the Company has noted that contract negotiations are an issue
- throughout the 2004-2013 resource acquisition process, the two more immediate
- 22 resource requirements include the projected construction of two new combustion
- turbine units at the Midway site in 2008, or an alternative resource(s) as obtained

- through an RFP; and the projected construction of a new combined cycle unit at
- the Corbett site in 2009, or an alternative resource(s) as obtained through an
- 3 RFP ["Ten Year Power Plant Site Plan, Florida Power & Light, submitted to
- 4 Florida Public Service Commission, April 2004]. It would appear that in the order
- 5 of addressing resource needs, these two potential projects would be more
- 6 pressing than the proposed PPAs under consideration in this proceeding.
- 7 Q THERE HAS BEEN AN ONGOING PROCEEDING AT THE FERC
- 8 RELATED TO MARKET POWER ISSUES AS THEY RELATE TO SOUTHERN
- 9 COMPANY. HOW DOES THIS IMPACT THE TIMING OF THE COMMISSION'S
- 10 CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSAL?
- 11 A There has been an ongoing analysis of market power issues in the
- southeast for several years. The FERC initiated a review of rates when Southern
- 13 Company, Entergy, and AEP all submitted applications in support of their
- triennial market-based rate authority. Subsequently in 2001, the FERC decided
- to change the manner in which it evaluated market power issues away from the
- more traditional "hub-and-spoke" analysis to one that is called a "standard
- market assessment" ("SMA"). Under the standards of the new test, Southern, as
- well as the other two utilities that were part of the proceeding, were found to fail
- their market power screen, indicating that further analysis of market power was
- 20 required.
- 21 Q WERE THESE UTILITIES, INCLUDING SOUTHERN, DENIED MARKET
- 22 BASED RATE AUTHORITY?

- 1 A No. While each of the utilities failed the new SMA test, the FERC received
- 2 several motions for rehearing on the soundness of the SMA standard. It acted
- 3 on these motions by soliciting several rounds of comments, holding a technical
- 4 conference, and soliciting feedback on a FERC Staff paper. The process
- 5 concluded on April 14, 2004 and resulted in two new indicative tests being
- 6 adopted to screen for market power.

7 Q DID THE FERC ALLOW A REHEARING ON THIS ORDER?

- 8 A No, the FERC denied a rehearing on the April 14, 2004 Order, but offered
- 9 clarifications in its Order on Rehearing issued July 8, 2004.

10 Q DID FERC ISSSUE A RECENT ORDER REQUIRING SOUTHERN TO

11 MAKE A MARKET POWER FILING BASED UPON ITS NEW TESTS?

- 12 A Yes. On July 8, 2004 the FERC issued an Order on Rehearing that
- requires a pair of tests to be passed to screen for indications of market power
- prior to an applicant's receiving market based rate approval. The first test, a
- 15 "Pivotal Supplier Test," is an analysis based on a control area's peak demand
- and the second is a "Market Share Test." Failing either test leads to the
- 17 presumption of market power, but the applicant is allowed to rebut the
- 18 presumption with additional data.

19 Q WHAT ELSE DID THE ORDER REQUIRE?

- 20 A The order required Southern Company Energy Marketing, LP, among
- other utilities, to file generation power market analyses within 30 days of the
- 22 Order on Rehearing.

23 Q HAS SOUTHERN FILED THE REQUIRED INFORMATION?

- 1 A Yes, Southern submitted a compliance filing on August 9, 2004 to the
- 2 FERC in Docket No. ER97-4166-015 and has noted that it "...fails the
- 3 Commission's wholesale market share screen in the Southern control area."
- 4 [Southern Company Compliance Filing, SC-20: ¶19.]
- 5 Q HOW DOES THIS IMPACT THE TIMING ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH
- 6 FPL'S PROPOSED PPAS WITH SOUTHERN?
- 7 A The recent decision, and filing by Southern, creates uncertainty
- 8 associated with FPL's proposed PPA. One question that the Commission should
- 9 consider is that if Southern is found by the FERC to have market power, and the
- 10 FERC removes Southern's market-based rate authority, what will happen to any
- contracts like the one proposed by FPL? Will these contracts be grandfathered
- to their contracted terms, or will Southern be required to provide FPL (and Florida
- ratepayers) cost-based rates? I believe this is an important issue, and justifies
- spinning this issue into a separate proceeding, and taking a "go-slow" approach.
- 15 VI. THE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS CLAIMED BY THE COMPANY APPEAR TO
- 16 BE LIMITED AND DO NOT OVERWHELM THE POTENTIAL UPSIDE OF A
- 17 COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS
- 18 Q WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS THE
- 19 COMPANY CLAIMS SUPPORT APPROVAL OF ITS PPA REQUEST?
- 20 A The Company has noted that the proposed PPAs offer a number of
- 21 additional benefits that include:
- (1) Fuel diversity by including some 165 MW of coal generation;

Optionality by allowing the Company first rights of refusal on any (2) 1 future coal capacity presumably offered to the market from two of 2 Southern's coal units: 3 Retention of 930 MW of firm power transmission rights; (3)4 Firm gas transportation rights on a pipeline independent of the two (4) 5 currently serving Florida; 6 Increased reliability by having the ability to secure capacity and/or (5) 7 purchased energy from outside Florida; and 8 The ability to defer making a long term commitment on a self-build 9 (6) or longer term PPA. [Hartman Direct Testimony, 9:7-22; 10:1-4.] 10 DO YOU AGREE THAT THESE BENEFITS ARE IMPORTANT ENOUGH Q 11 COMMISSION TO ALLOW THE COMPANY TO AVOID THE 12 CONDUCTING AN RFP PROCESS? 13 No. While several of these benefits appear important on the surface, Α 14 many are questionable in nature, and even if they were to materialize, are not 15 significant enough to justify the Commission giving the Company a pass on 16 conducting an RFP process for a 930 MW capacity acquisition. Further, most all 17 of the benefits outlined by the Company could be included as requirements in a 18 future RFP solicitation. In such an instance, these additional benefits could be 19 secured, along with the knowledge that the new contracts were the most 20 economical in the market. 21

1 Q TWO OF THE BENEFITS LISTED BY THE COMPANY ARE RELATED

2 TO SECURING SOLID FUEL-BASED RESOURCES. DO YOU AGREE THAT

3 THESE ARE IMPORTANT BENEFITS?

Not entirely. While there are some solid fuel benefits associated with this 4 Α 5 contract, only 165 MW of the entire proposed PPA agreement is associated with coal generation. This represents only 17 percent of the total agreement, and less 6 7 than one percent (0.7 percent) of the Company's overall generation mix. The overwhelming bulk of this proposed contract is associated with natural gas-fired 8 9 resources (83 percent). While a portion of this agreement is solid fuel-based, it is such a small percentage, and does not make a meaningful impact on the 10 Company's overall generating fuel mix. Further, if the Company is interested in 11 12 securing solid fuel, or solid fuel-type resources, it should indicate such in a solicitation to the market. 13

14 Q WHAT ABOUT THE FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL THE COMPANY WILL

15 GET ON THE TWO SOUTHERN COAL UNITS?

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A These potential options are problematic for two reasons. First, it is not clear when, where, and to what extent Southern Company would ever make any capacity and/or energy available from these units. The Company's filing is not clear in this regard so it is virtually impossible to determine whether this is a meaningful opportunity. Second, even if Southern were to offer a substantial portion of these units to the market, and even if FPL were interested in acquiring this capacity, such procurement should also be subjected to market forces..

