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Mr. John T. Butler
Florida Power & Light Company
700 Universe Boulevard
Juno Beach, FL 33408-0420

STAFF DATA REQUEST

RE: Docket No. 080677-EI - Petition for increase in rates by Florida Power & Light Company.

Dear Mr. Butler:

In response to staff's January 20, 2010 data request, FPL stated that the Riviera and Cape Canaveral retirement and modernization had been suspended, but the projects had not been cancelled. FPL stated that the suspension was to allow FPL to thoroughly evaluate the impact of the outcome of the base rate proceeding on FPL's ability to finance the modernizations and other projects. FPL stated that it expects greater clarity after it conducts a series of meetings with credit rating agencies. FPL stated it would be able to determine whether and when work could resume on the Riviera and Cape Canaveral modernization schedules after the assessment was made. This data request is a follow-up to the January 20, data request. Commission staff would like an up-date on the decisions FPL has made with regards to the Riviera and Cape Canaveral projects. By this letter, the Commission staff requests that Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) provide responses to the following data requests.

1. Has FPL completed its series of meetings with credit rating agencies? If not, when does FPL anticipate it will have completed its meetings?
2. Has FPL completed its assessment of equity investor and credit rating agency reactions to determine the impact, if any, on FPL's ability to access capital markets? If the assessment has not been completed, when does FPL anticipate it will complete its assessment?
3. If FPL has completed its assessment, has FPL determined whether it will resume work on the Riviera and Cape Canaveral modernization projects? What was FPL's decision?
4. If FPL has determined to resume work on the Riviera and Cape Canaveral modernization projects, will the projects be completed without significant impact on their in-service schedules? What is the schedule for completion of the modernization projects?

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5. If FPL has determined not to resume work on the Riviera and Cape Canaveral modernization projects, will the plants be retired from service in 2010 and 2011 as indicated in FPL's depreciation study?

6. If FPL has determined not to resume work on the modernization projects, and will not retire the plants in 2010 and 2011, what are the new retirement dates for Riviera and Cape Canaveral?

7. If FPL has determined not to retire the plants in 2010 and 2011, will FPL petition the Commission to reconsider FPL's revenue requirements and depreciation rates set in this docket?

8. If FPL has determined not to retire Riviera and Cape Canaveral as indicated in the recent depreciation study, please identify the revenue requirement effect of the Commission's decision to use the reserve surplus to offset the \$44.9 million reserve deficit associated with the near-term retirement of Riviera and Cape Canaveral.

9. What effect does FPL's decision regarding the modernization of Riviera and Cape Canaveral have on the construction of West Count Energy Center Units, particularly Unit 3?

10. If FPL has determined to cancel the modernization activities at Riviera and Cape Canaveral, what is FPL's expected reserve margins for each of the years 2011 through 2020?

11. Provide an accounting of all monies spent as of March 1, 2010, separately for the Riviera and Cape Canaveral modernization projects.

12. Has FPL suspended the accrual of AFUDC on the Riviera and Cape Canaveral modernization projects? If not, provide an explanation as to why FPL has continued to accrue AFUDC for these suspended projects.

13. FPL recently announced the sale of \$500 million in 30-year mortgage bonds, bearing an interest of 5.69 percent. How does this ability to access the market affect FPL's decisions regarding the modernization of Canaveral and Riviera plants? Please include in your response to this data request whether the sale of these bonds was different than anticipated by FPL in its testimony in the rate case?

Please file the original and five copies of the requested information by Friday, March 12, 2010, with Ms. Ann Cole, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0850. Please feel free to call me at (850) 413-6230 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: Office of Commission Clerk
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