Ruth Nettles

From:

Cain, Frank [Frank.Cain@lcec.net]

Sent:

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 9:53 AM

To:

Filings@psc.state.fl.us

Subject:

E-Filing re: Docket 080665-EI

Attachments: Letter of Support - Gary Aubuchon 01-13-09.DOC

Frank R. Cain, Jr., Manager, Power Supply Contract Administration Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LCEC) 4980 Bayline Drive North Fort Myers, FL 33917-3910

239-656-2347

frank.cain@lcec.net

Docket No. 080665-El re: Petition of Florida Power & Light Company for approval of long-term agreement for full requirements electric service with Lee County Electric Cooperative.

Document being filed on behalf of Representative Gary Aubuchon, Florida House of Representatives.

There are a total of two (2) pages.

The document attached for electronic filing is a letter in support of the approval of wholesale agreement between FPL and LCEC.

s/ Frank R. Cain, Jr., Manager, Power Supply Contract Administration Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LCEC)

Florida House of Representatives Representative Gary Aubuchon District 74

Committees & Councils:
Health Care Services, Chair
Human Services Appropriations, Vice Chair
General Government & Health Care Appropriations
Health and Family Services Policy Council

Energy & Utilities Roads, Bridges & Ports

January 13, 2009

The Honorable Matthew M. Carter II, Chairman Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: DOCKET NO. 080665-EI - Petition of Florida Power & Light Company For Approval of Long-Term Agreement for Full Requirements Electric Service with Lee County Electric Cooperative

Dear Chairman Carter:

As the State Representative of District 74, I represent customers of Lee County

Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LCEC) and Florida Power and Light (FPL) throughout Southwest

Florida. It is my understanding that as a result of many years of study and consultation with

industry experts, LCEC has determined it is in the best interest of its customers to begin

receiving wholesale power from a larger, more diverse power supplier such as FPL. LCEC

subsequently reached an agreement with their current power supplier, Seminole Electric

Cooperative, for early termination of their all-requirements contract and has entered into a

long-term agreement for full power requirements with Florida Power and Light (FPL).

District Office: 3501 Del Prado Boulevard, Suite 305, Cape Coral, Florida 33904 Phone: (239) 344-4900 Fax: (239) 344-4901

Capitol Office: 402 House Office Building, 402 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300
Phone: (850) 488-7433

On 3 4 7 JAN 14 8

In an effort to validate that FPL retail customers would not be disadvantaged by adding LCEC as a wholesale customer, a condition was placed on the agreement that led FPL to petition the FPSC for approval of the agreement prior to its commencement.

I support the FPL request for approval from the FPSC and believe your review will ensure the proposed agreement is in the best interests of both FPL and LCEC customers. As a member of the House Committee on Energy, I have a continued interest in ensuring diverse energy resources are available to customers throughout the state. This agreement takes a step in the right direction toward promoting energy security and affordability by encouraging diversification. As you know, a prompt decision allowing FPL to serve LCEC customers is critical to ensuring a continued reliable source of energy at a competitive price for all customers. Thank you in advance for your timely consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gary Aubuchon

cc: The Honorable Lisa P. Edgar, Commissioner

cc: The Honorable Nathan A. Skop, Commissioner

cc: The Honorable Katrina J. McMurrian, Commissioner

cc: The Honorable Nancy Argenziano, Commissioner

cc: Dr. Mary Bane, Executive Director, Florida Public Service Commission

cc: Patrick Booter Imhof, General Counsel, Florida Public Service Commission

cc: J.R. Kelly, Esquire, Office of Public Counsel