This is an option that the Company should not be allowed to exercise without

- 1 ensuring that other more competitive opportunities (including other solid fuel
- 2 options) are not available in the market.

3 Q WHAT ABOUT THE BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH RETAINING 930

The ability to secure 930 MW of transmission rights from SERC into

4 MW OF FIRM POWER TRANSMISSION CAPACITY FROM SERC?

- Florida may have some benefits, but the conditions under which these benefits could be realized are not clearly explained in the Company's proposal. One potentially bothersome issue is the nature to which these transmission rights are tied exclusively to obtaining power from Southern Company, as opposed to being used by any other competitive energy providers in the SERC region that may want to serve FPL. The Company has noted the conditions precedent in the contracts are linked throughout all three potential agreements. The Company
- states that "...although separate in form and relating to different generating units,
- 14 [these three contracts] in fact constitute a single, composite power purchase
- option for purposes of the Commission's review and approval." [Hartman Direct
- Testimony, 6:22; 7:1.] Thus, it appears that the Company's position is that if it
- wants to maintain these transmission benefits, they have to sign this deal with
- 18 Southern.

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19 Q UNDER WHAT TERMS AND CONDITIONS WILL THE COMPANY BE

20 ABLE TO ROLL-OVER ITS TRANSMISSION RIGHTS WITH SOUTHERN?

- 21 A According to the Company, it will be able to roll-over its grandfathered
- transmission rights if it can show that the changed delivery points from the
- 23 existing agreement do not cause substantial changes in the transmission

- 1 provider's flows. [Hartman Direct Testimony, 8: 2-5.] The Company indicates
- that given the relative similarity in the flows, it "should" be able to secure these
- 3 rights. [Hartman Direct Testimony, 8: 12-15.] However, the Company offers little
- 4 in the way of evidence to support its contention that it "should" be able to secure
- 5 these rights.
- 6 Q HAVE ROLLOVER RIGHTS BEEN USED BY A WHOLESALE
- 7 CUSTOMER TO TAKE SERVICE FROM A COMPETITIVE MERCHANT
- 8 PROVIDER?
- 9 Α There have been instances where wholesale customers have attempted to roll these transmission rights over for use with competitive 10 providers, as opposed to vertically-integrated utilities. A recent example of a 11 12 challenge on this issue before the FERC was associated with Williams Energy 13 Company ("Williams") and Southern (FERC Docket ER03-379-001). In this instance, Williams attempted to use the rollover rights of Oglethorpe Power Corp 14 15 to carry power over Southern's system. While Southern attempted to impose a 16 number of stringent conditions on the transaction, they were ultimately overruled by the FERC. So, FPL's position that the benefits of the transmission rights are 17 limited to just this transaction with Southern does not appear to be correct. 18 19 These rights could be transferred to other competitive providers in the potential flow path of the transaction. So the Company could at least attempt to maintain 20 these benefits even if they enter into a competitive bidding process. 21

1 Q ARE THERE ANY OTHER NON-UTILITY GENERATION RESOURCES

- 2 THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE UNITS TO WHICH
- 3 THE CONTRACTS ARE TIED?
- 4 A Yes. Exhibit DED-2 shows that there are at least 5 existing generators
- 5 that are in very close proximity to those units from which the Company is getting
- 6 its power under the proposed Southern PPAs. These generators have a total
- 7 capacity of 2,600 MW. Although a number of these units may be under contract,
- 8 or unavailable as a supply alternative, the fact highlights that there are a number
- 9 of competitive alternatives in the region for which the Company has made only a
- 10 cursory review.

11 Q WHAT IS THE COMPANY'S BASIS FOR THE GAS TRANSMISSION

12 BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED PPA CONTRACTS?

- 13 A According to the Company, Southern will use its firm transportation
- 14 service on Southern Natural Gas Company ("SONAT") to serve the plants
- supporting the proposed PPA agreements. Southern will give priority scheduling
- for firm transportation to the natural gas facilities serving FPL and cannot "cancel"
- or replace the existing firm gas transportation contracts without FPL's consent."
- 18 [Hartman Direct Testimony, 13: 13-14.] The Company believes the gas-related
- benefits of these contracts are twofold: (1) they increase the diversity of firm gas
- 20 transportation to the Company; and (2) they increase gas transportation
- 21 availability for other transportation users in Florida.

1 Q DO YOU AGREE THESE ARE IMPORTANT BENEFITS?

- 2 A Not entirely, and even if there are some benefits associated with these
- 3 firm gas transportation contracts, they would appear to be minimal, at best.
- 4 Further, it is not clear how these benefits are unique to the proposed PPAs with
- 5 Southern. If the Company has some need for firm gas transportation diversity,
- 6 they could easily detail provisions of this nature in a future solicitation to the
- 7 market. Merchant generators are located throughout the southeast, on a variety
- 8 of pipeline systems, and have the opportunity to offer similar provisions in
- 9 proposed contract submissions. Further, since the Company has not conducted
- an RFP process in this proceeding, it is impossible to determine if the nature of
- 11 these benefits are unique.

12 Q IS FIRM GAS TRANSPORTATION AVAILABILITY PERCEIVED TO BE

13 A PROBLEM IN FLORIDA NOW?

- 14 A Historically, Florida has had limited gas transportation infrastructure. The
- two major pipelines include Florida Gas Transmission ("FGT") and the relatively
- newer Gulfstream Pipeline System ("Gulfstream"). Currently, these systems
- have some 3.3 billion cubic feet per day ("Bcf/d") import capabilities. The state's
- 18 2003 total natural gas use is estimated to be 2.75 Bcf/d. Thus, while peak day
- 19 requirements may be higher, utilization of these pipelines right now is
- somewhere around 80 percent. The real issue, however, is not what these
- utilization levels are now, but what they will be around 2010.

