BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In re: Petition for Rate increase by Florida Power & Light Company | | Docket No. 050045-EI |
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| In re: 2005 comprehensive depreciation | | |
| study by Florida Power & Light Company | | Docket No. 050188-EI |
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PETITION OF CHARLES J. CRIST, JR., ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF FLORIDA, TO INTERVENE

CHARLES J. CRIST, JR., Attorney General, State of Florida (Attorney General), pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, petitions the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) to enter an order granting leave to the Attorney General to intervene in this Docket and states:

- 1. The Attorney General, pursuant to Art. IV, Section 4, Fla. Const., is the chief legal officer of the State with his principal place of business in Tallahassee, Florida.
- 2. The Attorney General brings this Petition in his *parens patriae* capacity as guardian of the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the State of Florida.
- 3. The Attorney General has broad statutory authority to prosecute and appear in suits in which the State is a party or is otherwise interested. Section 16.01(4), (5), and (6), Florida Statutes. The State has a substantial interest in the establishment of fair, just and reasonable rates to be charged by Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL"). In this case, FPL seeks an extraordinary general rate increase of approximately \$430 million.
- 4. Where the public interest is involved, the Attorney General may not only initiate litigation, but also intervene in pending litigation. *State ex rel. Shevin v. Yarbrough*, 257

So. 2d 891, 894 (Fla. 1972). The Attorney General is granted wide discretion in

determining what particular matters involve the public interest. State ex rel. Shevin v.

Exxon Corp., 526 F. 2d 266, 268-69 (5th Cir. 1976). Accordingly, his conclusion that a

particular matter involves the public interest is presumed to be correct. Yarbrough, 257 So. 2d. at

895.

5. The substantial interests of the State and the people will be directly affected by the

Commission's decisions in this case.

6. The name address and telephone number of the Petitioner are as follows:

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WHEREFORE, the Attorney General respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order allowing the Attorney General to intervene in this Docket.

DATED this 4th day of August, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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I CERTIFY that a true and correct copy hereof has been furnished by United States mail to the following on this 4th day of August, 2005.

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