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Re: Docket No. ~~980001-EI~~

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU") are the following documents:

1. Original and fifteen copies of Petition for Approval of Florida Public Utilities Company's Fuel Adjustment and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Factors, — 00630-97


ACK _____
AFA Vandiver 2 Original and fifteen copies of the Direct Testimony of George M. Bachman, and — 00631-97

APP _____
CAF _____ 3. Original and fifteen copies of the Composite Exhibit GMB-3 for Marianna and
CNU _____
Fernandina Beach.

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Sincerely,


Kenneth A. Hoffman

cc. All Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Fuel and Purchased Power)
Cost Recovery Clause and Generating)
Performance Incentive Factor.)
_____)

Docket No. 980001-EL
Filed: January 12, 1998

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF FLORIDA
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S FUEL ADJUSTMENT
AND PURCHASED POWER COST RECOVERY FACTORS**

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU"), by and through its undersigned counsel, submits this Petition for approval of FPU's proposed fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors for each of its two electric divisions for the period April 1998 through September 1998. In support of its Petition, FPU states as follows:

1. All notices, pleadings and orders should be directed to:

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3. In accordance with the procedures established in this docket, FPU has prepared and filed direct testimony¹ and composite exhibit GMB-3² in support of its proposed fuel and purchased power adjustment factors. This evidence demonstrates that the total fuel and purchased power adjustment factors for the period April 1998 through September 1998 should be 2.365 cents-per-KWH for the Marianna division and 2.326 cents-per-KWH for the Fernandina Beach division.

4. As demonstrated in the direct testimony and exhibit GMB-3, the final remaining fuel and purchased power adjustment true-up amounts for the period April 1997 through September 1997 is an over-recovery of \$78,655 for Marianna, and an over-recovery of \$106,547 for Fernandina Beach.

5. The testimony and exhibits also demonstrate that based upon actual data for October and November and projected data for December 1997 through March 1998, the estimated fuel and purchased power adjustment true-up amounts for the period October 1997 through March 1998 are an over-recovery of \$52,624 for Marianna, and an over-recovery of \$162,900 for Fernandina Beach.

6. Based upon its projected sales, FPU projects a net over-recovery of \$131,279 for Marianna for the period April 1998 through September 1998, and an over-recovery of \$269,447 for Fernandina Beach for the same period. FPU's appropriate total fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors for the period April 1998 through September 1998 are 2.365 cents-per-KWH

¹The direct testimony of Mr. George Bachman is being filed with this Petition and is incorporated herein.

²Composite exhibit GMB-3, which consists of Schedules E-1, E1-A, E1-B, E-1B-1, E-2, E-7 and E-10 for Marianna (pages 1-8) and Schedules E-1, E1-A, E1-B, E-1B-1, E-2, E-7, E-8, and E-10 for Fernandina Beach (pages 9-18), is being filed with this Petition and is incorporated herein.

for the Marianna division and 2.326 cents-per-KWH for the Fernandina Beach division. The appropriate leveled fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors for the period April 1998 through September 1998, adjusted for line loss multipliers and including taxes, are as follows:

MARIANNA

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
RS	\$0.04232
GS	\$0.04167
GSD	\$0.03716
GSLD	\$0.03587
OL	\$0.02815
SL	\$0.02814

FERNANDINA BEACH

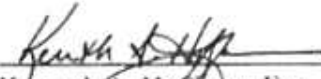
<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
RS	\$0.04025
GS	\$0.03863
GSD	\$0.03565
CSL	\$0.02591
OL	\$0.02591
SL	\$0.02591

7. FPU's approved fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factor: should be effective for all meter readings on or after April 1, 1998, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period April, 1998.

WHEREFORE, Florida Public Utilities Company requests the Commission to approve its above-stated fuel adjustment and purchased power cost recovery factors for the Marianna and Fernandina Beach divisions to be applied to customer bills for the period April 1998 through September 1998, and to billings thereafter until such time as another cost recovery factor is approved by the Commission.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



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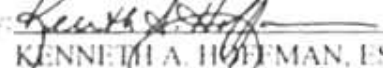
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