- 1 Q DO YOU SEE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NATURAL GAS SUPPLY
- 2 AND TRANSPORTATION DIVERSITY IN FLORIDA INCREASING OR
- 3 DECREASING PRIOR TO 2010?
- 4 A Actually increasing. As seen in Exhibit DED-3, there are a number of
- 5 proposed pipelines and pipeline extensions in Florida that should be on line prior
- 6 to 2010. These include two potential expansions of the Gulfstream project, and
- 7 three new lines moving liquefied natural gas ("LNG") from the Bahamas to
- 8 Florida. Combined, these lines should have the ability to move an additional 2.7
- 9 Bcf/d into the state. The FPSC Staff's most recent Ten Year Site Plan review
- anticipates total statewide natural gas demand to be around 3.48 Bcf/d by the
- 11 year 2012. If this demand forecast is accurate, then there will be, on average,
- some 2.54 Bcf/d of excess capacity by 2012.
- 13 Q THE COMPANY HAS NOTED WHAT IT PERCEIVES TO BE A
- 14 NUMBER OF "OTHER" IN-STATE BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
- 15 PROPOSED PPAS, BUT AREN'T THERE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT
- 16 ECONOMIC BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH ENCOURAGING IN-STATE
- 17 **GENERATION?**
- 18 A Yes. Power generation facilities represent major capital investments
- 19 regardless of whether they are developed by regulated utilities or merchant
- 20 generators. Typically, these facilities can create three types of benefits: the one-
- 21 time economic benefits associated with the construction of a facility; the ongoing
- 22 economic benefits associated with the operation of a power generation facility;
- 23 and the lower cost power generated from more efficient generators. It is not

- 1 uncommon for typical projects to create hundreds of construction jobs, increased
- 2 regional economic output, and increased tax collections, particularly property
- taxes in the county where the power plant is located. Additionally, the wages
- 4 associated with these facilities are typically higher than average and can be as
- 5 high as \$60,000 per year.

6 Q WHY SHOULD THE COMMISSION BE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS?

- 7 A I would argue that accepting the Company's proposed PPAs, as they have
- 8 been presented in this proceeding, makes both bad regulatory policy and if the
- 9 Commission is interest in "other" benefits, then it would be bad economic
- 10 development policy. From a regulatory policy perspective, the contracts are
- admittedly a higher-cost resource than FPL's own self-build option and have not
- 12 been subjected to a competitive bidding process.. From an economic
- development perspective, if the goal for securing power is to maximize a number
- of "other" in-state benefits, then it is not clear why the Commission would want to
- 15 sign contracts that support higher cost resources in another state, when it could
- promote either a self-build option, or a merchant generation option in Florida and
- 17 capture the benefits associated with the development of those resources, in
- 18 addition to lower cost electricity.
- 19 VII. THE COMPANY'S REVIEW OF THE MARKET DOES NOT APPEAR TO
- 20 BE COMPLETE AND INCLUDES A NUMBER OF ERRORS
- 21 Q IS THERE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MERCHANT CAPACITY
- 22 **DEVELOPMENT IN SERC?**

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- 1 A Yes. It is a well-recognized fact that SERC is one of the most highly
- 2 developed regions for merchant generation in the U.S. Exhibit DED-4 shows this
- 3 development with a map of existing merchant facilities in the SERC region.
- 4 Currently, there are 56 non-peaking merchant facilities with 30,537 MW of
- 5 generation capacity in the SERC region. In addition, there is 13,259 MW of
- 6 capacity that is under construction or planned for the next 5 years.

7 Q IS THIS DEVELOPMENT EVEN THROUGHOUT SERC?

- 8 A No, as shown in Exhibit DED-5, there are four sub-regions in the SERC:
- 9 Entergy, Southern Company, the Tennessee Valley Authority ("TVA"), and the
- 10 Virginia-Carolinas Reliability Region ("VACAR"). Currently, the Entergy sub-
- region has 12,934 MWs of non-peaking merchant generation capacity, the
- 12 Southern Company subregion has 7,548 MW, the TVA subregion has 4,882 MW,
- and the VACAR subregion has 5,137.

14 Q HOW MUCH MERCHANT DEVELOPMENT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN

- 15 **FRCC?**
- 16 A Currently, there are 19 merchant plants with a total of 6,170 MW of
- 17 generating capacity operating in the FRCC region. When these resources in
- 18 FRCC are combined with those available in the SERC, there are some 75
- 19 merchant plants with a total of 36,707 MW of generating capacity in the
- 20 southeast. A map of the FRCC development has been provided in Exhibit DED-
- 21 6.

22 Q HOW MUCH MERCHANT GENERATION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY

23 THE COMPANY IN THE SERC REGION?

- 1 A The Company has identified some 21,800 MW of merchant capacity that
- 2 is available in the market, and could serve as a potential candidate to serve its
- 3 resource needs. This is almost 60 percent lower (14,907 MW) than the amount
- 4 of non-peaking merchant capacity identified as being active in the region by the
- 5 U.S. Department of Energy and summarized in Exhibits DED-4 and DED-5.

6 Q WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR ANALYSIS AND THAT

7 OF THE COMPANY?

- 8 A The Company's initial analysis excludes a number of areas in the
- 9 southeast and appears to focus on a select number of generators on the TVA
- 10 border and within the Southern Company and Entergy sub-regions. For
- instance, the merchant facilities in the non-FRCC region of Florida are excluded,
- 12 as well as the merchant facilities in VACAR and FRCC. While merchant facilities
- 13 located in VACAR are some distance away, it is not plausible to assume all of
- 14 them cannot, or do not, have firm transmission into-SERC from which they could
- then serve FPL. Further, it is not clear why plants located close to home (i.e., in
- 16 Florida) have not been considered as potential candidates to meet the
- 17 Company's resource needs.

18 Q HAS THE COMPANY RULED OUT A LARGE NUMBER OF THESE

19 FACILITIES AS BEING INELIGIBLE TO SERVE FLORIDA LOADS?

- 20 A Yes. The Company has ruled out a large portion of the available
- 21 generation in the southeast as being located in areas that are "transmission
- constrained." The Company has not identified the nature of this constraint, failed
- 23 to offer any studies or analysis to support its assertion, and has assumed that

- none of the generators in the region have the ability to get around this constraint.
- 2 As a result, some 16,400 MW, or 75 percent of all generators identified as being
- 3 available by the Company in the southeast, are taken off the table as being
- 4 candidates to serve the FPL's resource requirements.

5 Q WERE THERE SOME OPERATING UNITS OMMITED?

- 6 A Yes, some of these facilities which FPL omitted include Santa Rosa (236
- 7 MW), Wansley (1,066 MW), Effingham (490 MW), and the large cogeneration
- 8 project in Plaquemine (859 MW). The Company has also excluded at least one
- 9 solid fuel option the Big Cajun 2 unit (1,730 MW) in Louisiana.

