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June 13, 2006

Kay Flynn, Chief of Bureau of Records
Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: RESOLUTION NO. 10-654

Opposing FPL's proposed surcharge to recover storm related restoration costs and in support of waivers of any surcharges assessed for low income persons.

Dear Ms. Flynn:

Enclosed is a copy of the above-described Resolution that was adopted by the City Commission on June 7, 2006, and is being sent to you on their behalf.

Your consideration and support of this Resolution would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Kilgore, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 10-654

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, OPPOSING FPL'S PROPOSED SURCHARGE TO RECOVER STORM RELATED RESTORATION COSTS AND IN SUPPORT OF WAIVERS OF ANY SURCHARGES ASSESSED FOR LOW INCOME PERSONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida Power & Light (FPL) is the sole electric utility provider for the residents of the City of Margate and, therefore, residents of the City of Margate are captive ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, FPL is seeking surcharges to be added on to consumer utility bills to recover storm related restoration costs before the Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, FPL asserts as a basis for its recovery of surcharges that the hurricanes that struck Florida last year necessitate the implementation of proposed surcharges, and FPL may not have adequately maintained its systems resulting in losses it unreasonably seeks to pass on to the consumer; and

WHEREAS, FPL's costs for staff and other payments, are costs that FPL would likely have incurred regardless of reason, and should not be allowed as a basis for any proposed surcharges; and

WHEREAS, FPL was approved in November 2005 for a 19% residential fuel adjustment cost, raising average customers' bills by at least \$16 and FPL's investors and company executives continue to experience large margins of profits; and

WHEREAS, electric bills are already high and the added burden is unnecessary and unreasonable, especially for low-income persons; and

WHEREAS, many low-income families reside in housing without energy efficient appliances or structural details, often due to a lack of resources or due to a dependence upon building owners; and

WHEREAS, Residential customers that face termination of electric service due to an inability to pay and who meet certain guidelines should be eligible for a payment plan that allows customers to pay over a period not longer than 10 months and according to their ability; and

WHEREAS, FPL should decrease the deposit fee required of low-income customers that meet certain guidelines and should not take into consideration credit scores of customers when

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determining deposit amounts to re-connect service or establish new service; and

WHEREAS, any proposed surcharges should include waivers for persons of low income.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA;

SECTION 1: The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are confirmed and ratified as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein.

SECTION 2: The City of Margate opposes FPL's proposed surcharges.

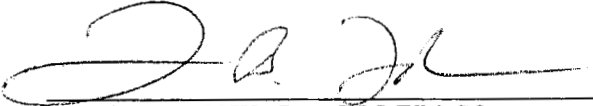
SECTION 3: The City supports waivers for low income persons in the event surcharges are allowed.

SECTION 4: The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Public Service Commission.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 7 day of June 2006, 2006.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK JUDITH A. KILGORE


MAYOR FRANK B. TALERICO

RECORD OF VOTE:

Bross	<u>Aye</u>
Donovan	<u>Aye</u>
Varsallone	<u>Aye</u>
McLean	<u>Aye</u>
Talerico	<u>Aye</u>