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#### PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN JACOBS: Good evening. My name is Leon
Jacobs. I am Chairman of the Florida Public Service
Commission. Let me welcome you to our hearing this evening.
Let me introduce also my colleagues who are here at the rostrum with me. To my far left is Commissioner Michael Palecki. To my immediate left is Commissioner Lila Jaber. To my immediate right is Commissioner Terry Deason. To my far right is
Commissioner Braulio Baez. And we will start by having counsel read the notice.

MS. DODSON: Notice issued by the Clerk of the Florida Public Service Commission on November 5th, 2001, advises that a customer service hearing will be held in this docket beginning at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 13, 2001, at the Broward County School Board Board Room, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The notice states that the purpose of this hearing is to take testimony from members of the public concerning the rates and charges of Florida Power and Light Company.

The procedure in this hearing will be as follows:
The company will present a brief summary of its case and then members of the public may present testimony. Members of the public who wish to present testimony are urged to appear promptly at each scheduled service hearing, since the hearing may be adjourned early if no witnesses are present to testify.

CHAIRMAN JACOBS: Thank you. We will take

appearances.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good evening. My name is Kenneth Hoffman. I'm with the law firm of Rutledge, Ecenia, Purnell & Hoffman in Tallahassee, Florida, appearing on behalf of Florida Power and Light Company. I would also like to introduce to my immediate left, Mr. Bill Hamilton, who is Vice President for Customer Service for FPL.

MR. HOWE: I'm Roger Howe with the Public Counsel's Office in Tallahassee appearing on behalf of the customers and ratepayers of Florida Power and Light Company.

MS. DODSON: I'm Linda Dodson with the staff of the Public Service Commission. And with me on my left is Elizabeth Draper. And in the audience there are also two other members of the staff. David Lee and Clinton Williams.

CHAIRMAN JACOBS: Thank you. Let me also announce that there are several other members of the Public Service Commission staff who are with us; Ms. Thelma Crump, Ms. Bridget Hoyle, and Ms. Connie Moses. Sandy, I'm sorry. Sandy Moses. I know I saw her, she is here. There she is.

We are here this evening as a part of our on-going decision to review the rates of Florida Power and Light Corporation. This is a formal proceeding, and this is a very important part of that. This is the opportunity for the public, consuming public to come in and give us their experiences with the company. In particular we are interested

in your experiences with the level of the quality of service that the company has rendered. Your statements to us this evening will become a part of the formal record that will be 3 4 the basis of our ultimate decision. And in that regard we will ask you to commit to -- submit to an oath that I will issue in 5

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a few moments.

Also, if you would not like to come forward and give a verbal statement this evening, you should receive a blue report when you came in this evening, and on the next to the last page of that report is a form on which you can submit written comments that will become a part of our record. That also will be a basis for our decision. We have had several days of public hearings around Florida Power and Light's territory, this being the last of those hearings.

And after this customer hearing, we will then have a technical hearing in Tallahassee. At that time we will have experts in various disciplines who will come and give us insight and opinion on the operations of the company. We will then render a final decision on May 31st, 2002. That is a revision from the date that is in the report which shows 2001. That will occur in Tallahassee.

To facilitate your testimony, we would like for you to come forward to one of the rostrums tonight and give us your name and address, if you would, if you don't mind. Because, again, this is an official record and we have a court reporter

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We would very much appreciate it if we only have one person speaking at a time so we can keep the record clear.

Before we begin in taking your statements, we are going to allow the parties to give opening statements this evening, and we will begin that with the company. Mr. Hoffman.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me begin as I have in the prior hearings by thanking those customers who took the time to attend the hearing this evening. And I want to advise them that the company has a number of customer service representatives who are here tonight to assist you with any customer service issues or quality of service issues that you would like to have addressed by the company.

And specifically I want to point our customers to two individuals who are on the right section of the seats. First, let me point to Ms. Carol Harzinski, who is with Customer Service, and I would also like to ask Ramon Ferrer with Power Systems to stand up. And I would ask our customers to seek them out, as they will be eager to assist with any customer service issues that you would like to have addressed.

