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Re:

Docket No. 080366-GU

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company is Florida Public Utilities Company's Withdrawal of Portion of Request for Confidential Treatment in the above referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by)	
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FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S WITHDRAWAL OF PORTION OF REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

COMES NOW, Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPUC") through its undersigned counsel and files this Withdrawal of Portion of Request for Confidential Treatment and states:

- 1. On March 25, 2009, FPUC filed a Request for Confidential Classification for certain workpapers provided to Commission Staff in conjunction with the audit conducted by Staff as a result of FPUC's request for a rate increase.
- 2. Among the workpapers provided to Staff were several which disclosed employee names and salaries. FPUC provided the salary information but requested confidential classification as to names, except for those officers and employees whose salaries and names were required to be published as a publicly traded company.
- 3. In response to the request, FPUC has been notified by Staff that names and salaries has been determined not be confidential by the Commission in prior dockets and were thus subject to disclosure.
- 4. FPUC does not object to disclosing positions and salaries of regulated utility employees, but does not publish names of employees and salaries unless required to do so. In the instant matter, given the position of Staff and precedents presented, FPUC would amend its request for confidential treatment by withdrawing the request as to documents identified as:

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WP 59-1/1-23, 5 pages;

WP 59-1/1-23/1, 4 pages;

WP 59-1/3-1, 1 page; and

WP 59-1/3-1/1, 12 pages.

In doing so, FPUC does not abandon or waive its position that names are appropriately confidential under Section 366, Florida Statutes.

5. In closing, FPUC reiterates that it does not object to providing information as to positions and current salaries for that position, but public disclosure of the names of regulated utility employees and their salaries presents issues for the individual and the Company. FPUC respectfully submits that public disclosure of positions and salaries is sufficient for regulatory purposes. Disclosure of position and salaries without names maintains the privacy of the individual employees and does not impair the Commission of its responsibilities.

6. Having submitted the foregoing and without waiving this position, FPUC would withdraw its request for confidential treatment of the previously identified documents based on the Staff's advisory dated July 14, 2009. This withdrawal does not affect any other portions of the request submitted March 25, 2009.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of July, 2009.

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