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Ms. Blanca S. Bayó, Director
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Re: Docket No. ~~970096~~-EQ

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing in the subject docket is Florida Power Corporation's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification and Request for Confidential Classification accompanied by a sealed envelope containing the document subject to the Notice with the confidential information highlighted and two copies of the document with the confidential information redacted. **The highlighted portions of the unredacted version should be held as Confidential Information in accordance with Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C.**

Please acknowledge your receipt of the above filing on the enclosed copy of this letter and return to the undersigned. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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cc: Parties of record

Very truly yours,

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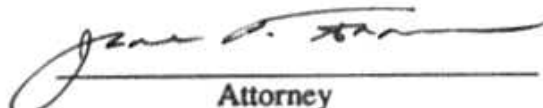
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for expedited approval of an agreement to purchase the Tiger Bay cogeneration facility and terminate related purchased power contracts by Florida Power Corporation

Docket No. 970096-EQ

Submitted for filing:
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST
CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Florida Power Corporation ("FPC"), pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby files this Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification of the highlighted portions of the enclosed documents requested by Staff. FPC submits herewith (i) a separate, sealed envelope, containing one copy of the documents requested by Staff, with the information for which FPC intends to request confidential classification highlighted, and (ii) two copies of the documents requested by Staff, with the information for which FPC intends to request confidential classification redacted.

Respectfully submitted,

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**FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Florida Power Corporation (Florida Power), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C., requests confidential classification of the highlighted portions of the enclosed documents which are responsive to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents questions 7 and 8. In support of its request, Florida Power states:

Background

On January 22, 1997, Florida Power filed with the Commission a petition for expedited approval of an agreement between Florida Power and Tiger Bay Limited Partnership (Tiger Bay) for the purchase of Tiger Bay's cogeneration facility and the termination of five purchase power agreements served by the Tiger Bay facility. Staff in its 1st Request for Production of Documents asked Florida Power to submit a copy of FPC's pro forma financial projections for the Tiger Bay facility and the associated power purchase agreements from 1997-2025 and FPC's pro forma financial projections of purchasing the Tiger Bay facility and terminating the power purchase agreements from 1997-2025. Recognizing

the confidential nature of these projections, Florida Power is complying with Staff's request by filing a Request for Confidential Classification along with a copy of the documents in which the confidential information had been highlighted, in accordance with Rule 25-22.006 F.A.C. This request provides the justification for confidential classification of the highlighted information.

Justification for Confidential Classification

The information as to which FPC seeks confidential classification falls in two categories. First, Staff has sought information FPC has provided the ratings agencies. Such information is provided to those agencies on a confidential basis. The information discloses FPC's projected business and financial performance and plans. It is therefore proprietary, highly confidential, trade secret information, the disclosure of which could subject FPC to competitive disadvantage if revealed either to other utilities or to suppliers and customers with whom FPC negotiates.

The second category of information is pro forma information related to the Facility's natural gas costs and which has been provided to FPC on a confidential basis. FPC cannot, therefore, voluntarily disclose the information.

For the foregoing reasons, the public disclosure of the information contained in the documents may subject Florida Power to damages as a result of such disclosure.

WHEREFORE, Florida Power Corporation requests that the highlighted information in the copies of FPC's rating agency related information and its pro forma financial projections for the Tiger Bay facility submitted with this Request to Seek Confidential Classification be classified confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

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