10 Q ARE SOME OF THE UNITS IN THE COMPANY'S ANALYSIS

11 MISPLACED?

- 12 A Yes. Plant Daniel (2,136 MW) is located in southern Mississippi in the
- 13 Southern Company sub-region, not what the Company is representing as the
- 14 constrained Entergy sub-region. Hog Bayou (230 MW) is located north of
- 15 Mobile, Alabama, and is in the Southern Company sub-region, not what the
- 16 Company represents as the constrained Entergy sub-region. These two plants
- alone, amounting to a total of 2,366 MW, increases the set of "non-constrained",
- 18 "viable alternatives," facilities available to serve the Company by some 45
- 19 percent.

20 Q DOES THE COMPANY CONSIDER ANY MERCHANT FACILITIES

21 THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION?

- 22 A No. In addition to existing merchant generation that has been completed
- 23 and is in operation, a number of merchant generators are located in the SERC

- 1 region, currently under construction, and scheduled to come on-line prior to
- 2 2010. Exhibit DED-7 provides a map of these facilities throughout the southeast.
- 3 Currently, 6 facilities are being constructed in the region, amounting to 4,542 MW
- 4 of potential capacity that could serve FPL loads. Some 45 percent of that under
- 5 construction development is located in SERC, and outside of the areas the
- 6 Company considers "constrained."

7 Q ARE THERE ANY OTHER POTENTIAL MERCHANT CANDIDATES IN

8 THE REGION THAT COULD SERVE FPL?

- 9 A A number of merchant facilities are considered to be "under development"
- in the SERC region. Some of these facilities are speculative at this time, and
- given current market conditions, are probably not likely to get built without some
- 12 kind of firm contract for the plant output. Nevertheless, they do represent
- potential opportunities for the Company, especially when one considers that the
- energy and capacity represented by the PPA is not to be delivered until June 1,
- 15 2010. As shown in Exhibit DED-8 currently, there are 12 facilities under
- development in the southeast, amounting to approximately 8,717 MW of
- 17 capacity.

18 Q SO DO YOU SEE GENERATION MARKETS IN THE SOUTHEAST AS

19 **BEING LIMITED?**

- 20 A No. All told, there is considerable existing development, and potential
- 21 development, in this market. Exhibit DED-9 combines all of the types of facilities
- 22 discussed earlier into one map.

- 1 Q IN ITS MARKET ANALYSIS, THE COMPANY HAS NOTED THAT
- 2 MANY AREAS OF THE SOUTHEAST, PARTICULALRY THOSE IN THE
- 3 ENTERGY SUB-REGION, ARE TRANSMISSION CONSTRAINED. DO YOU
- 4 AGREE WITH THIS ANALYSIS?
- 5 A Not entirely. The Company has summarily removed some 16,400 MW of
- 6 competitive merchant capacity from its analysis because these facilities are
- 7 located within areas that are currently transmission constrained (or not on the
- 8 Southern Company system). Based upon the Company's analysis, these
- 9 constrained facilities represent some 75 percent of all available merchant
- generation in the southeast. Of particular note is the fact that virtually every
- merchant power plant in the Entergy sub-region of SERC has been taken off the
- table for consideration by the Company. This is important since the Entergy sub-
- region accounts for 42 percent of all merchant generation in the SERC region.

14 Q DO YOU THINK THE ANALYSIS IS REASONABLE?

- 15 A No. I do not believe this is reasonable for a variety of reasons. First, the
- 16 Company has failed to specifically identify, or offer real evidence about the types
- of problems that are constraining the delivery of merchant generation from the
- 18 Entergy sub-region to Florida. It appears the Company assumes that all
- 19 generators in that region are subjected to the same constraint. Second, the
- 20 Company's analysis is static and based upon problems that even if accepted, are
- 21 based upon operating conditions today, not in 2010.
- 22 Q DO YOU FORESEE CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENTS IN SERC
- 23 TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS?

It would appear that way. The most recent report provided by the North 1 Α American Electric Reliability Council ("NERC") indicates that SERC will be the 2 fastest growing region in North American for transmission investments. For 3 4 instance, Exhibit DED-10 shows the proposed increases in the circuit-miles of transmission lines, with voltages of 230 kV and greater, over the next several 5 years. SERC will be growing by over 8 percent over the next decade. Almost 6 1,350 miles of new transmission is proposed for construction through 2008, with 7 an additional 1,085 miles being added between 2009 and 2013. The total 8 forecasted investment over the next decade could be as great as 2,434 miles. In 9 fact, transmission investments in the SERC represent close to 50 percent of all 10 forecasted additions in the U.S. over the next decade. 11

12 Q WHAT ABOUT THE FRCC?

- A Growth in transmission investments in FRCC, while not as considerable, is still relatively substantial. NERC forecasts show that the FRCC transmission could increase by 6 percent by adding 360 circuit miles of transmission lines by 2008, and an additional 81 circuit miles by 2013. **Growth in transmission** investment in FRCC is third behind MAIN and SERC on a relative basis.
- 18 Q HAS THE COMPANY COMPARED THE PROPOSED CONTRACTS
 19 WITH ANY OTHER CONTRACTS?
- 20 A The Company claims that it has compared the proposed contracts with 21 three publicly available sources of information. These include:
- 22 (1) Actual sales associated with the Tenaska Lindsey Hill project;
- 23 (2) Actual sales associated with the Central Alabama unit; and

1 (3) A proposed sale between Southern Power Company and one of its
2 affiliates (Georgia Power) that requested approval before the FERC
3 in Docket No. ER03-713-000 (hereafter "Southern Power-Georgia
4 Power" contracts).

5 Q DO YOU THINK THE COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE TENASKA AND

6 CENTRAL ALABAMA UNITS ARE COMPARABLE TO THE COMPANY'S

7 **CURRENT PPA PROPOSAL?**

8 It is not clear if this sale represents a true "apples-to-apples" 9 comparison. FPL's comparison is ambiguous, and is remarkable for its lack of 10 documentation and detail. It would appear from the Company's discussion that 11 the capacity values with these sales may actually be lower than the proposed PPAs in this proceeding. But, as the Company notes, the purchase amounts are 12 13 higher when the respective operating conditions are taken into consideration. 14 While this difference could be related to potential heat rate differentials, the Company is entirely ambiguous on: (1) what the operating differences really are; 15 16 (2) how substantial those differences are; and (3) how they are adjusted for a 2010 delivery date. 17

18 Q ARE THE SOUTHERN POWER-GEORGIA POWER CONTRACTS

19 NOTED BY THE COMPANY A VALID COMPARISON?

A No. These contracts, which were submitted to the FERC for approval,
were very controversial. Several interveners to the proceeding claimed that
Southern Power was given preferential treatment in the award due to its affiliate
status. Ultimately, Southern decided to withdraw its application for approval of

- the contracts from the FERC. Thus, these contracts should not be used for
- 2 comparison purposes since (1) the legitimacy of the bids was questioned and (2)
- the contracts were never completed and ultimately withdrawn.
- 4 Q NOTWITHSTANDING THE VALIDITY OF THESE CONTRACTS, DO
- 5 YOU THINK THE APPROACH THE COMPANY USED TO MAKE ITS
- 6 CONTRACT COMPARISONS IS VALID?
- 7 A No. While I have not had the opportunity to see the pricing terms
- 8 associated with the proposed PPA in this proceeding, and here again the
- 9 Company's analysis is somewhat ambiguous. There appear to be at least some
- obvious inconsistencies in the approach the Company has used in comparing its
- 11 PPA proposal with (1) the Southern Power offers, and (2) the other "expression
- of interest" that the Company solicited from the market.

