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Ms. Cheryl M. Martin, Controller  
Florida Public Utilities Company  
Post Office Box 3395  
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Dear Ms. Martin:

In response to your June 10, 2008, test year notification letter, Docket No. 080366-GU has been opened for Florida Public Utilities Company's (Company) forthcoming general rate increase proceeding. It has been noted that the Company proposes to utilize a projected twelve-month period ending December 31, 2009, as the test year for the permanent rate increase proceeding. However, the appropriateness of the selected test year may be an issue in the proceeding. In addition, the Company intends to seek its permanent rate relief through the Proposed Agency Action procedure as authorized in section 366.06(4), Florida Statutes. The Company will also request interim rate relief in this proceeding.

It is my understanding that the Company intends to make its filing no later than December 23, 2008. Therefore, the Minimum Filing Requirements and associated testimony will be due at the Commission's offices no earlier than August 8, 2008, and no later than December 23, 2008. If the Company is unable to file by that date, it must notify the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Rule 25-7.140(3), Florida Administrative Code.

If you should have any questions, please contact John Slemkewicz, Public Utilities Supervisor, in the Division of Economic Regulation, at (850) 413-6420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew M. Carter II".

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