

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Florida Power & Light Company.	DOCKET NO. 050045-EI
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In re: 2005 comprehensive depreciation study by Florida Power & Light Company.	DOCKET NO. 050188-EI
	FILED: August 15, 2005

COMMON CAUSE AND INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS' PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes and Rules 25-22.039, and 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code, Common Cause Florida, and a number Florida Power & Light Company's customers, most of whom are Common Cause members, through their undersigned attorney, file their Petition to Intervene, and in support thereof, state as follows:

1. The name and address of the affected agency is:

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2. The name and address of the petitioner is:

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4. Florida Power and Light Company (“FPL”) is a regulated electric utility serving approximately 4.2 million retail customers throughout portions of the State of Florida.

5. Common Cause Florida is the Florida chapter of the national organization Common Cause, which is a nonpartisan corporation that works for open, accountable government and the right of all citizens to be involved in shaping our nation's public policies. Its priorities include: pressing for the enactment of legislation to fundamentally reform campaigns, including limits on campaign spending, a dramatic reduction in special-interest political contributions and a ban on soft money; upholding high standards of ethics and making government officials accountable for their actions; and pressing for adherence to basic principles of civil and equal rights for all citizens. Nationally, Common Cause has in excess of 200,000 members, while Common Cause Florida has over 9,000 members. Common Cause Florida members reside throughout the state and substantial numbers of them are retail residential customers of FPL.

Common Cause Florida Members’ Substantial Interests Affected

6. Given the level of annual rate increases sought by FPL, Common Cause Florida, its individual members who are FPL retail customers, and the other individual customers seeking intervention here, submit that the individual customers’ rights as well as those of many of the approximately 9,000 members served by FPL will be clearly and substantially affected by any action the Commission takes in these consolidated dockets and that they, both individually and

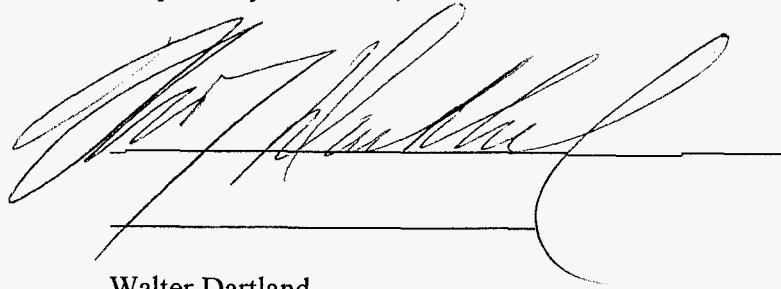
collectively with Common Cause Florida as their associational representative, meet the two-prong test of Agrico Chemical Company v. Department of Environmental Regulation, 406 So.2d 478 (Fla. 2d DCA 1981) for proving substantial interests. Therefore, many of Common Cause Florida's members will be substantially affected by any action the Commission takes in this docket, which will necessarily include retail rate increases if the utility's requested relief is granted.

7. The Commission will decide in this docket whether to approve FPL's request to increase its base rates by some \$552 million annually in two increments beginning January 1, 2006.

8. Common Cause Florida's members and the individual customer petitioners taking retail electric service from FPL have interests of the type this proceeding is designed to protect. See Agrico Chemical Company v. Department of Environmental Regulation, 406 So.2d 478 (Fla. 2nd DCA 1981). The purpose of the proceeding is to evaluate FPL's request, to review the nature of its expenses and capital expenditures to determine if they are fair, just and reasonable and an appropriate basis for increasing FPL's base rates as requested. These issues will affect Common Cause Florida's FPL customer members' and the individual petitioners substantial interests by potentially increasing their costs of electricity, which necessarily will reduce their monies available for other purposes.

WHEREFORE, Common Cause Florida and the named individual FPL customers request that this Commission grant them intervenor status in this docket as a full party on behalf of the significant number of its approximately 9,000 Florida members taking retail electric service from Florida Power and Light Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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