13 Q WHY DO YOU THINK THE COMPARISONS ARE INCONSISTENT?

In comparing the Southern Power-Georgia Power offers, the Company 14 Α 15 takes the reported capacity prices and, I believe, escalates these by the contract 16 inflation factor of 3 percent to determine a future year capacity price of \$7.28/kW-17 month [Hartman Direct Testimony, 18:17.] In this analysis, the Company 18 completely ignores the energy component of this contract. However, in its later comparison of the offer submitted as an "expression of interest" the Company 19 20 appears to acknowledge that the capacity component of the bid from the market 21 is lower, but that the heat rate portion is higher, and is therefore, above the proposed PPA in this proceeding. The two approaches do not appear to be valid 22. 23 comparisons: if the total contract approach is the most valid, then the Southern

- 1 comparison is incomplete because the energy terms of the arrangement are
- 2 unknown. If a capacity value approach is the most valid, then the Company was
- 3 offered a better deal in the market, but failed to act on it, and has proposed to
- 4 accept the proposed Southern PPAs instead.

5 Q ARE THERE ANY OTHER PROBLEMS WITH THIS ANALYSIS?

- 6 A Yes. In recent RFPs, the Company has required a number of different
- 7 factors to be considered in evaluating individual offers from competitive merchant
- 8 providers. These have included adjustments associated with dual fuel
- 9 capabilities; geographic preferences (line losses from resource locations in
- various parts inside and outside the state); and the impact the resource would
- 11 have on must-run units in South Florida. It is not clear to what extent these
- 12 factors have been taken into consideration in its analysis.

13 Q WHAT OTHER COMPARISONS HAS THE COMPANY MADE?

- 14 A The Company made an additional attempt to evaluate the costs from a
- 15 RFP in 2003. This analysis has been provided in Exhibit TLH-6, and according
- to the Company, is an economic comparison of proposed PPAs and "the most
- comparable offer from the 2003 RFP (a 1,220 MW 15 year PPA)." [Hartman
- 18 Direct Testimony, 19: 19-23.]

19 Q WHAT ARE YOUR CONCERNS REGARDING THIS EVALUATION?

- 20 A I have several concerns regarding this analysis. The first is that the
- 21 amount of capacity represented by the PPA is different and may be met by a
- 22 combination of units that were previously unavailable. The second is that the
- 23 RFP had a different time horizon for both the build-out and the term of supply.

- 1 The third is that additional capacity may be available that has come on-line since
- 2 that time or is under construction or development at the current period. The
- 3 fourth is that the Company has used "current economic assumptions" which may
- 4 not be representative of the conditions that competitive providers used in the
- 5 RFP process completed a year ago. Companies continuously update and modify
- 6 their business plans, and to assume current economic conditions may be limiting.
- 7 Q DO YOU HAVE ANY "BIG PICTURE" CONCERNS ABOUT THE
 - OVERALL COMPARISON ANALYSIS CONDUCTED BY THE COMPANY?
- 9 A Yes. The nature of the entire analysis is very "thin" there are just not a
- 10 lot of data points in which to compare the Company's proposed PPA. I do not
- believe this gives the Commission a very solid nor comfortable basis from which
- to approve this decision. There would appear to be only one transaction that is
- 13 perhaps the most direct comparison in this proceeding coming from the
- 14 Company's reported "expression of interest." The Company has noted that it
- believes it has received a limited response to its inquiries because of the timing
- of the interest is so well out into the future (2010). [Hartman Direct Testimony,
- 17 19: 5-8.] If this is the case, then the Commission would benefit by suggesting
- that the Company issue a RFP to the market to compete for the energy and
- capacity represented by the PPA proposal at some future date.
- 20 Q BUT THE COMPANY INDICATES THAT THE COMMISSION MUST ACT
- 21 NOW IN ORDER TO ATTAIN THE POTENTIAL PPA BENEFITS. DO YOU
- 22 AGREE?

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Α. 1 No. The Company indicates that it must act now to secure the "other benefits" articulated in its proposal. [Hartman Direct Testimony, 19: 12-14.] Even 2 3 if the Commission accepts that these benefits are substantial, which is questionable, the Company has provided no concrete or compelling evidence 4 5 that these benefits will not exist in the future. The Commission should take its time and prod the Company to subject the offer to a formalized competitive 6 bidding process to ensure that the full breadth of the market has been considered 7 for the benefit of ratepayers. 8

VIII. SUMMARY AND RECCOMENDATIONS 9

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COULD YOU PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS? 10 Q

- Α I recommend that the Commission separate the cost recovery issue for three purchased power contracts with SCSI from the remaining issues in this fuel 12 13 docket for the following reasons:
 - The proposed purchased power contracts represent a considerable (1) commitment for FPL that extends well into the future. The proposal raises numerous complex issues that should not be considered on a relatively expedited basis.
 - Because of the magnitude of this request, the terms, conditions, (2) and rates for these proposed contracts should be compared to the best alternative available in the market. The Company has not conducted a RFP process as envisioned in the FPSC Rule 25-22.082; therefore, the Commission cannot be assured that this resource proposal is the most cost effective available in the market

for ratepayers. In fact, the Company has admitted that its self-build
option is some \$60 to \$80 million lower than the contracts proposed
in this proceeding. [Hartman Direct Testimony, 15: 17-18.]

