BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Joint Petition to deter-) DOCKET NO. 920520-EQ
mine need for electric power) ORDER NO. PSC-92-0830-PCO-EQ
plant to be located in Okeechobee) ISSUED: 08/18/92
County by Florida Power & Light)
Company and Cypress Energy)
Partners, Limited Partnership.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

BY THE COMMISSION:

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By petition, dated July 27, 1992, Nassau Power Corporation, (Nassau), has requested permission to intervene in this proceeding. Both Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) and Cypress Energy Partners, L.P. (Cypress), have opposed the intervention of Nassau.

Section 403,519, Florida Statutes directs the Commission, in a need determination proceeding, to consider whether the proposed plant is the most cost-effective alternative available. In order to make such a determination the Commission must be able to hear testimony regarding other alternatives and their relative costeffectiveness. Here, cogenerators and independent power producers provide alternatives to the applicant's project which may (or may not) be more cost-effective. It is therefore incumbent upon such competing alternatives, who believe that their project is more cost-effective, to participate in the hearing, and attempt to demonstrate that they can provide the utility with power at a lower cost.

We therefore find that cogenerators and independent power producers have standing to intervene in this proceeding in order to address the issue of whether the proposed plant is the most costeffective alternative available. Therefore, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Petition to Intervene filed by Nassau is hereby granted. It is further

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ORDERED that all parties to this proceeding shall furnish copies of all testimony, exhibits, pleadings and other documents which may hereinafter be filed in this proceeding, to:

Joseph A. McGlothlin, Esquire Vicki Gordon Kaufman, Esquire McWhirter, Grandoff & Reeves 522 East Park Avenue, Suite 200 Tallahassee, Florida 32301

By ORDER of Commissioner J. Terry Deason, as Prehearing Officer, this 18th day of <u>August</u>, <u>1992</u>.

cs J. TERRY DEASON, Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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