BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition of Florida Power and Light Company for resolution of a territorial dispute with Fort Pierce Utilities Authority.) DOCKET NO. 891245-EU) ORDER NO. PSC-94-0294-PCO-EU) ISSUED: 3/15/94

ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 11, 1994, Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) and Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) jointly filed a motion requesting a continuance of the hearing and the procedural schedule established for this case. The parties requested the continuance "based upon the fact that settlement negotiations have begun and the parties believe there is a likelihood that they will be able to settle their differences amicably."

The hearing in this docket is currently scheduled for April 7, 1994. While the parties' joint request for a continuance appears reasonable, I find that this matter shall not be continued indefinitely. Rather, the parties shall be allowed to and including May 16, 1994, within which to reach agreement. If the parties do not file their territorial agreement on or before May 16, 1994, an expedited hearing schedule shall be established for this case.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by Diane K. Kiesling, as prehearing officer, that the Joint Motion For Continuance filed by Florida Power and Light Company and Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, on March 11, 1994, is hereby granted to the extent set forth in the body of this order.

By ORDER of Commissioner Diane K. Kiesling, as Prehearing Officer, this <u>15th</u> day of <u>March</u>, <u>1994</u>.

DIANE K. KIESLING; Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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