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DATE: May 15, 2006
TO: Kay B. Flynn, Chief of Records, Division of the Commission Clerk & Administrative Services
FROM: Craig Hewitt, Economic Analyst, Division of Economic Regulation *CSA*
RE: Docket No. 060173-EU

Please place in the above referenced docket the attached letter dated May 1, 2006, from P. Mark Cutshaw, Florida Public Utilities Company, responding to data requests. Thank you.

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Re: Data Request – Proposed Amendments to Rules 25-6.034, 25-6.604, 25-6.078, 25-6.115

Dear Mr. Hewitt:

This letter is in response to the data request on the Proposed Rule Amendments shown above as requested in the workshop held on April 17, 2006.

Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) has no specific comments on any of the proposed rule amendments. However, based on storm related damage results during 2004 and 2005 that have been provided to the FPSC, it is our opinion that the implementation of these increased standards will provide very little benefit to our customers. FPUC can modify current procedures to meet these new requirements which may significantly increase cost to the customers in the very near future.

Currently, FPUC does not have an estimated cost increase amount that will result based on the proposed amendments and is beyond the scope of what we can provide at this time. In order to minimize the cost to FPUC customers, while continuing to provide reliable electric service, we propose that these amendments be deferred until more research can be completed prior to making this change.

Should you have any questions regarding these comments or need additional information, please contact me by phone at (904) 277-1957 or email at mcutshaw@fpuc.com.

Sincerely,

P. Mark Cutshaw
General Manager

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