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FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Blanca S. Bayó, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 980283-EP 5

Re:

Florida Power Corporation's Response to Joint Petition of Dade County and Montenay to Intervene for Limited Purpose of Moving

to Dismiss

Dear Ms. Bayó:

		Enclosed for filing please find an original and fifteen copies of Florida Power ration's Response to Joint Petition of Dade County and Montenay to Intervene for
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Declaratory Statement that Commission's Approval of Negotiated Contract for Purchase of Firm Capacity and Energy between Florida Power Corporation and Metropolitan Dade County, Order No. 24734, Together with Order Nos. PSC-97-1437-FOF-EQ, Rule 25-17.0832, F.A.C. and Order No. 24989, Establish that Energy Payments thereunder, including when Firm or As-Available Payment is Due, Are Limited to Analysis of Avoided Costs based upon Avoided Unit's Contractually-Specified Characteristics,

by Florida Power Corporation

Docket No. 980283-EQ

Submitted for Filing: March 24, 1998

FLORIDA POWER'S RESPONSE TO JOINT PETITION OF DADE COUNTY AND MONTENAY TO INTERVENE FOR LIMITED PURPOSE OF MOVING TO DISMISS

Florida Power Corporation ("Florida Power") hereby responds to the Joint Petition of Metropolitan Dade County ("Dade") and Montenay-Dade, Ltd. ("Montenay") to Intervene for the Limited Purpose of Moving to Dismiss Florida Power's Petition for Declaratory Statement. As was true with respect to Dade and Montenay's motion to intervene in Docket No. 940771-EQ (the "Pricing Docket"), Florida Power does not oppose the Motion to Intervene here. However, with respect to Montenay, Florida Power would note that:

1. Florida Power disagrees with Montenay's characterization of itself as "a party to the Contract" between Florida Power and Dade. The Commission approved the Negotiated Contract between Florida Power and Dade pursuant to which Dade sells capacity

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and energy to Florida Power. (The Commission's interpretation of that approval is the subject of Florida Power's pending Petition for Declaratory Statement, the "Petition"). Montenay was not a party to the Contract at the time it was approved by the Commission and has not subsequently been made a party to the Contract. Rather, Montenay simply operates the facility, which is owned by Dade, from which the capacity and energy is sold pursuant to the Contract.

2. In not opposing Montenay's intervention, Florida Power does not mean to suggest or convey that it believes that the issuance of the declaratory statement requested in the Petition necessarily would involve a determination of Montenay's substantial interests or that Montenay otherwise satisfies the requirements for intervention set forth in the Florida Administrative Code.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished, by U.S. Mail, to Gail P. Fels, Esq., Assistant County Attorney, Dade County Aviation Dept., P.O. Box 592075 AMF, Miami, Florida 33159, counsel for Dade County; Robert Scheffel Wright, Esq., Landers & Parsons, 310 West College Avenue, P.O. Box 271, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, counsel for Montenay; and David E. Smith, Esq., Director of Appeals, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Third Floor, Gunter Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850; this 24th day of March, 1998.

Robert L. Ciotti