

State of Florida



ORIGINAL

Public Service Commission

CAPITAL CIRCLE OFFICE CENTER • 2540 SHUMARD OAK BOULEVARD
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-0850

RECEIVED
07 JAN 31 PM 3:39
COMMISSION

-M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M-

DATE: January 29, 2007

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

FROM: Roberta S. Bass, Assistant to Chairman Edgar *RSB*

RE: Resolution From the Town of Palm Beach Received in Docket Nos. 060172-EU, 060173-EU and 060150-EI

Please place the attached Resolution in the above referenced dockets. If you have any questions about this request, please call me.

Attachment

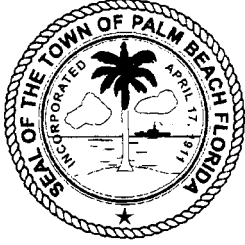
cc: Manuel Arisso
 William Garner
 Jeremy Susac
 Ralph Lair
 Mary Anne Helton

- CMP _____
- COM _____
- CTR _____
- ECR _____
- GCL _____
- OPC _____
- RCA _____
- SCR _____
- SGA _____
- SEC _____
- OTH _____

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

01035 JAN 31 07

FPSC-COMMISSION CLERK

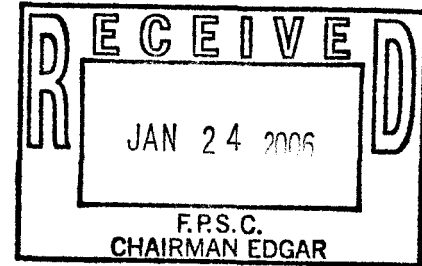


TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of the Town Manager

January 22, 2007

Lisa Polak Edgar, Chair
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850



Re: Palm Beach Resolution No. 1-07
Conversion of Overhead Electric Distribution Facilities to Underground Facilities

Dear Ms. Polak Edgar:

Enclosed herewith, please find a copy of Town of Palm Beach Resolution No. 1-07 supporting the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities and encouraging the Florida Public Service Commission to implement all reasonable measures to encourage the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities. The Town of Palm Beach urges you to take all steps possible to facilitate conversion of overhead utilities to underground service including the implementation of tariffs that are favorable to the public and their desire for more reliable, safe and aesthetically pleasing underground utility services.

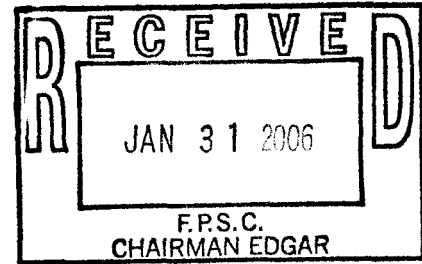
Any actions that you may take in this regard will be greatly appreciated by citizens throughout all of Florida.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Bradford
Deputy Town Manager

TGB/ab

N:\TGB\Letters\2007\Underground Utilities\PSC re Resolution 1-07.doc



RESOLUTION NO. 1-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CONVERSION OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES AND ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT ALL REASONABLE MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE THE CONVERSION OF ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, all Florida citizens, businesses, and institutions require reliable electric service and reliable electric distribution infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in the tropical storm and hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005, Florida experienced unprecedented numbers of landfalling tropical storms and hurricanes impacting Florida and her citizens, and also experienced unprecedented damage to the overhead electric distribution systems of Florida's electric utilities, resulting in widespread and prolonged outages of electric service; and

WHEREAS, numerous long-term forecasts of tropical weather activity indicate that Florida is likely to be impacted by more, and possibly more severe, tropical weather events over the next ten to twenty years than were experienced over the period 1960 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, it is generally recognized that underground electric distribution facilities are significantly more reliable, and less subject to wind damage, than overhead facilities in tropical storms and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, wide-area conversions of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities are reasonably expected to provide significant reliability, cost savings and other benefits both to customers in the areas converted and also to the utility's general body of customers, including, without limitation, reduced or eliminated storm restoration costs in many tropical and other storm events, reduced or eliminated

vegetation management (tree-trimming) costs, reduced costs due to damage claims due to electrical contact accidents, preserved revenues, and the substantial economic benefits flowing from reduced and eliminated electric service outages; and

WHEREAS, wide-area underground conversions will result in enhanced traffic safety and fewer accidents involving vehicles striking overhead electric facilities; and

WHEREAS, wide-area underground conversions will enhance environmental values and aesthetic values; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Palm Beach and the residents of the Town of Palm Beach are customers of Florida Power & Light Company (“FPL”); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Palm Beach is a participant in the Municipal Underground Utilities Consortium, a group of Florida cities and towns that have joined together to fund a comprehensive evaluation of the costs and benefits of underground conversion projects, and the resulting cost-effectiveness study, has shown that substantial benefits would accrue to FPL and its general body of customers from underground conversions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA as follows:

Section 1. The Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach believes that all responsible agencies of Florida government, including the Florida Public Service Commission, should encourage the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities to the maximum extent possible.

Section 2. The Florida Public Service Commission is strongly encouraged to ensure that any utility tariff provisions relating to underground electric conversions include and reflect all values that such conversions provide, including not only the specific cost savings benefits, such as reduced storm restoration costs and reduced vegetation management costs, mentioned above, but also the general economic benefits that flow to all citizens from reduced outages.


Section 3. Where there is a difference of expert opinion as to the values and benefits of underground conversions, the Florida Public Service Commission is strongly encouraged to require utilities subject to its jurisdiction, including FPL, to reflect the greatest justifiable benefits in the utility's tariffs, so as to encourage underground conversions to the maximum extent possible.

Section 4. The above-stated policies favoring the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities are hereby adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach.

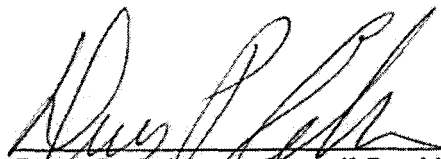
Section 5. This Resolution shall be forwarded to the Florida Public Service Commission, to the Town of Palm Beach representatives in the Florida Legislature, to Florida Power & Light Company, to the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, and to any other interested parties.

Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED IN REGULAR, ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE TOWN
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH ASSEMBLED THIS 9th DAY OF
JANUARY 2007.**



Jack McDonald, Mayor



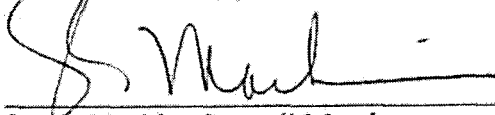
Denis P. Coleman, Council President



Richard M. Kleid, President, Pro Tem




William J. Brooks, Council Member



Susan Markin, Council Member

ATTEST:



Susan A. Eichhorn, Town Clerk



Allen S. Wyatt, Council Member