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**DATE:** 

December 2, 2010

TO:

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Lorena A. Holley, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counse

RE:

Docket No. 100380-WS

Please place the attached correspondence in the above docket file. Thank you.

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December 2, 2010

Mr. Brian T. Moore Chief Attorney Room 120, Holland Building Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Re: Public Service Commission Rule Sections 25-10.026 and 10.111, F.A.C.

Dear Mr. Moore:

As requested in your November 22, 2010, letter, we have reviewed the proposed repeal of Rule Sections 25-10.026 and 10.111, F.A.C., in light of the recently enacted Chapter 2010-279, Laws of Florida. In particular, we have reviewed whether, pursuant to the new version of Section 120.54(3)(b)1, F.S., a Statement of Regulatory Costs (SERC) is required, and whether, pursuant to the new version of Section 120.541(3), ratification by the Legislature is required.

It is our opinion that the proposed repeal will not exceed any of the new criteria. Specifically, we do not believe that the proposed repeal will have an adverse impact on small business or directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 within one year after repeal of the rule. Accordingly, pursuant to the new requirements of Section 120.54(3)(b)1, F.S., it is our opinion that a SERC is not required. Further, we do not believe that the proposed repeal will exceed any of the criteria contained in Section 120.541(2)(a), F.S., and thus, will not be required to be submitted to the Legislature for ratification.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 413-6197.

Sincerely,

Lorena A. Holley

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Re: Public Service Commission Rule Sections 25-10.026 and 10.111, F.A.C.

Dear Ms. Holley:

After reviewing the proposed repeal of Rule Sections 25-10.026 and 10.111, F.A.C., I offer the following comments and questions for your consideration and written response:

The recent enactment of Chapter 2010-279, Laws of Florida (Council Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 1565), includes some significant amendments to the rulemaking procedures in sections 120.54 and 120.541, Florida Statutes. For example, there are new requirements establishing when an agency must prepare a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs (SERC), what must be included in a SERC, and whether a rule requires legislative ratification before it can take effect.

Please advise whether a SERC is required pursuant to the new version of section 120.54(3)(b)1. If one is required, it must be submitted to the Committee at least 21 days before the rule can be filed for adoption. See sec. 120.54(3)(a)4., Fla. Stat. In addition, please advise whether the proposed repeal of the rules will require ratification pursuant to section 120.541(3).

If you have any questions or need me to elaborate further on any of the above, please let me know. Otherwise, I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Brian T. Moore Chief Attorney

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