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DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR
Thomas M. Moses

August 18, 2000

Joseph D. Jenkins, Director
Division of Reliability and Safety
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: FPSC Docket No. 000442-EI, Staff's Recommendation to hold The Osprey Energy Center Need Determination Proceeding in Abeyance

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

I am Thomas M. Moses, District Administrator for Reedy Creek Improvement District (RCID). Among other things, I have ultimate responsibility for RCID's power supply planning and procurement activities. Today I read with some disappointment the Commission Staff's recommendation to hold the need determination proceeding for the Osprey Energy Center in abeyance, and I write to you to ask that you and your Staff reconsider that recommendation.

Over the past several weeks, RCID representatives have had meetings with representatives of Calpine to discuss the potential for RCID to purchase firm electric generating capacity and energy from Calpine's proposed Osprey Energy Center. Calpine has tendered to RCID a term sheet, and RCID and Calpine are, at the present time, actively negotiating the pricing, quantity, duration, and other material terms of a power purchase arrangement that would be cost-effective and beneficial to RCID, and the retail customers we serve. If these negotiations are successful, our goal would be to present the definitive terms of the transaction to the Commission in time for full and appropriate consideration at the hearings for the Osprey plant, which are presently scheduled for October 18-20.

It is in the best interests of RCID, and our retail customers for the Commission to allow Calpine to proceed with the Osprey need determination process as expeditiously as possible. As planning to meet our needs is a long-term process, any delay in the Osprey need determination process resulting in a delay in the commercial operation of the plant beyond summer of 2003, could have a direct detrimental impact on RCID's planning processes and on our ability to obtain needed, cost-effective power supplies in a timely manner. Accordingly, I write to you to suggest that the Staff should withdraw its recommendation to hold the Osprey need determination case in abeyance.

Thank you very much for considering our request and the interests of the customers we serve. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Moses

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