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## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Environmental cost recovery clause.

Docket No.: 050007-EI

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# THE FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-05-0264-PCO-EI, issued March 10, 2005, establishing the prehearing procedure in this docket, the The Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG) hereby files its Prehearing Statement.

# A. <u>APPEARANCES:</u>

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On Behalf of the Florida Industrial Power Users Group.

#### B. WITNESSES:

None.

#### C. EXHIBITS:

None. However, FIPUG reserves the right to utilize appropriate exhibits during cross-examination.

#### D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION:

None.

# E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS:

#### **GENERIC ISSUES**

ISSUE 1: What are the final environmental cost recovery true-up amounts for the

period ending December 31, 2004?

**FIPUG:** No position at this time.

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ISSUE 2: What are the estimated environmental cost recovery true-up amounts for the period January 2005 through December 2005?

**FIPUG:** No position at this time.

ISSUE 3: What are the projected environmental cost recovery amounts for the period January 2006 through December 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 4: What are the environmental cost recovery amounts, including true-up amounts for the period January 2006 through December 2006?

**FIPUG:** No position at this time.

ISSUE 5: What depreciation rates should be used to develop the depreciation expense included in the total environmental cost recovery amounts for the period January 2005 through December 2005?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 6: What are the appropriate jurisdictional separation factors for the projected period January 2006 through December 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 7: What are the appropriate environmental cost recovery factors for the period January 2006 through December 2006, for each rate group?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 8: What should be the effective date of the environmental cost recovery factors for billing purposes?

FIPUG: The factors should be effective beginning with the specified environmental cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January 2006 through December 2006. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2006, and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2006, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

#### **COMPANY SPECIFIC ISSUES**

Florida Power & Light Co. (FPL)

ISSUE 9A: Should the Commission approve FPL's request for recovery of costs for a 10 year Hydrobiological Monitoring Program associated with FPL's makeup water withdrawals from the Little Manatee River for its Manatee Unit 3 generating unit?

**FIPUG:** No position at this time.

ISSUE 9B: How should FPL's environmental costs for the Little Manatee River Hydrobiological Monitoring Program be allocated to the rate classes?

FIPUG: If approved for recovery, the proposed operating and maintenance costs should be allocated to the rate classes in the same manner that base rates are allocated with appropriate non-firm credits for non-firm customers.

ISSUE 9C: Should the Commission approve FPL's request for recovery of study costs and costs to retrofit various power plants to comply with the Clean Air Interstate Rule?

**FIPUG:** No position at this time.

ISSUE 9D: How should FPL's environmental costs for compliance with the Clean Air Interstate Rule be allocated to the rate classes?

FIPUG: If approved for recovery: 1) the proposed operating and maintenance costs should be allocated to the rate classes on an energy basis; and, 2) the proposed capitalized should be allocated to the rate classes on an average 12 coincident peak demand and 1/13 average demand consistent with Commission Order No. PSC-05-0902-S-EI, issued September 14, 2005, in Docket No. 050045-EI, In Re: Petition for rate increase by Florida Power & Light Company, including appropriate credits for non-firm service.

ISSUE 9E: Should the Commission approve recovery of FPL's legal costs to challenge the Clean Air Interstate Rule?

FIPUG: No. Such costs are a prudent expense chargeable to base rates, but should not be recovered through the ECRC.

ISSUE 9F: How should FPL's legal costs to challenge the Clean Air Interstate Rule be allocated to the rate classes?

**FIPUG:** Such costs are a prudent expense chargeable to base rates, but should not be recovered through the ECRC.

ISSUE 9G: Should the Commission approve FPL's request for recovery of costs to model potential visibility degradation in any Class 1 Federal Area associated with

air emissions from its electric generating units pursuant to the Regional Haze Rule?

FIPUG: No. Such costs are a prudent expense chargeable to base rates, but should not be

recovered through the ECRC.

ISSUE 9H: How should FPL's environmental costs for modeling potential visibility

degradation pursuant to the Regional Haze Rule be allocated to the rate

classes?

FIPUG: Such costs are a prudent expense chargeable to base rates, but should not be

recovered through the ECRC.

Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

ISSUE 10A: Should the Commission approve PEF's request for recovery of costs for

certain Sea Turtle street lighting activities in Franklin County, Gulf County,

and within the City of Mexico Beach?

**FIPUG:** No position at this time.

ISSUE 10B: How should the costs for PEF's Sea Turtle street lighting activities be

allocated to the rate classes?

FIPUG: If approved for recovery, the proposed operating and maintenance costs and

capitalized costs should be allocated to the rate classes on a non-coincident peak

demand basis.

ISSUE 10C: Should the Commission approve PEF's request for recovery of costs to assess

groundwater arsenic levels and consultant costs for development of an arsenic remediation plan at Plants Anclote, Bartow, Hines, and Crystal

River?

**FIPUG:** No position at this time.

ISSUE 10D: How should the costs for PEF's arsenic groundwater monitoring and studies

be allocated to the rate classes?

