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## **FEDERAL EXPRESS**

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Re:

Docket No.: 000824-EI

Publix Super Markets, Inc.'s, Notice of Filing An Amendment to Its Prehearing Statement, Amendment to Its Prehearing Statement and Publix Super Markets, Inc.'s Expedited Motion to Compel Florida Power

Corporation to Answer Interrogatory Numbers 47 and 48

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed please find (1) a copy of Publix Super Markets Inc.'s, Notice of Filing An Amendment to Its Prehearing Statement (2) an original and fifteen (15) copies of Amendment to Its Prehearing Statement, and (3) an original and fifteen (15) copies of Publix Super Markets, Inc.'s Expedited Motion to Compel Florida Power Corporation to Answer Interrogatory Numbers 47 and 48. O2189-02+hru

Sincerely,

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## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Review of Florida Power Corporation's earnings, including effects of proposed acquisition of Florida Power Corporation by Carolina Power & Light.

DOCKET NO. 000824-EI

Submitted for Filing: February 22, 2002

# PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS, INC.'S EXPEDITED MOTION TO COMPEL FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION TO ANSWER INTERROGATORY NUMBERS 47 AND 48

Publix Super Markets, Inc.'s ("Publix"), pursuant to Rule 28-106.206 of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.380, moves to compel Florida Power Corporation ("FPC") to respond to Publix third set of interrogatories to FPC, specifically, numbers 47 and 48. In addition, Publix is requesting expedited treatment of this Motion to the extent possible in order to allow Publix to have the answers to these interrogatories prior to the pre-hearing date in this Docket currently set for March 4, 2002. In support of its Motion, Publix states:

- On January 22, 2002, Publix served FPC with its Third Set of Interrogatories to Florida Power Corporation (Nos. 47 – 50).
- 2. On January 28, 2002, FPC filed written objections to questions 47 and 48 including all subparts<sup>1</sup> stating in both instances that "FPC objects to this interrogatory and all subparts . . . as irrelevant immaterial and not

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<sup>1</sup> Interrogatories 47 and 48 are as follows:

Please identify the amounts which FPC has spent over the last five years for the following activities:

c. Participating in appellate proceedings on an Amicus Curie basis.

d. Public relations and advertising of any type.

e. Political Action Committees.

<sup>48.</sup> For each of the amounts listed in your answer to Interrogatory 48, please indicate if these amounts are recovered or proposed to be recovered in FPC electric rates approved or authorized by the DOCUMENT KIMPERS PATE

- reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

  Such amounts are not reflected in the test year and are not included in rate base."
- 3. FPC should be compelled to provide complete responses to Publix Interrogatories 47 (c), (d) and (e) and 48 (as applicable to 47 (c) (d) and (e). While FPC has objected to these interrogatories as irrelevant immaterial and not calculated to lead to discovery of admissible evidence, this position is inconsistent with the Pre-Hearing Issues List in this Docket to which all the parties have responded in their Pre-Hearing Statements. Issue 74 of the Pre-Hearing Issues List reads "What is the appropriate amount of outside services expense to be allowed in operating expense for FPC? Publix has requested in its Interrogatories 47 (c), (d) and (e) and 48 information directly related to amounts expended by FPC for outside services. Therefore, Publix Interrogatories 47 (c) (d) and (e) and 48 are both relevant and material.
- 4. The information requested by Publix in its Interrogatories 47 and 48 are crucial to the preparation by Publix for cross examination during the hearings on this Docket. Without the requested information, Publix's ability to adequately cross examine witness will be compromised and to allow FPC to withhold such information prior to the hearing would most certainly deprive Publix of its due process rights to a meaningfull opportunity to adequately prepare for the hearings. See Duval County School Board v. Armstrong, 336 So. 1219, 1220(Fla. 1st DCA 1976). Due

process requires that FPC be required to respond to Publix Interrogatories on or before March 4, 2002.

5. Publix submits that FPC's failure to properly respond to the interrogatories has been intended to prevent Publix from preparing for the final hearing on this Docket. Consequently, sanctions are warranted as punishment and to deter FPC and others from engaging in discovery abuse in the future.

WHEREFORE, Publix request that the Commission enter an Order as follows:

- A. Compelling FPC to serve complete responses to Publix interrogatories 47 and 48, including subparts on or before Monday,
   March 4, 2002;
- B. Awarding Publix its expenses incurred in preparing this Motion, including reasonable attorneys' fees; and,
- C. Affording Publix such additional relief as it deems just under the circumstances.

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