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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
Fletcher Building  
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RE: Joint Petition for approval of standard offer contracts of FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION and AUBURNDALE POWER PARTNERS, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, Docket No. 940819-EQ.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

As a member of the Polk County Legislative Delegation, I am writing to express my concern regarding the staff recommendation issued in the above referenced docket on September 8, 1994. That recommendation suggests that the Commission not approve the joint petition filed by Florida Power Corporation ("FPC") and Auburndale Power Partners, Limited Partnership ("APP") which requests expedited approval of certain modifications to a cogeneration contract. If the Commission adopts the position taken by the staff in its recommendation, the Commission will be depriving Polk County and FPC's ratepayers of significant benefits flowing from the assignment of the LFC No. 47 Corp. ("LFC") Standard Offer Contracts to APP and the administration of these contracts from APP's Auburndale facility.

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APP's Auburndale facility has brought much needed economic benefits to our community. The APP facility has created new jobs for our citizens. During the construction of the facility, APP employed up to 350 people at the construction site. Now that the facility is in commercial operation, APP employs 24 full time operating personnel. In addition, the APP facility will positively impact the County through significant contributions to tax revenue. APP will contribute approximately \$1.5 million to Polk County's tax base through real and personal property taxes. Also important is the APP facility's state of the art construction, which is designated to have minimal impacts on the environment. The facility is a closed loop system with zero discharge including stormwater runoff. Staff's recommendation does not address any of these benefits of the transaction and I believe they are important for your consideration.

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Staff's recommendation also appears to overlook the substantial benefits FPC's ratepayers will realize as a result of the transaction. FPC has represented that its ratepayers will benefit from the assignment of the LFC Standard Offer Contracts to APP in several respects. FPC states that the relocation of the power source under the Standard Offer Contracts to Auburndale will promote efficiency by minimizing energy lost during the transmission of power to FPC's load center. FPC also states that the administration of the Standard Offer Contracts from APP' Auburndale facility south of FPC's Central Florida Substation will increase FPC's transmission capacity, allow for additional emergency power purchases during capacity shortages, and increase the utility's ability to import bargain power from the Georgia system. Moreover, FPC has represented that the assignment of the Standard Offer Contracts to APP will result in a savings to FPC's ratepayers of over \$46 million during the life of the contracts. Again, I believe that these are substantial benefits that should be acknowledged.

For the reasons stated above, I am urging the Commission to deny staff's recommendation and to approve the Joint Petition which is in the best interest of not only our local community, but also the electric customers of this state. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Lori Edwards*

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State Representative

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