**FIPUG:** If approved for recovery, the proposed operating and maintenance costs should be

allocated to the rate classes on a 12 coincident peak demand and 1/13 average

demand basis including proper credits for non-firm service.

ISSUE 10E: Should the Commission approve PEF's request for recovery of costs for

installing secondary containment for certain underground storage tanks and

small diameter piping at the Bartow and Crystal River Power Plant sites?

**FIPUG:** No position at this time.

ISSUE 10F: How should the costs for PEF's secondary containment facilities at the Bartow and Crystal River Power Plant sites be allocated to the rate classes?

FIPUG: If approved for recovery, the proposed capitalized costs should be allocated to the rate classes on a 12 coincident peak demand and 1/13 average demand basis including proper credits for non-firm service.

ISSUE 10G: Should the Commission approve PEF's request to recover \$52 million in 2006 for projected costs related to design, engineering, procurement of equipment and initial construction of SCR and FGD systems for its coal units and NOx reduction equipment for its Anclote unit?

FIPUG: No. It would be premature to approve cost recovery for such items at this time. The EPA's CAIR/CAMR rules face challenges that may obviate the need, in whole or in part, for such systems. Further, PEF has not otherwise properly supported its claim for recovery of the cost of these expensive pollution control systems.

### Gulf Power Company

ISSUE 11A: Should the Commission approve Gulf's request for recovery of costs for groundwater arsenic remediation activities at Plants Crist and Scholz?

**FIPUG:** No position at this time.

ISSUE 11B: How should the costs for GULF's arsenic groundwater remediation activities at Plants Crist and Scholz be allocated to the rate classes?

FIPUG: If approved for recovery, the proposed capitalized costs should be allocated to the rate classes on 12 coincident peak demand and 1/13 average demand basis.

ISSUE 11C: Should the Commission approve GULF's request for recovery of costs for water conservation measures at Plant Crist?

**FIPUG:** No position at this time.

ISSUE 11D: How should the costs for GULF's Plant Crist water conservation measures be allocated to the rate classes?

FIPUG: If approved for recovery, the proposed capitalized costs should be allocated to the rate classes on 12 coincident peak demand and 1/13 average demand basis.

ISSUE 11E: Should the Commission approve GULF's request for recovery of costs for replacement of the copper condenser tubes at Plant Crist with stainless steel condenser tubes?

**FIPUG:** No position at this time.

ISSUE 11F: How should the costs for GULF's Plant Crist condenser tube replacement be allocated to the rate classes?

FIPUG: If approved for recovery, the proposed capitalized costs should be allocated to the rate classes on 12 coincident peak demand and 1/13 average demand basis.

ISSUE 11G: Should the Commission make any ruling on inclusion of the Plant Crist flue gas desulfurization unit in the ECRC when Gulf has, intentionally, not petitioned for inclusion of the project in the ECRC, and there are no costs to be recovered in 2005 and 2006?

FIPUG: Agree with Staff. No. Gulf has not presented any issue for adjudication, and the testimony on the Plant Crist flue gas desulfurization unit should be stricken.

ISSUE 11H: Should the Commission make any ruling on inclusion in the ECRC of the bag-house on the Plant Smith Unit 2 electric generation facility when Gulf has, intentionally, not petitioned for inclusion of the project in the ECRC, and there are no costs to be recovered in 2005 and 2006?

FIPUG: Agree with Staff and OPC. No. Gulf has not presented any issue for adjudication, the testimony on the Plant Smith Unit 2 electric generation facility should be stricken, and the costs, if any, for the project should be removed from the ECRC cost projections.

ISSUE 111: Should Gulf be permitted to include its proposed Scrubber Project in its 2006 projections for the ECR clause?

FIPUG: Agree with OPC. No. Gulf has not presented any issue for adjudication, the testimony on the Plant Smith Unit 2 electric generation facility should be stricken, and the costs, if any, for the project should be removed from the ECRC cost projections.

ISSUE 11J: Should Gulf be permitted to include its proposed Plant Smith Baghouse Project in its 2006 projections for the ECR clause?

FIPUG: Agree with OPC. No. Gulf has not requested approval of its proposed Plant Smith Baghouse Project under the "New Environmental Activities/Projects" section of its petition, so the testimony regarding this projection should be stricken and the costs, if any, associated with the Plant Smith Baghouse Project should be removed from the ECRC cost projections.

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# Tampa Electric Company (TECo)

FIPUG:

No TECo specific issues were identified in the parties' preliminary issue lists; however, FIPUG reserves the right to take a position on any subsequent issues raised by any party.

# F. <u>STIPULATED ISSUES:</u>

None at this time.

## G. PENDING MOTIONS OR OTHER MATTERS:

FIPUG has no pending motions.

## H. PENDING CLAIMS OF CONFIDENTIALITY:

FIPUG has no pending confidentiality claims.

## I. COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER NO. PSC-05-0264-PCO-EI:

FIPUG has not at this time identified any portion of the procedural order that cannot be complied with.

s/ Timothy J. Perry

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