- (3) The extent to which the Company has queried the market is questionable. Further, a number of the "additional benefits" associated with these contracts are likewise questionable and should be reviewed carefully. If the Commission wishes to have the Company seek these types of additional benefits, after satisfying itself that the benefits are significant enough to outweigh cost savings, the benefits specifically sought should be written into the requirements of a competitive proposal submitted to the market.
 (4) Separating this issue would not appear to harm ratepayers since
- the Company has noted that its current contract terms with Southern allow for the longer of 6 months for regulatory approval or securing transmission rights. [Hartman Direct Testimony, 6:17-18.]
- (5) Separating this issue from the remaining issues in this docket, and considering it in a more thorough manner by testing the new contracts against the competitive market through an RFP process, would serve the public interest by ensuring "that a public utility's selection of a proposed generation addition [inside or outside of Florida] is the most cost-effective alternative available." [F.A.C., FPSC Rule 25-22.082]

1 Q DO YOU HAVE ANY ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS?

- 2 A Yes. If the Commission rejects my primary recommendation to separate
- 3 the issues associated with the Company's proposed PPA from this proceeding,
- 4 then I would recommend that the Commission not approve the Company's
- 5 proposed PPAs. I base this alternative recommendation on the following points:
- 6 (1) The Company has not conducted a thorough competitive bidding process for these resources.
- 8 (2) The Company has not provided complete and detailed information
 9 in its filing to prove that these PPAs are the least cost option
 10 available to ratepayers.
 - (3) The Company has indicated that its self-build option is a lower cost resource than the proposed PPAs. The purported additional benefits associated with the Company's proposed PPAs do not offset these potential costs savings for ratepayers. The Company should be required to compare this self-build option to all potential contracts and resource alternatives in the market through a competitive bidding process.
 - (4) FPL has failed to establish the urgency or need to approve now a PPA that calls for delivery of energy and capacity 6 to 11 years from this summer.
- 21 Q DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY FILED ON
- 22 **OCTOBER 4, 2004?**
- 23 A Yes it does.

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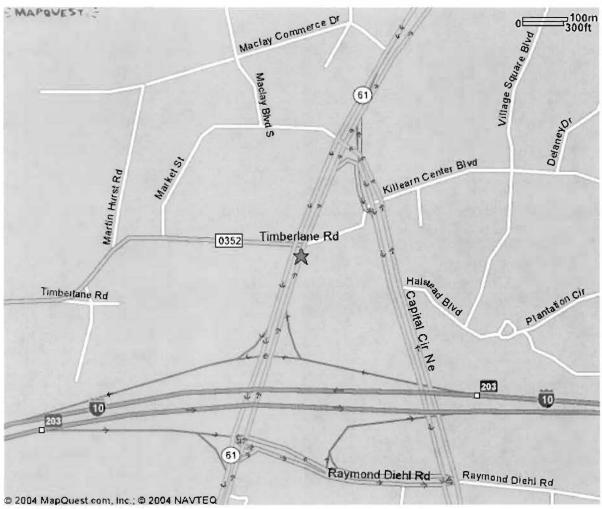


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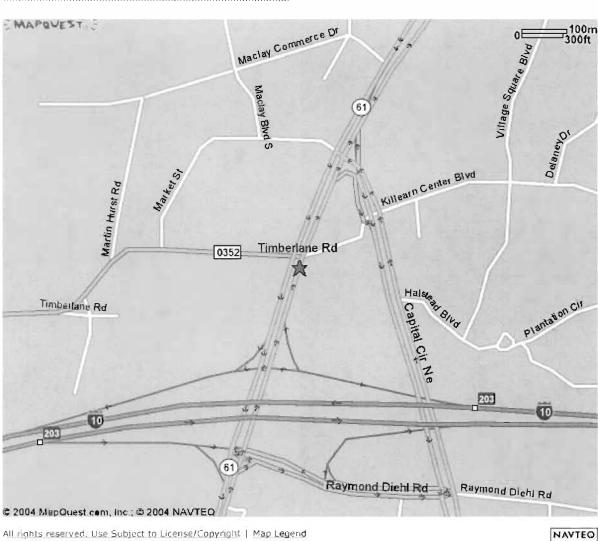
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Export Report and Testimony. Docket 1997-4665-PV, 1998-4206-PV, 1999-7380-PV, 2000-5958-PV, 2001-6039-PV, 2002-64680-PV, 2003-6231-PV. Before the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals. (2003). In the Matter of the Appeals of CIG Field Services Company from orders of the Division of

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REFEREE AND EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Referee, 1995-Current, Energy Journal

Referee, 2002, Resource & Energy Economics

Referee, 2004, Southern Economic Journal

Contributing Editor, 2000-Current, Oil, Gas and Energy Quarterly

Committee Member, IAEE/USAEE Student Paper Scholarship Award Committee, 2003

PROPOSAL TECHNICAL REVIEWER

California Energy Commission, Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) Program (1999).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Economic Association, American Statistical Association, Econometric Society, Southern Economic Association, Western Economic Association, and the International Association of Energy Economists.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Omicron Delta Epsilon (1992-Current)

Florida Public Service Commission, Staff Excellence Award for Assistance in the Analysis of Local Exchange Competition Legislation (1995).

Distinguished Research Award, Academy of Legal, Ethical and Regulatory Issues, Allied Academics (2002).

Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) "Best Practice" Award for Research on the Economic Impact of Oil and Gas Activities on State Leases for the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (2003).

Baton Rouge Business Report, Selected as "Top 40 Under 40" (2003).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Principles of Microeconomic Theory

Principles of Macroeconomic Theory

Lecturer, Electric Power Industry Environmental Issues, Field Course on Energy and the Environment. (Dept of Environmental Studies).

Lecturer, Electric Power Industry Trends, Principles Course in Power Engineering (Dept. of Electric Engineering).

Continuing Education. Electric Power Industry Restructuring for Energy Professionals.

THESIS/DISSERTATIONS COMMITTEES

- 4 Thesis Committee Memberships (Environmental Studies)
- 2 Doctoral Committee Memberships (Information Systems & Decision Sciences, Agricultural and Resource Economics).

LSU SERVICE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

LSU Faculty Senate Committee on Public Relations (1997-1999)

LSU Faculty Senate Committee on Student Retention and Recruitment (1999-2003)

LSU CES/SCE Public Art Selection Committee (2003-2004)

LSU InterCollege Environmental Cooperative. Term: 1999-2001.

LSU Main Campus Cogeneration/Turbine Project, (1999-2000).

Co-Chairman, Review Committee, Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program Rules and Regulations, On Behalf of the LSU Ports and Waterways Institute. (1997).

Conference Coordinator. Center for Energy Studies Seminar Series on Electric Utility Restructuring and Wholesale Competition. (1996-2003).

Conference Coordinator. Center for Energy Studies Annual Energy Conference/Summit. (2003-Current).

LSU Faculty Senate (2003-2006)

LSU Graduate Faculty, Associate Member (1997-2004); Full Member (2004-Current)

Advisor, Louisiana LNG Buyers/Developers Summit, Office of the Governor/Louisiana Department of Economic Development/Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (2004).

