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February 6, 2007

Florida Public Service Commission c/o Mrs. Blanca Bayo The Commission Clerk and Administrative Services 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 332399-0850 COMMISSION

RE: Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony Resolution No. 2007 -1

Conversion of Overhead Electric Distribution Facilities to Underground Facilities

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed, please find a copy of Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony Resolution No. 2007 – 1 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 overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities. The Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony urges you to do all things possible to help facilitate the conversion of overhead utilities to underground utilities and to implement tariffs that will benefit all Florida citizens by ensuring safe, reliable, and aesthetically pleasing utility services.

Thank you for your consideration and any efforts you may make in regard to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

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Town Administrator

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TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 1

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CONVERSION OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION **FACILITIES** TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES THE **ENCOURAGING** FLORIDA PUBLIC **SERVICE** TO COMMISSION IMPLEMENT ALLREASONABLE MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE THE CONVERSION OF ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES; PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE TOWN'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY AND TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony and its residents are customers of Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony is a participant in the Municipal Underground Utilities Consortium, a group of Florida cities and towns that have joined together to find 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 AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony 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.

<u>Section 4:</u> The above-stated policies favoring the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities are hereby adopted by the Town of Jupiter Inlet Colony.

Section 5: This Resolution shall be forwarded to the Florida Public Service Commission, to the Town's representatives in the Florida legislature, to Florida Power & Light

Company, to the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, and to any other interested parties.

Section 6: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of February, 2007.

TOWN OF JUPITER INLET COLONY,
FLORIDA.

Mayor

Commissioner

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Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest:

Town Clerk