## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Florida Public Utilities Company's	)	2 22 1 0 1
Request for Confidential Treatment of	)	Docket No. <u>06029 - P</u> U
Electric and Gas Forecasted Earnings	)	Filed: March 29, 2006
Surveillance Reports	)	
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## REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPUC" or the "Company"), through its undersigned counsel, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, herewith requests confidential treatment of certain documents and as a basis show:

- 1. FPUC is an investor owned public utility providing electric and natural gas service to customers pursuant to regulation by the FPSC. As a regulated utility, FPUC files periodic reports with the PSC, including Forecasted Earnings Surveillance Reports.
- 2. The attached Electric Forecasted Earnings Surveillance Report consisting of Schedules 1 through 5, and Gas Forecasted Earnings Surveillance Report also consisting of Schedules 1 through 5 contain information considered and treated by FPUC as proprietary, confidential business information exempt from disclosure.
- 3. The forecasted surveillance reports contain forecasted estimates of utility operations including rate base, capital structure, forecast customers and sales and similar data, which if publicly disclosed, could impair the competitive interests of the Company. Information relative to forecasted growth and business activity could enable competitive providers with information of value to them and harmful to FPUC, its customers and investors.

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As a publicly traded company, FPUC does not release or publish any information other than as required by law and regulatory agencies and release of the forecasted surveillance reports would adversely affect the Company and its customers.

4. FPUC considers and treats the company information shown on Schedules 1 through 5 for both the electric operations and gas division to be proprietary business information as defined by Section 366.093(3)(a) and (e) and requests that the Commission enter an order finding that the information is proprietary and confidential and exempt from Section 119.07, Florida Statutes.

Respectfully submitted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

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