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January 5, 2000

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: In re: Petition for Determination of Need for an Electrical Power Plant in
Okeechobee County by Okeechobee Generating Company, L.L.C.
Docket No. 991462-EU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and and copy of Florida Power Corporation's Notice of Service.

We request you acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the additional copy of this letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

If you or your Staff have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (727) 821-7000.

Very truly yours,

Gary L. Sasso
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Determination)
of Need for an Electrical Power)
Plant in Okeechobee County by)
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L.L.C.)
_____)

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Submitted for filing: January 6, 2000

**FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION'S
NOTICE OF SERVICE**

Florida Power Corporation, through its undersigned attorneys, hereby gives notice of filing the original affidavit of Michael D. Rib, a copy of which is attached to Florida Power Corporation's Response to Okeechobee Generating Company's First Motion for Protective Order.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION



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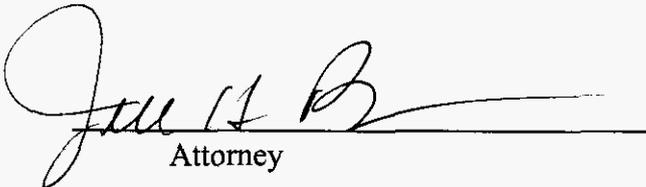
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT a true and correct copy of the foregoing Florida Power Corporation's Notice of Filing has been furnished via U.S. Mail to all counsel of record has listed below this 5th day of January, 2000.


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AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL RIB

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Michael D. Rib ("Affiant"), who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. I am over the age of 18 years old and have been authorized by Florida Power Corporation to give this affidavit in the above styled proceeding.

2. I am currently employed by Florida Power Corporation as its Director of Resource Planning. My department uses a variety of forecast and/or cost production computer models to assist it in developing business forecasts and analyzing unit dispatch and maintenance schedules. FPC is currently using *Proscreen* and *Prosym*, licensed respectively from New Energy Associates and Henwood Energy Services.

3. I am familiar with the pre-filed testimony of Dr. Dale Nesbitt in this case and his reliance on computer models owned by Altos Management Partners and Marketpoint, Inc., (hereinafter, collectively "Altos"), I am also aware that Altos is demanding that FPC, in order to review Dr. Nesbitt's work, enter into a one-year licensing agreement with Altos, which would cost approximately \$ 85,000.00.

4. Believing the demanded price for a limited non-commercial use of the Altos models to be quite high, my department contacted both New Energy Associates and Henwood Energy Services to discuss their policies for licensing software for limited use in litigation or regulatory proceedings to companies (or their consultants) who would not normally license the software for routine commercial use.

5. Both companies indicated that they provide limited use license options and will also provide consulting assistance as needed for these situations.

6. More specifically, New Energy Associates indicated that they offer their software for short-term license on a per-month basis for roughly 20% of the annual licensing fee, plus some training and support.

7. Similarly, Henwood Energy Services indicated that they offer per-project or per-study licensing also at significantly less than its annual licensing fee.

8. Both companies indicated that such per-project or short-term licensing was common in the industry in such situations. Both companies require licensing arrangements and confidentiality protections as would be expected.

9. Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 5th day of January, 2000.



(Signature)

Michael D. Rib

(Printed Name)

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THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January, 2000 by Michael D. Rib. He is personally known to me, or has produced his driver's license, or his — as identification.



(Signature)

Patricia K. Fellman

(Printed Name)

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