

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed Adoption of New
Rule 25-6.0343, F.A.C., Standards of
Construction - Municipal Electric Utilities and
Rural Electric Cooperatives

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REPLY COMMENTS OF
FLORIDA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.,
TO COMMENTS FILED BY THE FLORIDA CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ASSOCIATION, TIME WARNER TELCOM OF FLORIDA, L.P., VERIZON FLORIDA,
INC., AND BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Florida Municipal Electric Association, Inc. (FMEA), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby submits its reply comments, pursuant to Order No. PSC-06-0632-PCO-EU, regarding proposed rule 25-6.0343, on behalf of its thirty-four municipal electric utility members in Florida.¹ FMEA members may also file individual comments in this docket.

Upon reviewing those portions of the beguiling and calumnious comments directed at Florida's municipal electric utilities by the Florida Cable Telecommunications Association (FCTA), Time Warner Telcom of Florida, L.P., Verizon Florida, Inc., and Bell South Telecommunications, Inc., there is only one response that FMEA finds appropriate - "The lady doth protest too much, methinks." WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, HAMLET act 3, sc. 2.

The various comments would have the Commission believe, for example, that municipal electric utilities will use the proposed rules to "raise Munis' revenues for municipal coffers," or

¹ FMEA is comprised of the following municipal electric utility members: City of Alachua, City of Bartow, City of Blountstown, City of Bushnell, City of Chattahoochee, City of Clewiston, City of Fort Meade, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, City of Gainesville d/b/a Gainesville Regional Utilities, City of Green Cove Springs, Town of Havana, City of Homestead d/b/a Homestead Energy Services, JEA, City of Jacksonville Beach d/b/a Beaches Energy Services, Utility Board of the City of Key West, Florida d/b/a Keys Energy Services, Kissimmee Utility Authority, City of Lake Worth, City of Lakeland d/b/a Lakeland Electric, City of Leesburg, City of Moore Haven, City of Mount Dora, Utilities Commission of the City of New Smyrna Beach, City of Newberry, City of Ocala d/b/a Ocala Electric Utility, Orlando Utilities Commission, City of Quincy, Reedy Creek Improvement District, City of St. Cloud, City of Starke, City of Tallahassee, City of Vero Beach, City of Wauchula, City of Williston, and City of Winter Park.

that given the chance, municipals will inappropriately “regulate off the poles’ any third party attachments,” including by using “discriminatory practices or impos[ing] additional costs to the attachers.” (FCTA Comments at 7; Time Warner Comments at 3-4)

These attempts to influence the Commission by degrading the municipal electric utilities should be viewed by the Commission with the same disdain as they are by FMEA.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this 22nd day of September 2006.



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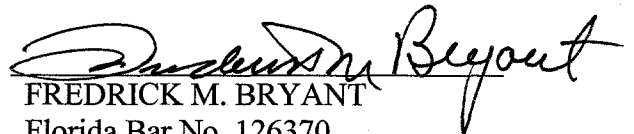
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