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DATE: March 26, 2007
TO: Ann Cole, Commission Clerk
FROM: Roberta S. Bass, Assistant to Chairman Edgar *Rob*
RE: Resolution From The Town of Manalapan Received in Docket Nos. 060172-EU,
060173-EU and 060150-EI

Please place the attached Resolution in the above referenced dockets. If you have any questions about this request, please call me.

Attachment

cc: William Garner
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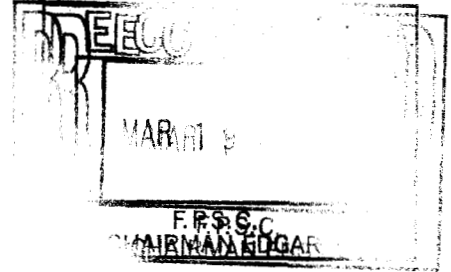


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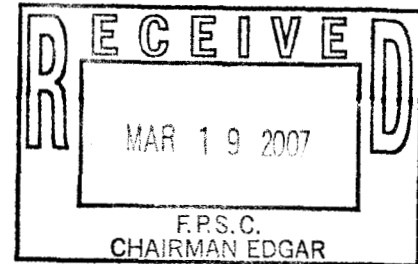
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March 13, 2007

Lisa Polak Edgar, Chair
Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Dear Chair Edgar:

Enclosed herewith, please find a copy of the Town of Manalapan's Resolution 2-2007 supporting the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities and encouraging the Florida Public Service Commission to implement all reasonable measures to encourage the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities. The Town of Manalapan supports this issue and urges the Commission to implement procedures which will enhance the daily life of our Florida residents.

Sincerely,

Kathryn P. Sims
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION 2-2007

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF MANALAPAN, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CONVERSION OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES AND ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO TAKE ALL REASONABLE MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE THE CONVERSION OF ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, all Florida citizens, businesses, and institutions require reliable electric service and reliable electric distribution infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, during the tropical storm and hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005, an unprecedented number of tropical storms and hurricanes made landfall in Florida, resulting in significant damage to the overhead electric distribution systems of Florida's electric utilities, which resulted in widespread and prolonged outages of electric service; and

WHEREAS, numerous long-term forecasts of tropical weather activity indicate that Florida is likely to be impacted by more frequently by more severe, tropical weather events over the next ten to twenty years than were experienced during the period of 1960 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, it is generally recognized that underground electric distribution facilities are significantly more reliable and less subject to wind damage than overhead facilities during tropical storms and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, wide-area conversions of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities are reasonably expected to provide significant improvement in reliability, cost savings and other benefits both to customers in the areas converted and also to the utility's general body of customers, including, without limitation, reduced or eliminated storm restoration costs, reduced or eliminated vegetation management (tree-trimming) costs, reduced costs due to damage claims arising from downed power lines, preserved revenues and substantial economic benefits from minimizing or eliminating electric service outages; and

WHEREAS, wide-area underground conversions will result in enhanced traffic safety and fewer accidents involving vehicles striking overhead facilities; and

WHEREAS, wide-area underground conversions will enhance environmental values and aesthetic values; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Manalapan and the residents of Manalapan are customers of Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Manalapan is a participant in the Municipal Underground Utilities Consortium, a group of Florida cities and towns that have joined together to fund a comprehensive evaluation of the costs and benefits of underground conversion projects; and

WHEREAS, the resulting cost-effectiveness study has shown that substantial benefits would accrue to FPL and its general body of customers from underground conversions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF MANALAPAN, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The Town Commission of the Town of Manalapan believes that all responsible agencies of Florida government, including the Florida Public Service Commission, should encourage the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities to the maximum extent possible.

Section 2: The Florida Public Service Commission is strongly encouraged to ensure that any utility tariff provisions relating to underground electric conversions include and reflect all values that such conversions provide, including not only the specific cost savings benefits, such as reduced storm restoration costs and reduced vegetation management costs, mentioned above, but also the general economic benefits realized by all citizens from reduced outages.

Section 3: Where there is a difference of expert opinion as to the values and benefits of underground conversions, the Florida Public Service Commission is strongly encouraged to require utilities subject to its jurisdiction, including FPL, to reflect the greatest justifiable benefits in the utility's tariffs, so as to encourage underground conversions to the maximum extent possible.

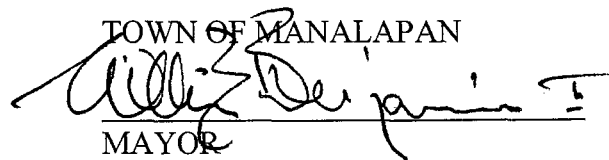
Section 4: The above-stated policies favoring the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities are hereby adopted by the Town Commission of the Town of Manalapan.


Section 5: This Resolution shall be forwarded to the Florida Public Service Commission, to the Florida Legislature, to Florida Power & Light Company, to the Board of County Commissioner of Palm Beach County, Florida, and to any other interested parties.

Section 6: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED the 23rd day of January, 2007.

✓ _____ Aye	_____ Nay
✓ _____ Aye	_____ Nay

TOWN OF MANALAPAN


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 VICE MAYOR

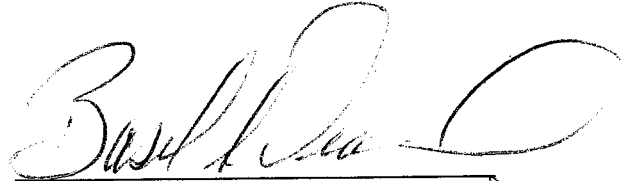
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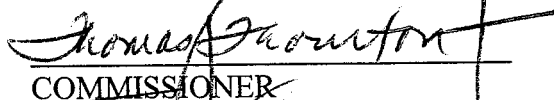
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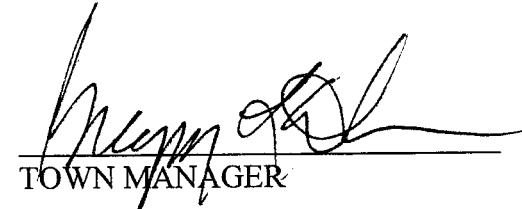

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ATTEST:


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