BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIO

DOCKET NO. 991462

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Petition for Determination of) In Re: Need for an Electrical Power Plant in) Okeechobee County by Okeechobee Generating Company, LLC

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ÖRIGINAI OKEECHOBEE GENERATING COMPANY'S PARTIAL RESPONSE, AND AGREED MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME FOR ADDITIONAL RESPONSES, TO FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION'S NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY, SUGGESTION OF LACK OF JURISDICTION, SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION TO DISMISS, AND MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE STAY PENDING DISMISSAL

Okeechobee Generating Company, LLC ("OGC" or "Okeechobee"), hereby responds to Florida Power Corporation's ("FPC") Notice of Supplemental Authority, Suggestion of Lack of Jurisdiction, Supplemental Motion to Dismiss, and Motion for Immediate Stay Pending Dismissal ("FPC's Motion") filed on April 27, 2000. In summary, FPC's Motion calls to the Commission's attention the Florida Supreme Court's decision in Tampa Electric Co. v. Garcia, in which the Court reversed the Commission's order granting a determination of need for the merchant power plant proposed by the Utilities Commission, City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida and Duke Energy New Smyrna Beach Power Company Ltd., L.L.P. Citing the Court's decision, FPC renews its request that the Commission dismiss OGC's pending need determination petition and moves for a stay of activity in this docket pending action on its motion to dismiss. In light of the Court's decision and the five motions for rehearing filed with the Court on Friday, May 5, OGC does not object to FPC's requested stay of pending activity in this docket until the Court disposes of the motions for rehearing, but OGC requests an enlargement of time to respond to the substantive DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE RECEIVED & FILED 05882 MAY 118

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portions of FPC's Motion.

Specifically, OGC moves for an enlargement of time to respond to all parts of FPC's Motion other than the motion for immediate stay until seven days following the issuance of the Florida Supreme Court's order disposing of the motions for rehearing. Granting the requested enlargement will benefit OGC, FPC, and the Commission by avoiding the preparation, filing, and review of additional pleadings that may be rendered moot by the Court's disposition of the pending motions for rehearing.

The undersigned has contacted counsel for FPC and is authorized to represent that FPC does not object to the requested enlargement of time. WHEREFORE, Okeechobee Generating Company, L.L.C.

respectfully states that it does not object to the stay of further activity in this docket pending the Court's action on the motions for rehearing filed in <u>Tampa Electric Co. v. Garcia</u> and respectfully requests that the Commission grant the enlargement of time prayed for herein.

Respectfully submitted this <u>11th</u> day of May, 2000.

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