

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In Re: Petition for Increase In Rates)
By Florida Power & Light Company)
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DOCKET NO. 080677-EI
FILED: July 16, 2009

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THE FLORIDA A.F.F.I.R.M.

The Florida Association For Fairness In Rate Making ("AFFIRM"), pursuant to sections 120.569 and 120.57, and Chapter 366, Florida Statutes,¹ and Rules 25-22.039, 28-106.201, and 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code ("F.A.C."), hereby petitions to intervene in the above-styled docket. In support of this petition, AFFIRM states:

- 1. The agency affected by this Petition to Intervene is:

Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850.

- 2. The name, address, and telephone number of the Petitioner are as follows:

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¹ All references herein to the Florida Statutes are to the 2008 edition thereof.

3. All pleadings, orders and correspondence should be directed to Petitioner's representatives as follows:

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4. Notice of docket. Petitioner received notice of this docket by a review of the Florida Public Service Commission's website.

5. Statement of Substantial Interests. AFFIRM is a coalition of quick-serve restaurants that have substantially similar electrical usage characteristics. The Members of AFFIRM are the corporations and the corporations' franchisees that own and operate over 500 business locations served by Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") under the following brand names: Waffle House, Wendy's, Arby's, and YUM! Brands, doing business as Pizza Hut, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell, Long John Silver's, and A&W. These members are thus commercial electric customers of FPL and purchase electricity from FPL pursuant to several different FPL rate schedules. AFFIRM's members require adequate, reasonably priced electricity in order to conduct their businesses consistently with the needs of their customers and ownership.

6. In this docket, the Florida Public Service Commission will decide whether to approve FPL's request for a general rate increase of \$1.044 billion per year. The amount of increase approved, if any, as well as other rate case issues (such as cost of service and corresponding rate structure) will affect AFFIRM's members by increasing their costs of electricity and their

treatment as compared to other customers. Thus, the substantial interests of AFFIRM's members will be affected by the determinations made in this docket.

7. AFFIRM'S substantial interests are of sufficient immediacy to entitle it to participate in the proceeding and are the type of interests that the proceeding is designed to protect. To participate as a party in this proceeding, an intervenor must demonstrate that it will suffer a sufficiently immediate injury in fact that is of the type the proceeding is designed to protect. *See Ameristeel Corp. v. Clark*, 691 So. 2d 473 (Fla. 1997); *Agrico Chemical Co. v. Department of Environmental Regulation*, 406 So.2d 478 (Fla. 2d DCA 1981), *rev. denied*, 415 So. 2d 1359 (Fla. 1982). The purpose of this proceeding is to determine the merits of FPL's rate case; the substantial interests of AFFIRM is to ensure that the rates its members pay are fair, just and reasonable. Thus, the protection of AFFIRM's substantial interests coincides with the purpose of the proceeding.

8. Associational Standing. AFFIRM has standing as an association to represent its members' substantial interests. All or most of its members will be substantially affected by the Florida Public Service Commission's decisions; the association was formed for the purpose of protecting its members interests in rate proceedings; and the relief requested (intervention) is of a type appropriate for an association to obtain on behalf of its members. *See Florida Home Builders Ass'n v. Dep't of Labor and Employment Security*, 412 So. 2d 351, 353-54 (Fla. 1982).

9. Disputed Issues of Material Fact. In addition to the issues already identified by existing parties in this docket, AFFIRM states that the disputed issues of material fact include, but are not limited to, the following:

What are the appropriate commercial time of use rates to be charged by FPL?

AFFIRM reserves all rights to raise additional issues in accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's rules and the Order Establishing Procedure in this case.

10. Disputed Legal Issues. In addition to the legal issues already identified, disputed legal issues include, but are not limited to, the following:

Has FPL carried its burden of proof as to the legality and appropriateness of the proposed commercial time of use rates?

11. Statement of Ultimate Facts Alleged. Ultimate facts include, but are not limited to, the following:

A new commercial time of use rate should be developed and implemented under which the rate charged by FPL (i) varies during different time periods and reflects the variance, if any, in the utility's cost of generation and purchasing electricity at the wholesale level; and (ii) enables the electric consumer to manage energy use and cost through advanced metering and communications technology.

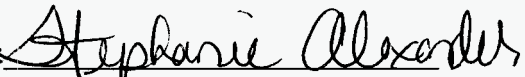
12. Statutes and Rules That Entitle AFFIRM to Relief. The applicable statutes and rules that entitle AFFIRM to relief include, but are not limited to, Sections 120.569, 120.57(1), 366.04(1), 366.05(1), 366.06(1)&(2), and 366.07, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.039 and Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

13. Relief. AFFIRM requests that it be permitted to intervene as a full party in this docket.

WHEREFORE, AFFIRM respectfully requests the Florida Public Service Commission enter an order granting this Petition to Intervene and allowing AFFIRM to participate as a full party in this docket. AFFIRM also respectfully requests that the order granting intervention direct all parties to this proceedings to serve copies of all pleadings, notices, and other documents upon AFFIRM's representative as indicated in Paragraph 2 above, as well as upon the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of July 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished to the following, by electronic and/or U.S. Mail, on this 16th day of July, 2009.

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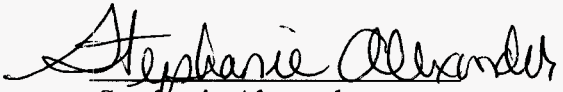
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