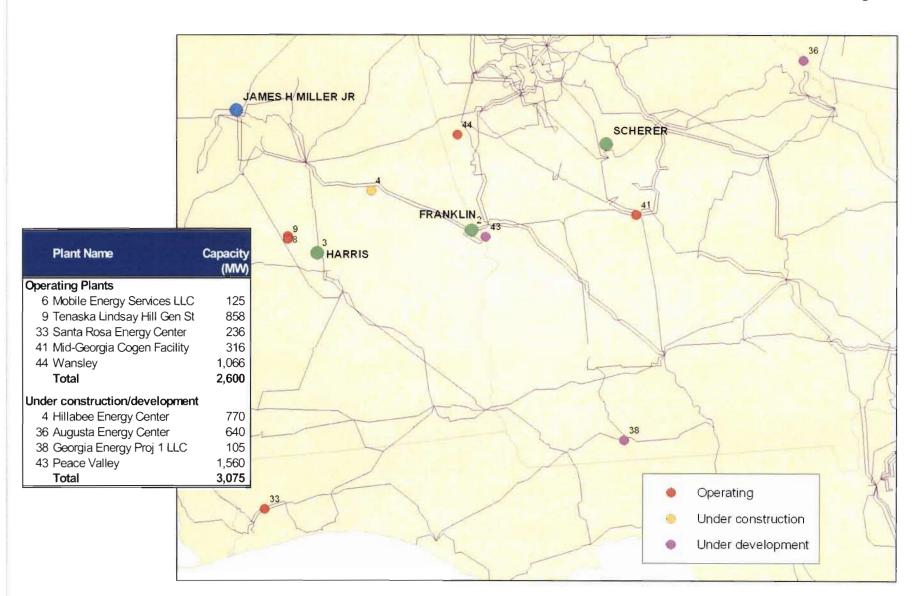
Contribution of Contracts to Total Purchase Agreement

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Contracted Unit	Fuel Type	Contracted Capacity (MW)	Percent of Total Contract
Robert W. Scherer Unit 3	Coal	165	17.3%
Harris Unit 1	Natural Gas	600	62.8%
Franklin Unit 1	Natural Gas	190	19.9%
Total		955	100.0%

Merchant Facilities Located in Proximity to Contracted Units

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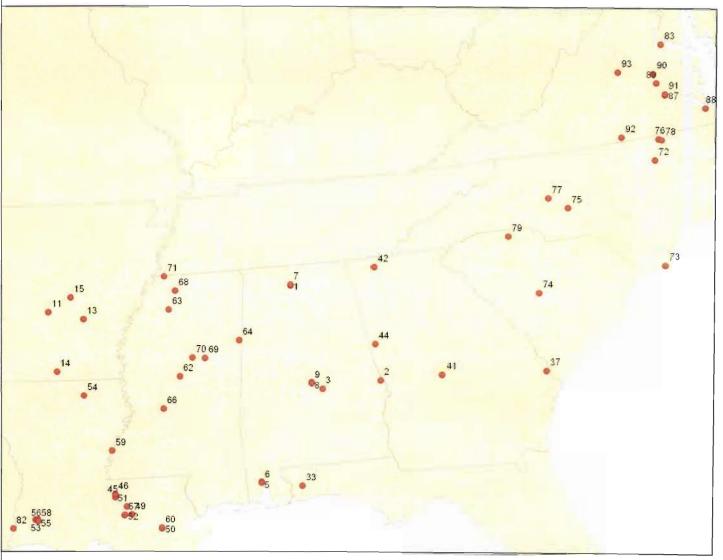


Pipeline	System Capacity (Bcf/day)				
Existing Pipelines					
Florida Gas Transmission	2.20				
Gulfstream	1.10				
Current State Capacity	3.30				
Estimated Natural Gas Demand	2.75				
Estimated Excess Capacity	0.55				
Proposed Pipelines (2005 through 2007)					
Gulfstream Phase II	0.35				
Gulfstream Phase III	n.a.				
AES Ocean Express / AES	0.84				
Calypso Natural Gas Pipeline / Tractebel	0.83				
Seafarer Pipeline System / El Paso	0.70				
Total Proposed Capacity	2.72				

Capacity (MW) Plant Name 1 Decatur Energy Center 624 1,139 2 Franklin 1.035 5 Hog Bayou Energy Center 230 6 Mobile Energy Services LLC 125 7 Morgan Energy Center 588 8 Tenaska Cntl Alabama Gen St 808 9 Tenaska Lindsav Hill Gen St 858 10 Hot Spring Energy Facility 652 13 Pine Bluff Energy Center 198 14 Union Power Station 2,020 15 Wrightsville Power Facility 568 33 Santa Rosa Energy Center 236 37 Effingham County Power Proj 490 41 Mid-Georgia Cog Fac 316 42 Murray Energy Facility 1.244 44 Wansley 1,066 45 Big Cajun 1 220 46 Big Cajun 2 1.730 49 Carville Energy LLC 500 50 Dow St Charles Operations 292 51 ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Cogen 332 52 LaO Energy Systems 588 53 Nelson Industrial Steam 213 54 Ouachita Generating Plant 816 55 PPG Powerhouse C 303 154 56 PPG Riverside 859 57 Plaquemine Cogeneration 58 RS Cogen 396 59 Sidney A Murray Jr Hydro 192 60 Taft Cogeneration Facility 790 62 Attala Generating LLC 459 63 Batesville Generation Facility 858 64 Caledonia 783 66 Hinds Energy Facility 450 68 Magnolia Power Plant 863 69 Red Hills Generating Facility 440 70 Reliant Energy Choctaw County 726 71 Southaven Energy LLC 783 72 Cogentrix Dw Collier Battle Cogen 105 73 Cogentrix Southport 107 74 Columbia Energy Center 580 107 75 Narrows 76 Panda Rosemary LP 165 967 77 Rowan 78 Westmoreland-LG&E Roanoke Val I 165 95 79 Cherokee County Cogen 420 82 SRW Cogen LP 238 83 Birchwood Power 87 Cogentrix Hopewell 93 115 88 Cogentrix Portsmouth 190 89 Cogentrix of Richmond 90 Doswell Energy Center 820 348 132 91 Hopewell Cogeneration 92 Mecklenburg Cog Fac 93 Tenaska Virginia Gen St 946

Merchant Development in SERC Region

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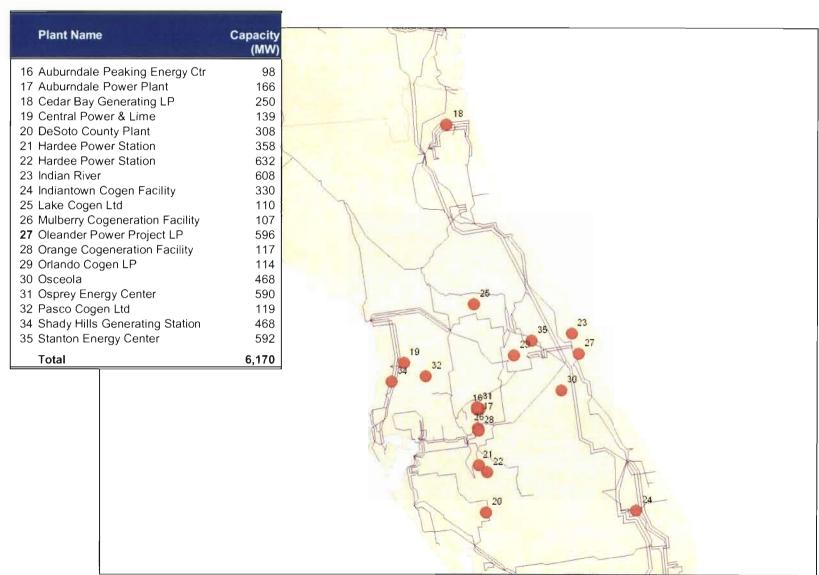
Merchant Development in SERC by Subregion

