FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

VOTE SHEET

FEBRUARY 1, 2000

RE: DOCKET NO. 990913-EI - Complaint by Regina Walsh against Florida Power Corporation regarding backbilling.

<u>Issue 1</u>: Should the Commission find that meter tampering occurred at 11611 Scallop Drive, Port Richey, Florida 34668?

<u>Recommendation</u>: Yes. FPC's report provides prima facie evidence of meter tampering at 11611 Scallop Drive, Port Richey, Florida 34668.

DEFERRED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

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<u>Issue 2</u>: Should the Commission find that Ms. Walsh is responsible for the backbilling totaling \$2,255.06?

<u>Recommendation</u>: Yes. Ms. Walsh was the last customer of record and present at the residence when the rigged meter was discovered. She is the owner of the property, claimed a homestead exemption for this residence, and maintained water service in her name during the entire period in question. Therefore, she is responsible for the backbilling.

<u>Issue 3</u>: Is the backbilling amount reasonable?

<u>Recommendation</u>: Yes. The backbilling amount of \$2,255.06, which includes \$64.13 investigative costs, was calculated by using the average daily usage method.

Issue 4: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes.