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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Approval of)
Arrangement to Mitigate Impact of) DOCKET NO. 150075-EI
Unfavorable Cedar Bay Power Purchase)
Obligation, by Florida Power &) FILED: August 17, 2015
Light Company.

CEDAR BAY GENERATING COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO FIPUG'S MOTION TO STRIKE, AS AN UNAUTHORIZED PLEADING, CEDAR BAY'S RESPONSES TO FIPUG'S OBJECTIONS TO CEDAR BAY'S REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Cedar Bay Generating Company, Limited Partnership (*Cedar Bay"), by and through undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Rule 28-106.204(1), Florida Administrative Code (*F.A.C."), hereby files this brief response to FIPUG's motion to strike (*Motion to Strike") Cedar Bay's responses to FIPUG's objections to Cedar Bay's Seventh, Tenth, and Thirteenth Requests for Confidential Classification in this proceeding (*RFCCs"). (The background and history of Cedar Bay's RFCCs, including Cedar Bay's extensive cooperation in providing confidential documents to FIPUG, Public Counsel, and the Commission Staff in discovery, is fully covered in the earlier pleadings and need not be further addressed here.)

In summary, Cedar Bay's RFCCs were filed in compliance with the Commission's rules and practice applicable to such requests. FIPUG filed objections to Cedar Bay's RFCC's which raise novel, albeit baseless, grounds for denying Cedar Bay's RFCCs. While Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C., does not specifically authorize the filing of responses to objections in this context, the rule does

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not prohibit the filing of responses. Cedar Bay asserts that FIPUG's objections are in the nature of a motion to deny or a motion to reject Cedar Bay's RFCCs, and that accordingly, Cedar Bay would normally be afforded the opportunity to respond to FIPUG's fundamental request that the Commission deny Cedar Bay's RFCCs (again, assuming that FIPUG's objections are properly treated as a motion to deny or reject Cedar Bay's RFCCs).

Moreover, as the "requestor" of confidential classification of its proprietary confidential business information, Cedar Bay bears the burden of persuading the Commission to grant its RFCCs, and accordingly, Cedar Bay should, in fairness, have the opportunity to respond to FIPUG's objections. That is, in the normal course of events, the party bearing the burden has the burden to plead a prima facie case for the relief requested, which Cedar Bay did in its original RFCCs. FIPUG made its arguments¹ in its objections, and Cedar Bay has now, simply and equitably, sought to respond to FIPUG's objections. Cedar Bay asserts that this situation, albeit not expressly contemplated by Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. (that is, responses to objections are neither expressly authorized or expressly prohibited), should be handled as any other general request for relief: Cedar Bay

¹ Several of FIPUG's arguments are novel and could not have reasonably been anticipated by Cedar Bay. For example, Cedar Bay could not have anticipated FIPUG's novel, but erroneous "materiality" argument and Cedar Bay should have an opportunity to respond.

initially asked for confidential protection, FIPUG responded with objections having the substantive effect of a motion to deny, dismiss, or reject, and Cedar Bay, as the party bearing the burden, should have the opportunity to submit for the Commission's consideration its responses and analysis of FIPUG's objections. <u>See In Re: Investigation of Palm Coast Utility</u> <u>Corporation for Verification of Utility Investment in Water and</u> <u>Sewer Assets in Flagler County</u>, Docket No. 871395-WS, Order No. 21075, (April 20, 1989) (denying, as needlessly formalistic, a motion to strike a response to objections to a motion).

WHEREFORE, Cedar Bay requests that the Commission deny FIPUG's Motion to Strike.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of August, 2015.

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