BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of GridFlorida)	Docket No. 020233-El
Regional Transmission)	Filed: April 24, 2002
Organization (RTO) Proposal)	
)	

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

This Petition to Intervene is filed by the undersigned qualified representative pursuant to Rule 25-22.039 of the *Florida Administrative Code* on behalf of the City of Tallahassee, Florida (Tallahassee). In support of this Petition, Tallahassee states the following:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the Petitioner is as follows:

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2. Copies of all correspondence, notices, pleadings, and orders in the above-referenced proceeding should be provided to the following:

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3. Coincident with this Petition, Tallahassee is submitting a separate filing to designate Mr. John and Mr. Rick as its qualified representatives pursuant to Section 28.106.106(d) of the *Florida Administrative Code*.

4. Statement of Substantial Interests.

- A. As the Commission is aware, Tallahassee is a municipal electric utility operating an integrated electric generation, transmission, and distribution system within the State of Florida. Tallahassee serves approximately 98,000 customers within the State of Florida.
- C. On March 20, 2002, Florida Power Corporation, Florida Power & Light Company, and Tampa Electric Company filed its GridFlorida RTO proposal in the above-referenced proceeding. Consistent with Order No. PSC-01-2489-FOF-EI, the proposal calls for the establishment of an Independent System Operator (ISO) to serve as the RTO and become the primary transmission provider within the state. All utilities within the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC) including Tallahassee would be permitted to join and turn operational control of their transmission facilities over to the RTO. The RTO would also serve as the security coordinator for the FRCC.
- D. The structure and formation of GridFlorida, which are at issue in this proceeding, will substantially impact Tallahassee in a number of key respects. First, as an owner of transmission facilities within the state, Tallahassee may ultimately elect to join GridFlorida, so the structure of the organization will influence its decision of whether to join the RTO, as well as the terms of such participation. Second, even Tallahassee does not join the RTO, it will be significantly impacted to the extent that it is required to contract with GridFlorida for transmission service. Finally, GridFlorida is designed to operate facilities that are interconnected to Tallahassee's system, so GridFlorida's operation of those system will impact Tallahassee.

E. In light of its potential membership in GridFlorida, reliance on GridFlorida for transmission service, and/or operation of interconnected facilities, Tallahassee submits that it has a substantial interest in this proceeding and should be granted full party status. Pursuant to the extended procedural schedule adopted by Order No. PSC-02-0548-PCO-EI, Tallahassee intends to file comments by May 8, 2002, as part of an *ad hoc* "Florida Municipal Group" consisting of Tallahassee, the City of Lakeland, Florida d/b/a Lakeland Electric, Kissimmee Utility Authority, and the City of Gainesville, Florida d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities.

WHEREFORE, Tallahassee respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order granting this Petition and according it full party status in the above-styled docket.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 24th day of April 2002.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene of the City of Tallahassee, Florida, has been furnished by U.S. Mail to the following this 24th day of April, 2002.

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