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DATE: January 29, 2007
TO: Blanca S. Bayó, Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director
FROM: Roberta S. Bass, Assistant to Chairman Edgar *Rob*
RE: Resolutions From the City of Cocoa and the City of Bonita Springs Received in
Docket Nos. 060172-EU, 060173-EU and 060150-EI

Please place the attached Resolutions in the above referenced dockets. If you have any questions about this request, please call me.

Attachment

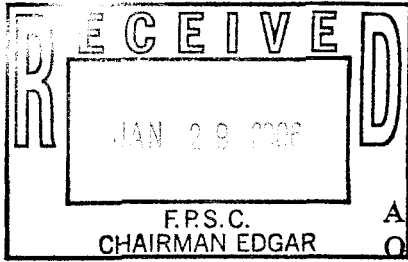
cc: Manuel Arisso
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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, SUPPORTING THE CONVERSION OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES AND ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT ALL REASONABLE MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE THE CONVERSION OF ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, all Florida citizens, businesses, and institutions require reliable electric service and reliable electric distribution infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in the tropical storm and hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005, Florida experienced unprecedented numbers of landfalling tropical storms and hurricanes impacting Florida and her citizens, and also experienced unprecedented damage to the overhead electric distribution systems of Florida's electric utilities, resulting in widespread and prolonged outages of electric service; and

WHEREAS, numerous long-term forecasts of tropical weather activity indicate that Florida is likely to be impacted by more, and possibly more severe, tropical weather events over the next ten to twenty years than were experienced over the period 1960 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, it is generally recognized that underground electric distribution facilities are significantly more reliable, and less subject to wind damage, than overhead facilities in tropical storms and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, wide-area conversions of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities are reasonably expected to provide significant reliability, cost savings and other benefits both to customers in the areas converted and also to the utility's general body of customers, including, without limitation, reduced or eliminated storm restoration costs in many tropical and other storm events, reduced or eliminated vegetation management (tree-trimming) costs, reduced costs due to damage claims due to electrical contact accidents, preserved revenues, and the substantial economic benefits flowing from reduced and eliminated electric service outages; and

WHEREAS, wide-area underground conversions will result in enhanced traffic safety and fewer accidents involving vehicles striking overhead electric facilities; and

WHEREAS, wide-area underground conversions will enhance environmental values and aesthetic values; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cocoa and the residents of Cocoa are customers of Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Cocoa is a participant in the Municipal Underground Utilities Consortium, a group of Florida cities and towns that have joined together to fund a comprehensive evaluation of the costs and benefits of underground conversion projects, and the resulting cost-effectiveness study, has shown that substantial benefits would accrue to FPL and its general body of customers from underground conversions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Cocoa believes that all responsible agencies of Florida government, including the Florida Public Service Commission, should encourage the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities to the maximum extent possible.

Section 2. The Florida Public Service Commission is strongly encouraged to ensure that any utility tariff provisions relating to underground electric conversions include and reflect all values that such conversions provide, including not only the specific cost savings benefits, such as reduced storm restoration costs and reduced vegetation management costs, mentioned above, but also the general economic benefits that flow to all citizens from reduced outages.

Section 3. Where there is a difference of expert opinion as to the values and benefits of underground conversions, the Florida Public Service Commission is strongly encouraged to require utilities subject to its jurisdiction, including FPL, to reflect the greatest justifiable benefits in the utility's tariffs, so as to encourage underground conversions to the maximum extent possible.


Section 4. The above-stated policies favoring the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities are hereby adopted by the Cocoa City Council.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be forwarded to the Florida Public Service Commission, to the City of Cocoa's representatives in the Florida Legislature, to Florida Power & Light Company, to the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, and to any other interested parties.

Section 6. All prior resolutions or prior resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida, in a regular meeting assembled this 23rd day of January, 2007.


Michael C. Blake, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joan Clark, City Clerk

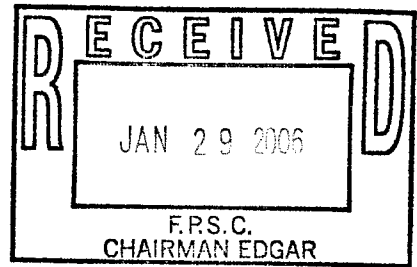
**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BREVARD**

**This is to certify that the foregoing is
a true and correct copy of records filed
in the office of the City Clerk.**

Witness my hand and official seal this
24 day of Jan, 2007

**JOAN CLARK, CITY CLERK
CITY OF COCOA, FLORIDA**

BY 



January 24, 2007

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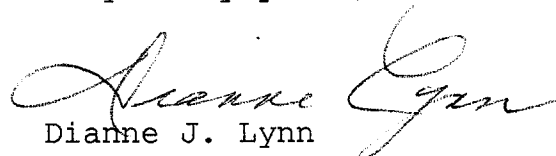
Re: Resolution No. 07-09

Dear Ms. Polak Edgar:

Enclosed for your information please find a copy of City of Bonita Springs Resolution No. 07-09, supporting the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities, as approved by City Council on January 17, 2007. The City Council of the City of Bonita Springs urges your support of this Resolution.

If you need anything further, or if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to call.

Very truly yours,


Dianne J. Lynn
City Clerk

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Enclosure

CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 07 - 09

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WHEREAS, all Florida citizens, businesses, and institutions require reliable electric service and reliable electric distribution infrastructure; and

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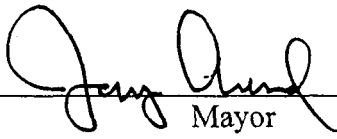
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Section 4. The City Clerk will forward to the Florida Public Service Commission, to City of Bonita Springs representatives in the Florida Legislature to Florida Power & Light Company, to the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida, and to any other interested parties.

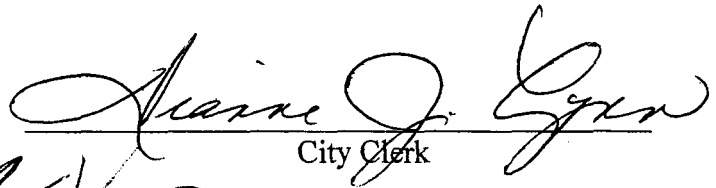
Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Bonita Springs, Lee County, Florida, this 17th day of January, 2007.

AUTHENTICATION:



Mayor



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

Vote:

Arend	Aye	McCourt	Aye
Ferreira	Aye	Nelson	Aye
Grantt	Aye	Simons	Aye
Joyce	Aye		

Date filed with City Clerk: 1-19-07