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Public Service Commission

September 8, 2006

To: Parties of Record and Interested Persons in Docket 060198-EI

> Docket 060198-EI - Requirement for investor-owned electric utilities to file RE: ongoing storm preparedness plans and implementation cost estimates.

This is to inform you that the Commission is reporting the following communication in the above-referenced docket:

E-mail communication dated August 31, 2006, from Mr. Ernest N. Sochin, Town Councilman, Cutler Bay.

The e-mail will be made a part of the record in this proceeding. Any party who desires to respond to this communication may send a response to the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0850.

Sincerely,

Marcia Sharma, Assistant Director Division of the Commission Clerk and

Marcia Sharma

Administrative Services

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Michael Cooke, General Counsel

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State of Florida

Katrina J. Tew Commissioner



Public Service Commission

MEMORANDUM

September 5, 2006

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TO:

BLANCA BAYO, DIRECTOR OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM:

KAY POSEY, COMMISSIONER TEW'S OFFICE

RE:

COMMUNICATION FROM INTERESTED PARTY RECEIVED IN

DOCKET NO. 060198-EI

This office received and viewed the attached correspondence in the above noted docket. This office is unsure whether the correspondence was written on behalf of a city council or on behalf of a concerned citizen. In any event, Commissioner Tew has seen the correspondence, and, out of an abundance of caution, we hereby place the correspondence in the record and disseminate to all parties in the docket pursuant to the provisions of Section 350.042, Florida Statutes.

Attachment

COMMISSION CLERK

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Jeremy Susac

From: Ernie Sochin [esochin@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2006 2:45 PM

To: Katrina Tew
Cc: Julio Robaina

Subject: FPL

August 31, 2006

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Town Councilman, Cutler Bay 18730 Southwest 84th Court

Cutler Bay, Florida 33157-7214

Phone: (305) 235-5361 Fax: (305) 235-6048

From:

Hong Wang

Sent:

Wednesday, September 06, 2006 9:34 AM

To:

Roberta Bass; Cayce Hinton; Manuel Arisso; William C. Garner

Cc:

Mary Bane; Chuck Hill; Blanca Bayo; Kay Flynn; Jeremy Susac; Carlotta Stauffer; Mary

Macko; Kathleen Stewart; Marjorie Cooper; Kay Posey; Betty Ashby; Diane Lee

Subject:

Ex Parte Communication

Follow Up Flag:

Follow up

Flag Status:

Red

To:

Roberta Bass; Cayce Hinton; Manuel Arisso; William C. Garner

From: Blanca S. Bayó, Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Director

Re: **Ex Parte Communication**

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Thank you!

From:

Roberta Bass

Sent:

Wednesday, September 06, 2006 10:16 AM

To:

Hong Wang

Subject: FW: FPL

The Chairman viewed the e-mail after it was forwarded to the Clerk's office for inclusion in the docket file.

Roberta

Roberta S. Bass Chief Advisor to Chairman Edgar 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0854

Office (850) 413-6016

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Email Roberta.Bass@PSC.STATE.FL.US

From: Ernie Sochin [mailto:esochin@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2006 2:46 PM

To: Office of the Chairman

Cc: Julio Robaina Subject: FPL

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Phone: (305) 235-5361 Fax: (305) 235-6048

From:

Hong Wang

Sent:

Wednesday, September 06, 2006 10:14 AM

To:

Mary Macko

Subject: RE: FPL

Ok. thanks!

From: Mary Macko

Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2006 10:07 AM

To: Hong Wang Subject: FW: FPL

Per your request, I am forwarding the email that I received directly from Mr. Sochin.

Commissioner Deason has not seen or read this email.

From: Ernie Sochin [mailto:esochin@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2006 2:47 PM

To: Mary Macko Cc: Julio Robaina Subject: FPL

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Phone: (305) 235-5361

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From:

Hong Wang

Sent:

Wednesday, September 06, 2006 10:42 AM

To:

Manuel Arisso

Subject:

RE: Ex Parte Communication

Ok, thanks!

---Original Message-----From: Manuel Arisso

Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2006 10:41 AM

To: Mary Macko: Hong Wang; Roberta Bass; Cayce Hinton; William C. Garner

Cc: Mary Bane; Chuck Hill; Blanca Bayo; Kay Flynn; Jeremy Susac; Carlotta Stauffer; Kathleen Stewart; Marjorie Cooper;

Kay Posey: Betty Ashby: Diane Lee Subject: Re: Ex Parte Communication

This email was addressed to Commissioner Arriaga but it was sent to me, hence, the Commissioner has not seen the email

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

---- Original Message -----

From: Mary Macko

To: Hong Wang; Roberta Bass; Cayce Hinton; Manuel Arisso; William C. Garner

Cc: Mary Bane; Chuck Hill; Blanca Bayo; Kay Flynn; Jeremy Susac; Carlotta Stauffer; Kathleen Stewart; Marjorie Cooper;

Kay Posey; Betty Ashby; Diane Lee Sent: Wed Sep 06 10:14:51 2006 Subject: RE: Ex Parte Communication

The email addressed to Commissioner Deason from Mr. Sochin was sent directly to me. I have forwarded the email to Hong.

From:

Hong Wang

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Sent:

Wednesday, September 06, 2006 10:40 AM

To:

William C. Garner

Subject: RE: FPL

Ok, thanks!

From: William C. Garner

Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2006 10:39 AM

To: Hong Wang Cc: Kay Flynn Subject: FW: FPL

Commissioner Carter Said he did not read the e-mail. I've logged onto his computer and forwarded it to my account. The e-mail received by Commissioner Carter appears below.

William C. Garner (Bill)

Florida Public Service Commission Chief Advisor to Commissioner Carter 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0855 (850) 413-6046

From: Matthew Carter

Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2006 10:37 AM

To: William C. Garner Subject: FW: FPL

Matthew M. Carter II

Commissioner Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0855 Phone: (850) 413-6046

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e-mail: MCarter@psc.state.fl.us

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