

Public Service Commission

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DATE: March 13, 2000

TO: All Parties of Record

FROM: Wm. Cochran Keating, Senior Attorney, Division of Legal

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RE: Docket No. 991462-EU - Petition for determination of need

for an electrical power plant in Okeechobee County by

Okeechobee Generating Company, L.L.C.

VIA FACSIMILE

Attached is the final list of issues to be addressed at the hearing in this matter, as determined by the Prehearing Officer. This list is the issue list that will be included in the Prehearing Order. Please supply positions on these issues by the close of business on Tuesday March 14, 2000. If you have any questions, please call me at (850) 413-6193.

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cc: Division of Electric and Gas
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FINAL ISSUE LIST FOR DOCKET NO. 991462-EU

- ISSUE 1: Is there a need for the Okeechobee Generating Project taking into account the need for electric system reliability and integrity, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes?
- ISSUE 2: Is there a need for the Okeechobee Generating Project taking into account the need for adequate electricity at a reasonable cost, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes?
- ISSUE 3: Is the Okeechobee Generating Project the most costeffective alternative available, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes?
- ISSUE 4: Are there any conservation measures taken by or reasonably available to the petitioner which might mitigate the need for the Okeechobee Generating Project?
- ISSUE 5: Does the Commission have sufficient information to assess the need for the Okeechobee Generating Project under the criteria set forth in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes?
- ISSUE 6: Can the existing Peninsular Florida transmission system accommodate power deliveries from the Okeechobee Generating Project to other utilities in Peninsular Florida?
- ISSUE 7: Has Okeechobee Generating Company provided adequate assurances regarding available primary and secondary fuel to serve the proposed power plant on a long-and short-term basis?
- ISSUE 8: Is Okeechobee Generating Company's quantification of wholesale price suppression based on reasonable input assumptions?
- <u>ISSUE 9</u>: Is Okeechobee Generating Company's quantification of wholesale price suppression based on a reasonable methodology?
- ISSUE 10: Will there be significant costs to retail electric customers in Florida from the loss of receipt of the gain from off-system sales resulting from displacement by the Okeechobee Generating Project?

- ISSUE 11: Is the Okeechobee Generating Project economically viable?
- ISSUE 12: Does the Petition for Determination of Need meet the pleading requirements of Rule 25-22.081, Florida Administrative Code?
- ISSUE 13: Would granting the determination of need for the Okeechobee Generating Project be consistent with the public interest and the best interests of electric customers in Florida?
- ISSUE 14: Based on the resolution of the foregoing issues, should the petition of Okeechobee Generating Company for determination of need for the Okeechobee Generating Project be granted?
- ISSUE 15: Should this docket be closed?

Notes:

- 1. Former Issue 31 (from Draft Prehearing Order) to be reworded as follows: "Are any unique harms caused by the Okeechobee Generating Project not having a contract to provide power to any retail load-serving utility?" The reworded issue is subsumed under new Issue 13 from this final issue list; thus, parties may address the reworded issue under new Issue 13.
- 2. Former Issue 32 is subsumed under new Issue 5.
- 3. Any implications of OGC not seeking bids under the bid rule (former Issue 16) may be addressed under Issue 3.
- 4. New Issues 8 and 9 are intended to address former Issues 18-23 and 26.