And having said that, I will again turn it over to Bill Hamilton, who is Vice President for Customer Service for FPL to provide our opening remarks.

MR. HAMILTON: Thank you, and good evening. My name is Bill Hamilton and I am Vice President of Florida Power and Light Company, Vice President of Customer Service for Florida

Power and Light Company, and I'm pleased to be here and take part in this important aspect of the review of our base rates by the Florida Public Service Commission.

Let me begin by pointing out that FPL is not asking for an increase in its base rates at this time, despite the weakening Florida economy, and the continuing need to expand our facilities to meet customer growth, and the increase that we have seen in operational expenses in several parts of the company. In fact, since our last base rate increase in 1985, we have actually decreased our base rates by 10 percent while adding approximately 1.3 million customers throughout our service territory. This required additional resources in many areas of the company, but I think most importantly we have increased our generating capacity by 42 percent during this time.

We are currently operating under a rate agreement that was negotiated with Mr. Jack Shreve and the Office of the Public Counsel and then approved by the Florida Public Service Commission. That was a three-year agreement that called for the reduction in our base rates of \$350 million on an annual basis and provided a mechanism for customer refunds on an annual basis. Through the first two years of this agreement we have refunded to customers approximately \$128 million, and we anticipate a sizeable increase again in this, the third of the three-year agreement.

In recent years we have focused on improving the quality and reliability of service to our customers, and overall we have reduced the number of minutes that the average customer is without service for a year by almost 50 percent. That is not to say that we are 100 percent satisfied with how we are doing. So we are committed to you, our customers, to continue to look for new, creative and different ways to improve service to all of our customers.

We have also worked hard to make it easier for customers to do business with us by providing the ability to do business over the Internet, by providing additional payment and billing options, and providing programs that allow customers to save money and to conserve energy.

As Mr. Hoffman pointed out, we do have customer service representatives here tonight that we have asked to stand. If you have a question, or a concern, or an issue, we are committed to try to resolve that issue on the spot. In any case, if we cannot to do it, we are committed to provide you with a response within 24 hours.

I also recognize there may be some customers here that don't wish to speak. If you have -- likewise, if you have an issue, we would be pleased to try to help you resolve that issue, as well.

In closing, let me assure you that FPL is committed to providing our customers with reliable service at low prices

well into the future. Let me thank you for your attention and for the opportunity to speak with you here tonight. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN JACOBS: Thank you. Mr. Howe.

MR. HOWE: Thank you, Chairman Jacobs. My name is Roger Howe. I'm an attorney with the Office of Public Counsel in Tallahassee. I work for a gentleman, Mr. Jack Shreve, who is the Public Counsel for the State of Florida.

Our office is a statutory office. Mr. Shreve is appointed by a joint committee of the Florida Legislature. We are independent of the Public Service Commission, and it is our charge to advocate on the customers' behalf in matters related to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

In that regard, we have intervened in this docket. We are engaged in the discovery process, and we have hired experts, or are in the process of hiring experts who will provide the customers' case in the formal hearings in Tallahassee that Chairman Jacobs described.

We can be reached if anybody wants to give a call, we have a 1-800 number, it is 1-800-342-0222. I would welcome anybody to give us a call if you have any questions at all about our role in this case, or our job in general, and how we go about representing you. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN JACOBS: Thank you. I would like to ask now all of those who have come to give us their statements this evening to stand and raise your right hand.

(Witnesses collectively sworn.)

seated. Mr. Howe will call you up to the rostrum.

MR. HOWE: Chairman Jacobs, we would first call Mr. Douglas Everett.

CHAIRMAN JACOBS: Thank you very much. You may be

#### DOUGLAS EVERETT

was called as a witness on behalf of the Citizens of the State of Florida and, having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

#### DIRECT STATEMENT

MR. EVERETT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission. My name is Doug Everett. I am President and CEO of the Greater Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Pompano Economic Group. Before I learned that this Commission was going to be holding these public hearings, recently on behalf of the Pompano Beach Chamber of Commerce, which represents a little over a thousand businesses in our community, had written a letter to our local news media. I would like to also share that with you and members of the Commission here this evening. It's dated November the 7th, and at the conclusion of me reading these comments, I would like to

add some additional.