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	Number	MW of
Subregion	of Plants	Capacity
Entergy	22	12,934
Southern	11	7,548
TVA	7	4,882
VACAR	16	5,173
Total	56	30,537

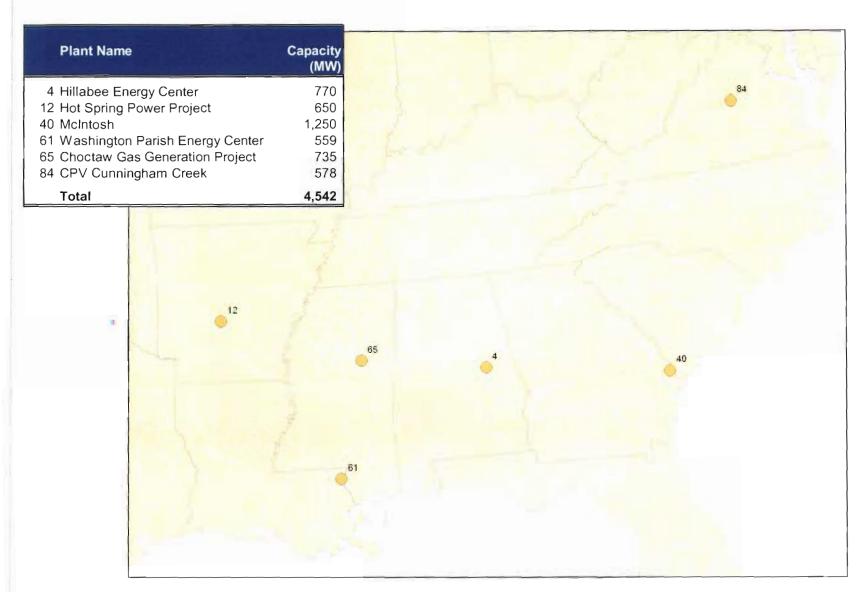
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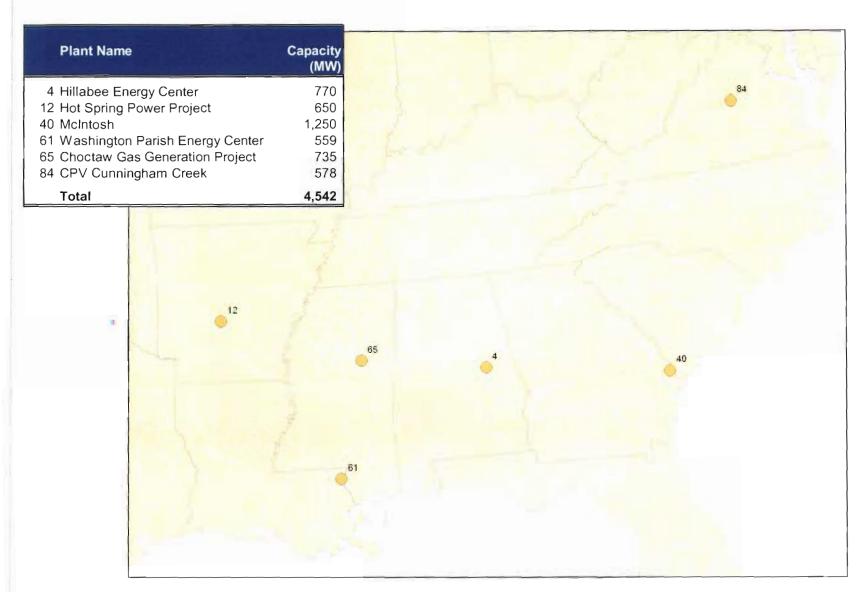
Merchant Facilities Under Construction in SERC

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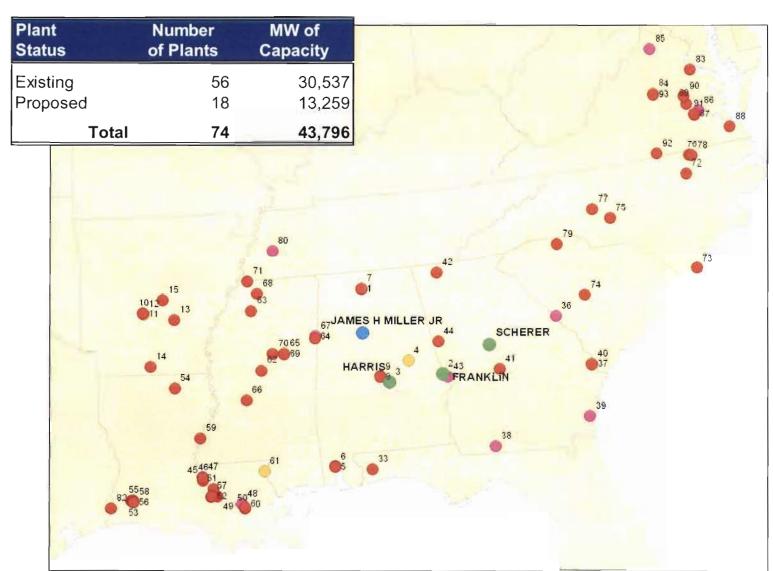
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Merchant Alternatives in SERC

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Planned Transmission Additions (Circuit Miles)

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	2003 Existing (miles)	Percent of Total Existing (%)	2004-2008 Additions	2009-2013 Additions (mi	Total Additions les)	2013 Total Installed	Percent Increase (%)
ECAR	16,439	17.4%	156	17	173	16,612	1.1%
FRCC	6,894	7.3%	360	81	441	7,335	6.4%
MAAC	7,05 7	7.5%	134	-	134	7,191	1.9%
MAIN	6,195	6.6%	374	260	634	6,829	10.2%
MAPP-US	14,705	15.6%	228	246	474	15,179	3.2%
NPCC-US	6,406	6.8%	376	_	376	6,782	5.9%
SERC	28,868	30.6%	1,349	1,085	2,434	31,302	8.4%
SPP	7,659	8.1%	191	17	208	7,867	2.7%
Total Eastern Interconnection*	94,223	100.0%	3,168	1,706	4,874	99,097	5.2%