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Re: <u>Docket No.: 070300-El</u>: Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, F.A.C. submitted by Florida Public Utilities Company

<u>Docket No. 070304-EI</u>: Petition for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed is BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Florida, Florida Public Utilities Company, Embarq Florida, Inc. and the Florida Cable Telecommunications Association, Inc.'s Proposed Stipulation, which we ask that you file in the captioned dockets.

Copies have been served to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

cc: All Parties of Record Jerry D. Hendrix Gregory R. Follensbee E. Earl Edenfield, Jr. Lisa S. Foshee

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket Nos. 070300-EI and 070304-EI

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, F.A.C., submitted by Florida)))	Docket No.: 070300-EI
Public Utilities Company In re: Petition for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company.)))	Docket No. 070304-EI
		Filed: January 29, 2008

PROPOSED STIPULATION

Florida Public Utilities Company (the "Company")' BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Florida, Embarq Florida, Inc. and the Florida Cable Telecommunications Association, Inc. ("Third Party Attachers") stipulate to the following Process to Engage Third Party Attachers, and respectfully request that it be approved by the Florida Public Service Commission in the above-referenced consolidated dockets. The Office of Public Counsel has no objections to this proposed stipulation.

PROCESS TO ENGAGE THIRD PARTY ATTACHERS

1. The Company and Third Party Attachers will engage in a continuous dialogue on the status of the Company's storm hardening plans. A third-party attacher that wishes to be part of this process ("Participant") shall provide notification in writing to the Company, providing the name and address of the person designated to receive communications from the election utility. The Company may, no more than once a year, request that Participants confirm that they wish to continue

- being part of the process and update the name and address of the person designated to receive communication.
- 2. By September 5 of each year, the Company shall provide the Participants with a list of the projects identified in the Company's approved storm hardening plan on file with the Commission ("Plan") that the Company proposes to undertake in the following calendar year, pending internal budget approval. The Company shall provide the Participants with a list of such projects receiving final budget approval promptly as it becomes available.
- 3. Prior to engineering a job relative to a storm hardening project identified in its Plan, the Company shall initiate a meeting with Participants to discuss the Company's preliminary ideas for the scope of work ("Pre-Design Meeting"). At the Pre-Design Meeting, the Company shall (a) identify the poles involved; (b) identify whether the Company plans to replace poles, change from wood poles to poles of another material (e.g., steel or concrete), place poles in locations different from the existing poles, relocate overhead facilities or underground existing aerial facilities, and; (c) provide the projected commencement date, and; (d) upon request by a Participant, provide other available information that would enable the Participants to make necessary preparations and evaluate whether to seek dispute resolution pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342(7) F.A.C. During this pre-design phase of a project, the Company shall also seek input from Participants as required by Rule 25-6.0342(6) F.A.C.

- 4. The Company shall provide Participants with final engineering plans promptly upon completion. Prior to beginning construction, the Company shall initiate a meeting with Participants to discuss coordination of work and a construction schedule.
- 5. Information submitted to Participants pursuant to section 2,3, or 4 above regarding projects identified in the Company's Plan will not be docketed unless a protest is filed in accordance with Rule 25-6.0342(7) F.A.C, or it is otherwise deemed necessary by the Commission.
- 6. If the Company seeks to amend its Plan by, for example, adding a project not previously identified in its Plan, it shall file a petition with the Commission requesting that the Plan be modified in accordance with Rule 25.6.0342(2) F.A.C.
- 7. The Company will file with the Director of Division of Economic Regulation by March 1 each year a status report of its implementation of its Plan. Included in this status report shall be the name of storm hardening projects commenced and/or completed by the Company, the routes and circuits affected, and any comments on the project received from Third Party Attachers.

WHEREFORE, the above-referenced parties and intervenors of record request that the Proposed Stipulation set forth above be approved by the Florida Public Service Commission in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of January, 2008.

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