The letter reads: Many of us find it very easy to complain and condemn when a business doesn't satisfy our desires for product, service, price, or community participation. I would like to commend one of our more

prominent businesses, which also happens to be a public utility, Florida Power and Light. Unlike many other types of businesses, we don't have a choice as consumers when we buy the products and services of Florida Power and Light which it provides us. Even so, they provide us that product and service at a very attractive price compared to other parts of our country.

My reason for wanting to say thank you to Florida
Power and Light management and staff is because of additional
community involvement and participation beyond product and
service. Please let me identify just a few of the projects and
issues which I am aware of and their additional commitment to
Pompano Beach and North Broward County. One, you can always
find them supporting local charity events and special community
events. At the business communities request they have
constructed a state of the art substation in our business
district of Copans and Powerline to support our economic growth
while at the same time committing to create an urban
environmental landscape enclave to showcase native vegetation
in a hammock setting.

Three, they have relandscaped and constructed walls around highly visible existing substations on Powerline Road and on McNab Road.

Four, they are assisting with the relocation of overhead electrical lines on Atlantic Boulevard. They are

working with the city to bury the overhead lines along Blanche Ely Avenue, which leads to one of the top public school facilities in our county, Blanche Ely High School. In conjunction with the Blanche Ely Avenue project and improvements to existing electrical service in the area, FPL will improve landscaping along Northwest 6th Street corridor at the corner of Dixie and Northwest 7th Street. Local citizens may be aware (sic) that FPL is a major contributor to the revenues of our city through their collection of franchise fees.

In the eight years that I have had the opportunity of serving the Pompano Beach community, I have witnessed a great partnership between Florida Power and Light and the leadership of the City of Pompano Beach to improve the electrical infrastructure in our city. I want to say thanks to both Florida Power and Light and to our city officials and say keep up the good work of helping to make Pompano Beach a better community for all of us.

About five years ago we were in the process of trying to develop a very nice industrial park area that we referred to as Alpha 250, which is about 250 acres of commercial land, and Pompano Beach was in great need of this. We went to the Florida Power and Light people and did a high-tech development that had started at that time and has progressed onward since. We recognized that there was a great demand for what we

referred to as multi-feed systems in both telecommunications and in electrical service, because when these high-tech companies go down, when their electrical service is lost, when their communication service is lost, they are out of business and we are talking literally tens of millions of dollars.

I am delighted to say to you today that Florida Power and Light worked very closely with us, with our city officials, with the developers of that particular industrial park area and everything around it, and is presently in the process of building a state of the art subdivision -- or substation, I mean, for distribution of power to serve that area multi-feed objective.

And as I stated in my letter, look at that substation in the future. You will ride right by it and all you will see is a botanical garden. You won't even be able to see the facility itself because they have gone above and beyond the call of duty in making this a real showcase so that our young people can actually come out and experience the natural vegetation that grows in the State of Florida.

And so we are looking forward to not only having a great improvement in our electrical service at a very reasonable rate, but we are also looking at an educational facility and an environmental showplace that we can all be proud of.

We are very much supportive of what Florida Power and

1	Light does in our community, and we feel confident that it is
2	not just in our community, but throughout their entire service
3	area. And I'm delighted to be able to come before you and say
4	that we are very much aware of what they do for us and we are
5	very appreciative of what they do for us.
6	Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
7	CHAIRMAN JACOBS: Thank you. Any questions,
8	Commissioners? Thank you.
9	MR. HOWE: We would next call Ms. Lori Vun Kannon.
10	LORI VUN KANNON
11	was called as a witness on behalf of the Citizens of the State
12	of Florida and, having been duly sworn, testified as follows:
13	DIRECT STATEMENT
14	MS. VUN KANNON: Thank you very much. I am very
15	pleased to be here this evening, and I appreciate you
16	pronouncing that correctly. So many people don't.
17	I am here today representing Broward County Emergency
18	Management.
19	MR. HOWE: Excuse me. Could you state your name and
20	address for the record, please.
21	MS. VUN KANNON: Sure. Lori Vun Kannon. My address
22	is 201 Northwest 84th Avenue, Plantation, Florida 33324. I
23	represent today the Broward County Emergency Operation Center
24	and Emergency Management Division.
25	I will be short and brief. I wanted to say to

