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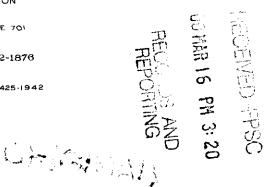
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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Room 110, Easley Building Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re:

Docket No. 000003-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company in this docket are an original and 5 copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Request for Specified Confidential Treatment and an envelope containing the confidential documents.

Please indicate receipt of this document by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely.

Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR SPECIFIED CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU"), pursuant to section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006(4), Florida Administrative Code, submits this Request for Specified Confidential Treatment of portions of its purchased gas adjustment ("PGA") for the month of February, 2000. In support thereof, FPU states:

- 1. FPU's PGA filing for the month of February, 2000 consists of (a) Schedules A-1, A-1/R, A-1/Flexdown, A-1 Supporting Detail, Schedule A-1 Supporting Detail Supplement, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5 and A-6 for the period of January 2000 through December 2000; and (b) purchased gas invoices for the month of February, 2000.
- 2. FPU requests that certain information in its PGA filing for the month of February, 2000 be classified as "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of section 366.093, Florida Statutes. The specific information is in Schedule A-1 Supporting Detail Supplement, Schedule A-3, Schedule A-4, and gas invoices from suppliers other than Enron and the Florida Gas Transmission Company. The information and material at issue are intended to be and are treated by FPU as proprietary and confidential. The Commission previously has determined that this information is entitled to the protection of Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes. See, e.g., Order No. PSC-96-0532-CFO-GU, issued April 15, 1996. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a detailed explanation of the information and material for which confidential treatment are requested and

justification for the requested confidential treatment of the highlighted portions of FPU's February,

2000 PGA filing.

3. An unedited version of FPU's PGA filing for the month of February, 2000 has been

submitted to the division of Records and Reporting on this date under a separate cover with the

information asserted to be confidential highlighted. An edited version of the documents on which

the information asserted to be confidential has been redacted is enclosed herewith.

4. FPU requests that the information for which it seeks confidential classification remain

confidential for a period of at least 18 months as provided in Section 366.093(4), Florida Statutes.

The time period requested is necessary to allow FPU to negotiate future gas purchase contracts on

favorable terms.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, FPU respectfully requests that its Request for

Confidential Classification be granted.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2000.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Request for Specified Confidential Treatment in Docket No. 000003-GU have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 16th day of March, 2000 upon the following:

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