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**Re: Docket No. 140002-EG – Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause**

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Enclosed for filing in the referenced docket, please find the original and seven copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Request for Confidential Classification of certain Commission Staff Audit Workpapers associated with Audit Control No. 14-017-4-2. Also enclosed with this request, consistent with Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C., are one highlighted and two redacted copies of the subject workpapers.

Should you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Energy Conservation )  
Cost Recovery Clause )  
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Docket No. 140002-EG  
Filed: June 12, 2014

**FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S**  
**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPUC" or "the Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby submits this Request for Confidential Classification of certain material contained in Volume 2 of the Commission Staff's audit workpapers associated with FPUC's Energy Conservation Clause Audit, Audit No. 14-017-4-2. Specifically, FPUC seeks confidential treatment of information contained in audit workpapers numbered 43-3/1, 43-3/2, 43-3/3, and 43-3/4 (page 3). In support of this Request, FPUC states as follows:

1. The referenced audit workpapers provide detailed information regarding payroll and allocations of payroll expense within FPUC and other Florida affiliates. FPUC treats this information as highly confidential, proprietary business information, which, if disclosed, could harm the Company's business interests.
2. Subsection 366.093(1), Florida Statutes, provides that upon request, records received by the Commission which are "found by the commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from s. 119.07(1)."
3. "Proprietary confidential business information" is defined as meaning "information, regardless of form or characteristics, which is owned or controlled by the ... company, is intended to be and is treated by the ... company as private

in that the disclosure of the information would cause harm to the ratepayers or the company's business operations, and has not been disclosed unless disclosed pursuant to a statutory provision, an order of a court or administrative body, or private agreement that provides that the information will not be released to the public." Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes.

4. Proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to, information concerning:
  - (a) Trade secrets.
  - (b) Internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors.
  - (c) Security measures, systems, or procedures.
  - (d) Information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms.
  - (e) Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.
  - (f) Employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities.

Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes.

5. The confidential portions of the information provided to, and retained by, the Commission fall within these statutory definitions, and therefore constitute proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code. The audit workpapers contain information, which has been treated by FPUC as highly confidential and has not been publicly disclosed, including specific payroll allocations and payout amounts associated with a specific employee. FPUC maintains salary, compensation, and employee account information confidential in order to prevent other entities from raiding FPUC for its highly qualified, skilled

employees. This information, if disclosed, would impair the efforts of FPUC to compete for services, as well as its ability to attract and retain qualified employees. The information therein is therefore proprietary confidential business information and is entitled to continued and ongoing protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code.

6. Specifically, FPUC seeks confidential treatment of all highlighted names, amounts, and auditor notes in each column on each page of the Audit Workpapers, Volume 2, 43-3/1, 43-3/2, 43-3/3, and 43-3/4 (page 3), which consists of 4 pages total.
7. The information at issue falls squarely under Section 366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes. Release of the referenced information as a public record would harm FPU's business operations and ratepayers by impairing the Company's ability to effectively negotiate for goods and services. As such, FPUC requests that the Commission deem afford this information confidential treatment and exempt from Section 119.07, Florida Statutes. Included with this Request is a highlighted copy of the referenced documents. Also enclosed are two redacted copies of the information.
8. FPUC asks that confidential classification be granted for a period of at least 18 months. Should the Commission find that it needs to retain the information, FPUC respectfully requests that the confidential information be returned to the Company.

WHEREFORE, FPU respectfully requests that the highlighted information contained in the identified audit workpapers associated with Audit Control Number 14-017-4-2 be classified as "proprietary confidential business information," and thus, exempt from Section 119.07, Florida Statutes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

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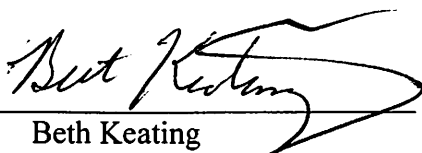
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by Electronic Mail (redacted only) to the following parties of record this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014:

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