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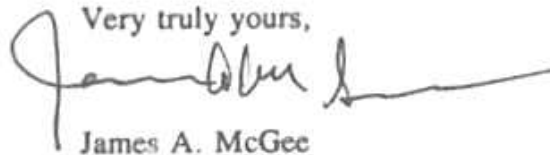
Re: In re: Petition for approval of experimental residential
service rider by Florida Power Corporation

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing are the original and 15 copies of Petition for approval
of experimental residential seasonal service rider by Florida Power Corporation.

Please acknowledge your receipt of the above filing on the enclosed copy
of this letter and return to the undersigned. Also enclosed is a 3.5 inch diskette
containing the above-referenced document in WordPerfect format. Thank you for
your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,



James A. McGee

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Enclosures

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Power's standpoint, the effect is three fold. First, the additional cost of two field trips must be incurred -- one to disconnect service and another to reconnect service. Second, the disconnect and reconnect activities associated with Seasonal Customers occur during the peak workload periods of the year, resulting in scheduling difficulties and delays in performing other activities, such as disconnections for non-payment, as well as possible overtime expense for the affected customer service and field personnel. Third, disconnecting service results in lost customer charge revenues and, to a lesser extent, lost sales revenues.

3. To minimize these adverse effects on both Florida Power and Seasonal Customers, Florida Power has developed an experimental Residential Seasonal Service Rider that includes the following features:

- a. The rider will be available during the billing months of March through October to customers who will be absent from their residence for at least three months. (This is intended to minimize participation by free riders, *i.e.*, low-use customers who remain at their residence.)
- b. The rider will remain in effect during this period for each billing month in which consumption does not exceed 210 kWh's, or 7 kWh's per day for billing months over 30 days. If consumption exceeds this threshold, the full customer charge will be billed. (This consumption threshold is intended to recognize when occupancy of the residence has been resumed, while allowing minimal usage when unoccupied for lighting, security devices, etc.)
- c. For customers requesting service under the rider, service will remain active and be subject to a reduced customer charge of \$3.00 per

month. (The reduced customer charge, coupled with the opportunity to avoid a reconnection charge, will eliminate or minimize the existing economic incentive to disconnect service.)

4. Florida Power asks that the Residential Seasonal Service Rider be approved as an experimental rate for a period of 24 months from its effective date. This period will allow Florida Power to collect and analyze data needed to determine whether the estimates and assumptions used in developing the rider are reasonably accurate and warrant continuing the rider on a permanent basis. This data will include the level of customer participation, the effect of free riders, the reduction in lost revenues, and the level of cost savings realized. Florida Power will submit a report on its evaluation of this data to Staff at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the rider.

WHEREFORE, Florida Power Corporation respectfully requests that the Commission grant this petition and approve Rate Schedule RSS-1, as set forth in Exhibit A hereto, as an experimental rate for period of 24 months from its effective date.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

**Experimental Residential
Seasonal Service Rider**

Rate Schedule RSS-1



**RATE SCHEDULE RSS-1
Experimental Rider
Residential Seasonal Service Rider**

Availability:

Available throughout the entire territory served by the Company.

Applicable:

To customers receiving residential service under Rate Schedule RS-1 or RSL-1 that meet the special provisions of this schedule.

This experimental rider will terminate and be closed to further participation by customers 24 months after the initial effective date, unless the rider is extended by order of the Florida Public Service Commission.

Rate Per Month:

Other than as stated below, the otherwise applicable rate schedule for electric service will apply.

Standard Customer Charge	\$8.85
Seasonal Customer Charge	\$3.00

Seasonal Billing Periods:

The billing months of March through October.

Special Provisions:

1. A seasonal customer eligible for service under this rider is defined as a customer who is absent from his/her residence for at least three months during the period from March through October.
2. The maximum allowable consumption for a seasonal billing period is 210 kWhs. However, if the seasonal billing period exceeds 30 days, the maximum allowable consumption is increased by seven (7) kWh per day.
3. If kWh usage during the seasonal billing period is less than or equal to the maximum allowable consumption for the billing period, the seasonal customer charge will apply. For non-seasonal billing months and those seasonal billing months that exceed the allowed maximum allowable consumption, the non-seasonal customer charge will apply.
4. All other provisions of the otherwise applicable rate schedule will apply to customers served under this schedule.

ISSUED BY: William C. Slusser, Jr., Director, Pricing Department

EFFECTIVE: