BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed Adoption of New Rule 25-6.0343, F.A.C., Standards of Construction - Municipal Electric Utilities and Rural Electric Cooperatives DOCKET NO. 060512-EU Filed: September 29, 2006

<u>COMMENTS OF</u> <u>FLORIDA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.,</u> <u>IN RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS FILED BY THE FLORIDA</u> ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES ASSOCIATION, INC.

Florida Municipal Electric Association, Inc. ("FMEA"), by and through undersigned counsel, on behalf of its thirty-four municipal electric utility members in Florida,¹ hereby submits its comments, pursuant to Order No. PSC-06-0793-PCO-EU, in response to the Supplemental Comments filed by the Florida Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc., ("FECA") regarding proposed rule 25-6.0343.

On September 15, 2006, FECA filed a Motion for Leave to File Supplemental

Comments, along with Supplemental Comments on Proposed Rule 25-6.0343. The

Supplemental Comments are in support of an alternative to the rule the Commission proposed.

In Order No. PSC-06-0793-PCO-EU, the Commission granted FECA's motion to file its

Supplemental Comments, and is now allowing all interested parties to file responsive comments

thereto by September 29, 2006.

¹ FMEA is comprised of the following municipal electric utility members: City of Alachua, City of Bartow, City of Blountstown, City of Bushnell, City of Chattahoochee, City of Clewiston, City of Fort Meade, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, City of Gainesville d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities, City of Green Cove Springs, Town of Havana, City of Homestead d/b/a Homestead Energy Services, JEA, City of Jacksonville Beach d/b/a Beaches Energy Services, Utility Board of the City of Key West, Florida d/b/a Keys Energy Services, Kissimmee Utility Authority, City of Lake Worth, City of Lakeland d/b/a Lakeland Electric, City of Leesburg, City of Moore Haven, City of Mount Dora, Utilities Commission of the City of New Smyrna Beach, City of Newberry, City of Ocala d/b/a Ocala Electric Utility, Orlando Utilities Commission, City of Quincy, Reedy Creek Improvement District, City of St. Cloud, City of Starke, City of Tallahassee, City of Vero Beach, City of Wauchula, City of Williston, and City of Winter Park.

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FMEA hereby expresses its support for FECA's proposed alternative rule ("Alternative Rule"). The Alternative Rule is the fruit of a collaborative process among FMEA, FECA, and PSC staff. FMEA believes the Alternative Rule accomplishes the Commission's goals, and at the same time alleviates the sub-delegation and other concerns raised in earlier comments.

FMEA appreciates the diligent efforts of PSC staff, and encourages the Commission to adopt the Alternative Rule.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this 29th day of September 2006.

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