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Hi Matilda,

One last time (I hope!!), attached for filing is Florida Municipal Electric Association's ***Petition to Intervene*** in PSC **Docket 070650-EI**.

The document has seven (7) pages. Please contact me either by email or telephone if you have any questions.

As always, thank you for your assistance!

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition to determine need for Turkey  
Point Nuclear Units 6 and 7 electrical power  
plant, by Florida Power & Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 070650-EI  
FILED: December 7, 2007

FLORIDA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION'S  
PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-22.039 and 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code, the Florida Municipal Electric Association, Inc., ("FMEA"), through its undersigned counsel, files this Petition to Intervene and states as follows:

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

The Florida Public Service Commission  
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2. The name and address of the Petitioner is:

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4. FMEA is the state trade association comprised of Florida's thirty-four municipal electric utilities. Together, these utilities serve approximately fifteen percent of Florida's electric load, or three million Floridians. FMEA represents these utilities before the Legislature and regulatory agencies, including the Florida Public Service Commission. FMEA received notice of the Commission's proposed action in this proceeding on October 22, 2007, through the Commission's posting of its Notice of Commencement of Proceeding for Determination of Need for Proposed Electrical Power Plant.

5. Statement of Affected Interests. FMEA's members' interests will be affected by the Commission's determination in this proceeding. The Commission will decide in this docket whether it should approve Florida Power and Light Company's ("FPL's") petition for a determination of need for proposed nuclear power plants in Dade County, Florida. FMEA members generally support FPL's need petition. However, FPL is required by statute and Commission rule to hold discussions with other electric utilities, and to include in its petition a summary of those discussions regarding ownership interest in the proposed nuclear plants. FMEA's members are electric utilities in need of nuclear base load generation resources. A substantial number of FMEA members have been actively seeking minority ownership interest in nuclear base load facilities throughout Florida, specifically the proposed FPL nuclear power plants subject to the Commission's determination in this proceeding. While informal, preliminary discussions between FPL and some municipal electric utilities have occurred, those discussions must continue in a meaningful way. Therefore, FMEA's members' substantial interests will be affected by this proceeding.

6. Statement of Disputed Issues of Material Fact. In its petition, FPL states,

FPL has held preliminary discussions regarding the potential for ownership participation with several Florida utilities who have expressed interest. As FPL proceeds through the licensing phase and begins dedicated commercial negotiations with the selected vendor, opportunities for partnership with Florida utilities will continue to be explored.

In re Petition to determine need for Turkey Point Nuclear Units 6 and 7 electrical power plant, by Florida Power & Light Company, Docket No 070650-EI, Petition, at 37 (F.P.S.C., Oct. 16, 2007).

At issue is whether FPL has held adequate and meaningful discussions with other electric utilities (FMEA members) regarding an ownership interest in the proposed nuclear power plants.

7. Statement of Ultimate Facts. Before certifying the need for the FPL plants, the Commission must ensure that FPL has presented sufficient facts to demonstrate that the required discussions with other electric utilities have taken place regarding ownership interest in the proposed nuclear power plants. FPL's petition does not include a summary of such discussions.

8. Statutes and Rules that Require the Relief Requested by FMEA. Statutes and rules that require the relief requested by FMEA include, but are not limited to, Section 403.519, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-22.081, 25-22.039, and 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

9. Statement Explaining How the Alleged Facts Relate to the Specific Statutes or Rules Cited Above. Section 403.519, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.081, F.A.C., require an applicant seeking a determination of need for a nuclear power plant to include in its petition a summary of the discussions had with other electric utilities regarding ownership interests in a portion of the nuclear power plant. Rules 25-22.039 and 28-106.205 provide that persons whose substantial interests are subject to determination in, or may be affected through, an agency proceeding are entitled to intervene in such proceeding.

The increasing need for non-greenhouse gas emitting base load nuclear generation in Florida is equally shared by all of the state's electric utilities. This need has been recognized by the Florida Legislature in its most recent amendments to Section 403.519, Florida Statutes, which now require applicants such as FPL to address, in the need petition, participation opportunities discussed with other electric utilities. By requiring applicants to include this information in their petitions, the Legislature has designed the need determination proceeding to, among other things, ensure that other electric utilities are afforded the opportunity to discuss ownership interest in a proposed nuclear power plant. Any other interpretation of this requirement would render the Legislature's recent addition to the statute meaningless. Therefore, the Commission must ensure that meaningful discussions with other electric utilities have in fact occurred before making an affirmative determination of need. Although FMEA members are encouraged by FPL's initial indications that it will invite municipal participation, FMEA must be permitted to intervene and participate in this docket in order to protect its members' interests in this regard.

Accordingly, FMEA members' substantial interests are subject to determination in and will be affected by the Commission's decision, and FMEA is entitled to intervene in this docket.

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WHEREFORE, FMEA requests that the Commission enter an order granting its petition to intervene and further requests the parties to provide the undersigned with all papers filed in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of December, 2007.

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