BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

TO

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 030438-EI

PETITION FOR RATE INCREASE BY FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY

ISSUED: _January 26, 2004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a prehearing conference will be held before Commissioner J. Terry Deason, as Prehearing Officer, regarding the above-referenced matter, at the following time and place:

1:30 p.m., Monday, February 2, 2004 Room 152, Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE

The purpose of this prehearing conference is: (1) to define and limit, if possible, the number of issues; (2) to determine the parties' positions on the issues; (3) to determine what facts, if any, may be stipulated; (4) to dispose of any motions or other matters that may be pending; and (5) to consider any other matters that may aid in the disposition of this case.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this prehearing conference because of a physical impairment should call the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services at

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(850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the prehearing conference. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

JURISDICTION

This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapters 350 and 366, Florida Statutes. This prehearing conference will be governed by Chapters 120, 350, and 366, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 25-6, 25-22, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission, this <u>26th</u> day of <u>January</u>, <u>2004</u>.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of the Commission Clark and Administrative Services

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