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Public Service Commission

May 5, 2005

Mr. John T. English, President & CEO
Florida Public Utilities Co.
401 South Dixie Highway
West Palm Beach, FL 33402

Re: **Docket No.:** 050224-GU; **Company Name:** Florida Public Utilities Co.; **Audit Purpose:** Review the charges made to the Storm Damage Reserve as a result of the damages from Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne; **Audit Control No.:** 05-125-4-1

Dear Mr. English:

The Florida Public Service Commission will conduct an audit to review the charges made to the Storm Damage Reserve as a result of the damages from Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne, in accordance with Commission audit procedures. Access will be requested to documents and records of the utility and, if necessary, supporting records for affiliate company transactions that affect regulated operations. Staff auditors may also request to review the utility's external audit working papers for the most recent independent audit. Kathy Welch, Miami District Supervisor, will coordinate this audit. Ms. Welch can be reached at (305) 470-5600. Questions regarding the audit or audit staff should be directed to the district supervisor or myself. My phone number is (850) 413-6487.

The Audit Access to Records rule for each industry states:

In those instances where the utility disagrees with the auditor's assessment of a reasonable response time to the audit request, the utility shall first attempt to discuss the disagreement with the auditor and reach an acceptable revised date. If agreement cannot be reached, the utility shall discuss the issue with successive levels of supervisors at the Commission until an agreement is reached.

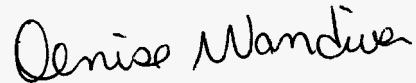
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A formal report is expected to be issued for internal Commission use on June 20, 2005. A copy of the final report will be mailed to the company liaison listed in the Commission Mailing Directory.

Sincerely,



Denise N. Vandiver, Chief
Bureau of Auditing

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