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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Florida Power & Light Company Docket No. 120015-EI August 2, 2012

FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S MOTION TO STRIKE SOUTH FLORIDA HOSPITAL AND <u>HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION'S SUPPLEMENT TO ITS MOTION TO COMPEL</u>

Pursuant to Rule 28-106.204¹, Florida Administrative Code ("F.A.C."), Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL" or "Company"), hereby moves to strike the South Florida Hospital and Healthcare Association's ("SFHHA") Supplement to its Motion to Compel FPL to Respond to Certain Requests to Produce Documents [Nos. 8 and 87] ("Supplement"), and states:

SFHHA filed its Motion to Compel on July 24, 2012 ("Motion") and FPL timely filed its Response to the Motion on July 31, 2012. Rule, 28-106.204 does not contemplate the filing of supplemental filings beyond a motion and response. The Commission has repeatedly disallowed such additional pleadings in its proceedings. See, In re: Complaint against Verizon Florida, LLC and MCI Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Business Services for failure to pay intrastate access charges for the origination and termination of intrastate interexchange telecommunications service, by Bright House Networks Information Services (Florida), LLC, Docket No. 110056-TP, Order No. PSC-11-0359-PCO-TP at 1 (Aug. 26, 2011).

In the *Verizon* case cited above, the Commission footnoted its policy regarding the disallowance of superfluous pleadings as follows:

See, for just one example, Order No. PSC-98-1435-PCO-EG, issued October 26, 1998, in Docket No. 971004-EG, <u>In re: Adoption of Numeric Conservation Goals</u> by Florida Power & Light Company, where we granted a motion to strike a reply to a response to a motion for a procedural order, stating that: 'the pleading cycle must stop at a reasonable point.'

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¹ SFHHA's "Supplement" cites to Florida Rules of Civil Procedure 1.350(a) and 1.380(a)(2). Neither of these rules, however, address whether a party has the right to file a response to a response in opposition to a motion to compel.

Verizon, supra n.2, at 1.

The Commission's pronouncement is succinct and makes practical sense. If parties in complex proceedings such as rate cases were allowed to always have the "last word" (as attempted by SFHHA), unending motion practice would ensue, resulting in the unnecessary waste of the Commission's and other parties' time and resources. In short, the F.A.C. and Commission policy does not allow responses to responses.

For the foregoing reasons, SFHHA's Supplement to FPL's Response to SFHHA's Motion to Compel should be stricken and disregarded in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of August 2012.

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