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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Betty Easley Conference Center Room 110 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 970001-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU") are the following documents:

Original and fifteen copies of the Prehearing Statement of the Florida Public Utilities Company; and

A disk in Word Perfect 6.0 containing a copy of the ACK V AFA Variant Statement.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the APP extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. CMU

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Fuel and Purchased Power)
Cost Recovery Clause and Generating)
Performance Incentive Factor.

Docket No. 970001-EI

Filed: July 28, 1997

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU"), by and through its undersigned counsel, submits its Prehearing Statement in connection with the hearing that is scheduled for August 14 and 15, 1997 in the above-styled docket.

A. WITNESSES

Witness	Subject Matter	Issues
Bachman	Purchased power cost recovery and true-up (Marianna and Fernandina Beach Divisions)	1-8

B. EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Witness	Description
GMB-3 (Composite)	Bachman	Schedules E1, E1-A, E1-B, E-1B-1, E2, E7 and E10 (Marianna Division)
		Schedules E1, E1-A, E1-B, E-1B-1, E2, E7, E8 and E10 (Fernandina Beach Division)

C. BASIC POSITION

FPU has properly projected its costs and calculated its trueup amounts and purchased power cost recovery factors. Those amounts and factors should be approved by the Commission.

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D. STATEMENT OF EACH QUESTION OF FACT

ISSUE 1: What are the final remaining fuel adjustment true-up amounts for the period October 1996 through March 1997?

FPU's Position:

Marianna: \$132,028 (over-recovery)
Fernandina Beach: \$46,124 (over-recovery)

Witness: Bachman

ISSUE 2: What are the estimated fuel adjustment true-up amounts for the period April 1997 through September 1997?

FPU's Position:

Marianna: \$142,231 (under-recovery)
Fernandina Beach: \$111,710 (under-recovery)

Witness: Bachman

ISSUE 3: What are the total fuel adjustment true-up amounts to be collected or refunded during the period October 1997 through March 1998?

FPU's Position:

Marianna: \$10,203 to be collected Fernandina Beach: \$65,586 to be collected

Witness: Bachman

ISSUE 4: What are the appropriate levelized fuel cost recovery factors, excluding demand cost recovery, for the period October 1997 through September 1997?

FPU's Position:

Marianna: 2.402¢/kwh Fernandina Beach: 2.685¢/kwh

Witness: Bachman

ISSUE 5: What should be the effective date of the new fuel adjustment charge, oil backout charge and conservation cost recovery charge for billing purposes?

FPU's Position: FPU's approved fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors should be effective for all meter readings on or after October 1, 1997, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period October 1937.

Witness: Bachman

ISSUE 6: What are the appropriate fuel recovery line loss multipliers to be used in calculating the fuel cost recovery factors charged to each rate class?

FPU's Position:

Marianna: All Rate Schedules 1.0000 Fernandina Beach: All Rate Schedules 1.0000

Witness: Bachman

ISSUE 7: What are the appropriate Fuel Cost Recovery Factors for each rate group adjusted for line losses?

FPU's Position:

MARIANNA

Rate Schedule	Adjustment
RS	\$0.04416
GS	\$0.04347
GSD	\$0.03859
GSLD	\$0.03723
OL	\$0.02871
SL	\$0.02866

FERNANDINA BEACH

Rate Schedule	Adjustment
RS	\$0.04455
GS	\$0.04286
GSD	\$0.03975
CSL	\$0.02975
OL	\$0.02975
SL	\$0.02975

Witness: Bachman

Issue 8: What is the appropriate revenue tax factor to be applied in calculating each company's levelized fuel factor for the projection period of October 1997 through March 1993?

FPU's Position:

Marianna: Fernandina Beach:

1.00083¢/kwh 1.01609¢/kwh

Witness: Bachman

Issue 9: How should the transmission costs be accounted for when determining the transaction price of an economy, Schedule C, broker transaction between two directly interconnected utilities?

FPU's Position: FPU has no position at this time.

Witness: None

Issue 10: If the cost of transmission is used to determine the transaction price of an economy, Schedule C, broker transaction between two directly interconnected utilities, how should the costs of this transmission be recovered?

FPU's Position: FPU has no position at this time.

Witness: None

Issue 11: How should the transmission costs be accounted for when determining the transaction price of an economy, Schedule C, broker transaction that requires wheeling between two non-directly interconnected utilities?

FPU's Position: FPU has no position at this time.

Witness: None

Issue 12: If the cost of transmission is used to determine the transaction price of an economy, Schedule C, broker transaction that requires wheeling between two nondirectly interconnected utilities, how should the costs of this transmission be recovered?

FPU's Position: FPU has no position at this time.

Witness: None

Issue 13: Does the 20% stockholder sharing of gains from economy energy sales continue to be necessary to encourage economy sales?

FPU's Position: FPU has no position at this time.

Witness: None

E. QUESTIONS OF LAW

FPU is not aware of any questions of law that are at issue in the above-styled docket.

F. POLICY QUESTIONS

FPU is not aware of any policy questions that are at issue in the above-styled docket.

G. STIPULATED ISSUES

FPU has not stipulated to any issues in this docket.

H. PENDING MOTIONS

FPU has no motions pending in the above-styled docket.

I. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

At this time FPU is not aware of any requirements set forth in the Order Establishing Procedure with which it cannot comply.

Respectfully submitted,

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