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Re: Docket No. 981390-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing and distribution are the original and fifteen copies of Tropicana Products, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene in the above docket.

Please acknowledge receipt of the above on the extra copy enclosed herein and return it to me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Vicki Gordon Kaufman
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Investigation into the Equity)
Ratio and Return on Equity of Florida)
Power & Light Company.)

) Docket No. 981590-EI

) Filed: November 10, 1998

**TROPICANA PRODUCTS, INC.'S
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Pursuant to rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code, Tropicana Products, Inc. (Tropicana), through its undersigned counsel, files this petition to intervene in this docket. As grounds therefor, Tropicana states:

1. The name and address of Intervenor is:

Tropicana Products, Inc.
c/o Matt Kane
1001 13th Avenue East
Bradenton, Florida 34208

2. All notices, orders and correspondence should be sent to the following:

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3. In this docket, the Commission will investigate Florida Power and Light Company's (FPL) equity ratio and return on equity.

4. Tropicana is a customer of FPL and consumes a significant amount of electricity.

5. As a consumer of electricity provided by FPL, Tropicana has a substantial interest in ensuring that FPL's capital structure is appropriate and that its return on equity is reasonable given current market conditions.

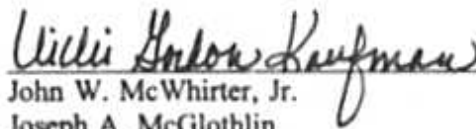
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6. Tropicana's interests will be substantially affected by the Commission's decision in this docket.

WHEREFORE, Tropicana requests that the Commission grant its petition to intervene and accord it full party status in this docket.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of **Tropicana Products, Inc.'s** foregoing **Petition to Intervene** has been furnished by hand delivery (*) or by U.S. Mail to the following parties of record this **10th** day of **November, 1998**:

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