

October 13, 2003

Via FedEx

Ms Blanca S. Bayó, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Scivice Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Ms Bayó

By order No PSC-93-1522-FOF-EI, issued October 15, 1993 in Docket No 930867-EI, Florida Power was directed to file an annual report providing updated information on four specific items related to its self-insured program for transmission and distribution line ("T&D") property damage.

An initial annual report was filed in October 1994, and letters serving as annual reports were filed each year thereafter. Following are the changes since our last report for the required items.

- 1 <u>Update on Efforts to Obtain Traditional T&D Insurance</u> Since our last report, the property insurance market remains restrictive. Insurance coverage for storm related damage to T&D facilities continues to be unavailable on a cost-effective basis. Therefore, we have no plans at this time to procure T&D coverage through the conventional market.
- 2 Status of the Proposed Industry-Wide T&D Program There has been no change since our last report regarding a proposed industry-wide program for T&D insurance
- 3 Update on the Evaluation of Florida Power Corporation's Exposure and the Adequacy of the Storm Damage Reserve We have reviewed the Company's loss history for the past 25 years and have determined that the current annual accrual of \$6 million is appropriate and should be continued for the foreseeable future.
 - No costs were charged against the reserve in 2002 and thus far in 2003. The balance of the reserve at September $30,\,2003$, was \$40.1 million
- 4 Feasibility and Cost-Effectiveness of a Risk Sharing Plan Among Investor-Owned Electric Utilities in Florida There continues to be no feasible basis for a shared T&D insurance program among the investor-owned utilities in Florida However, we continue to meet periodically with the other major investor-owned utilities to discuss developments in the insurance industry and the potential for risk sharing options.

As in the past, Florida Power requests that this letter serve as its annual report for 2003. If a significant change should occur in the Company's exposure, the adequacy of the storm damage reserves, or the cost and availability of traditional insurance, updated information will be provided to the Compission.

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Please acknowledge your receipt of this letter on one of the five enclosed copies of same and return it to the undersigned. Thank you for your cooperation

Sincerely,

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