

April 18, 2002

Strategic Planning

Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: In re: Review of GridFlorida Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Proposal,
Docket No. 020233-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Pursuant to Section 28-106.106(2) of the Florida Administrative Code, Gainesville Regional Utilities ("GRU") respectfully requests that the following attorneys be named as its qualified representatives in *In re: Review of GridFlorida Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) Proposal*, Docket No. 020233-EI:

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The affidavits of Mr. John and Mr. Rick attesting to their qualifications to serve as the qualified representatives of GRU are attached hereto. GRU is aware that it can be represented by Counsel, as defined by Section 28-106.106 of the Florida Administrative Code, and has chosen instead to be represented in this matter by attorneys that are not licensed to practice law in Florida. Mr. John and Mr. Rick represent GRU in RTO-related proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and they are familiar with and fully qualified to represent GRU's interests in this proceeding.

Coincident with this request, GRU is filing a Joint Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding (along with Kissimmee Utility Authority, Lakeland Electric, and the City of Tallahassee, Florida). Thank you for your assistance.

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Yours truly,

Director of Strategic Planning

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Enclosure

AFFIDAVIT

Undersigned counsel, being first duly sworn, states that:

Undersigned counsel is a Partner and Attorney at the law offices of John & Hengerer at the address and telephone number below.

Undersigned counsel possesses the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent the interests of the City of Gainesville, Florida d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities City in connection with Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 020233-EI, and has been retained by the City of Gainesville, Florida d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities for such representation.

Undersigned counsel is an attorney admitted to practice in, and a member in good standing of the bars of, the State of Texas and the District of Columbia; has practiced regularly before other agencies or authorities, including participation in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings involving many of the same issues under review in Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 020233-EI; has general knowledge of Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in administrative proceedings; has general knowledge of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes relative to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding; has acquired or will acquire knowledge of the factual and legal issues in this matter; and has knowledge of and will comply with the Standards of Conduct for Qualified Representatives as listed in Rule 28-106.107 of the Florida Administrative Code.

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Affirmed and subscribed before me this 24th day of April, 2002

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Undersigned counsel, being first duly sworn, states that:

Undersigned counsel is currently employed by the law offices of John & Hengerer, as an Attorney, at the address and telephone number below.

Undersigned counsel possesses the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent the interests the City of Gainesville, Florida d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities in connection with Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 020233-EI, and has been retained by the City of Gainesville, Florida d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities for such representation.

Undersigned counsel is an attorney admitted to practice in, and a member in good standing of the bars of, the States of Virginia (Bar No. 44476) and Maryland; has practiced regularly before other agencies or authorities, including participation in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings involving many of the same issues under review in Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 020233-EI; has general knowledge of Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in administrative proceedings; has general knowledge of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes relative to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding; has acquired or will acquire knowledge of the factual and legal issues in this matter; and has knowledge of and will comply with the Standards of Conduct for Qualified Representatives as listed in Rule 28-106.107 of the Florida Administrative Code.

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