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Re: Docket Number 980643-EI – In re: Proposed amendments to Rules 25-6. 135, F.A.C., Annual Reports; 25-6. 1351, F.A.C., Cost Allocation and Affiliate Transactions; and 25-6. 0436, F.A.C., Depreciation
Order Number: PSC-00-0832-NOR-EI Issued: April 27, 2000

Dear Ms. Helton:

On behalf of the Florida Association of Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors (FAPHCC), I formally request a hearing considering affiliate transactions by utility companies. FAPHCC believes that utility companies are not properly separating non-regulated affiliate transactions. This results in inappropriate use of ratepayer monies (or "cross-subsidization") in the pursuit of non-regulated activities intended to capture of ensure market share.

The current rules of the Public Service Commission should be more specific and stricter on this matter. We are concerned that, in the event of utility deregulation, customers will be monetarily tied to particular utility companies by non-regulated contracts. We believe that these utility companies have already begun investing regulated funds for this purpose. It is also a concern of the FAPHCC that ratepayer funds are being used for commercial activities not regulated by the Public Service Commission.

It is not our belief that Florida law nor administrative rule allow the use of ratepayer or regulated funds for the increase of non-regulated market share, specifically tying certain products or services to other certain utility companies.

We appreciate your favorable consideration in this matter. We understand that there is to be a public hearing scheduled to be held on June 22, 2000 at 9:30am at the Public Service Commission, Betty Easley Conference Center, Room 148, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida. If this is incorrect, please advise me.

Sincerely,

Charles Vaughn, Chairman
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