express my sincere appreciation as well as staff in representing our municipalities in dealing with emergency situations. We express our gratitude today for the support we have received from Florida Power and Light in the good times and in the bad times. I can tell you they are right there with us, the preparedness, the response, recovery, and the mitigation of any disastrous situation or potential disastrous situations in our county.

They have been an active role model for us in developing a business emergency preparedness network and helping develop restoration plans, contingency plans for Broward County, as well as many of our support needs in the communities. And we really want to say that the contingency planning and emergency planning focus of Florida Power and Light has gone a long way and has been very, very supportive for us especially after the Hurricane Andrews days. They have evolved with us.

As we have grown to deal with new disaster situations, they are right there with us. On September 11th, helping us, you know, plan for new types of events that we never thought we would have to plan for before. And I'm really just here today to, again, express that gratitude for the contingency planners and the support they provided to us in the emergency operations center and for them to have that availability and to be with us municipalities and our other

partners, right there in the operations center.

And I am available if there are questions that I need to address regarding their role with us in the emergency contingency plan.

CHAIRMAN JACOBS: Are there any questions? Thank you, Ms. Vun Kannon.

MR. HOWE: Chairman Jacobs, those are all the individuals that have indicated they wish to speak. Are there any other individuals in the audience who would like to address the Commission?

CHAIRMAN JACOBS: Let the record reflect that no one else has given an indication of their intent to speak. We would again like to thank you for coming and giving us your statements. We really depend and rely on the input from consumers, and yours have been helpful.

Mr. Hoffman.

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before we close, I would like to ask that the notice of public hearing and the affidavit of publication in the Sun Sentinel be admitted into the record as Composite Exhibit 5.

CHAIRMAN JACOBS: Show that marked as Composite Exhibit 5. And without objection show it entered into the record.

(Composite Exhibit 5 marked for identification and admitted into the record.)

MR. HOFFMAN: Thank you. And, again, it has been a great tour of South Florida, and we welcome your attention to the remainder of our proceedings and for our final decision that will be made in May. If there is nothing else tonight, we are adjourned. (The hearing concluded at 6:22 p.m.) 

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Other bills to conceal the cell phone and pager numbers of police officers also failed to make the cut.

Four bills approved Wednesday would tighten access to public information: Emergency security plans for hospitals and state government buildings would be confidential; police requests for records from other agencies in terrorist investigations would be made secret; a compromise measure would conceal the location of drugs stockpiled to counter bioterrorist attacks.

State Reps. Anne Gannon, D-Delray Beach, and John Carassas, D-Largo, voted against all four public-records bills, saying later the public has a right to information to keep an eye on government. The First Amendment Foundation of Florida supported all four bills.

The American Civil Liberties Union criticized a number of the security proposals, especially an expanded legal definition of terrorists and a "roving wiretapping" bill that would give police authority to listen in on cell phone conversations. It passed 117-1, with Gannon casting the lone no vote.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Florida Public Service Commission will hold public hearings as part of its review of Florida Power & Light Company's rates. The purpose of these hearings is to provide customers of Florida Power & Light an opportunity to testify before the Commission on the quality of service by Florida Power & Light. A public hearing in your area will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, December 13th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Broward County School Board
Board Room
600 SE 3rd Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Customers who wish to present testimony are urged to appear at the beginning of the hearing, since the hearing may be adjourned early if no witnesses are present to testify.

Written customer comments regarding Florida Power & Light's service or rates should reference Docket No. 001148-El and be addressed to: Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850.

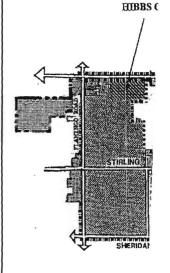


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