BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In re: Applications for qualified representative | DOCKET NO. 110008-OT |
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| | ORDER NO. PSC-12-0008-PCO-OT |
| | ISSUED: January 3, 2012 |

ORDER ESTABLISHING 2012 DOCKET NUMBER

BY THE COMMISSION:

At the beginning of each year, the Commission establishes a generic docket to handle applications requesting that a person be designated as a qualified representative pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code. Accordingly, we hereby establish Docket No. 120008-OT, <u>Applications for Qualified Representative Status</u>, for calendar year 2012.

Beginning January 3, 2012, all applications requesting that a person be designated as a qualified representative for calendar year 2012 shall be filed in Docket No. 120008-OT. All pending applications for calendar year 2012 will be addressed in Docket No. 120008-OT. Orders granting, denying, or otherwise responding to such applications will be issued in this docket as well.

Persons designated as qualified representatives are authorized to appear before the Commission in any undocketed or docketed matter during the calendar year. At the end of the calendar year, the qualified representative designation expires.¹ This approach avoids redundant applications for qualified representative designation throughout the year. However, it also requires each person seeking to be designated as a qualified representative for the new calendar year to file a new application, irrespective of whether he or she enjoyed that status in the preceding year or years.

It is therefore

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that, beginning January 3, 2012, all applications requesting that a person be designated as a qualified representative, pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code, for calendar year 2012 shall be filed and determined in Docket No. 120008-OT.

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¹ This general approach does not preclude our ability in individual cases to designate a person as a qualified representative in a specific docket for more than one year if that is appropriate based on the application **FNT NUMBER-DATE**

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 3rd day of January, 2012.

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The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.