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**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 City of Satellite 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: William Garner  
Jeremy Susac  
Mary Anne Helton

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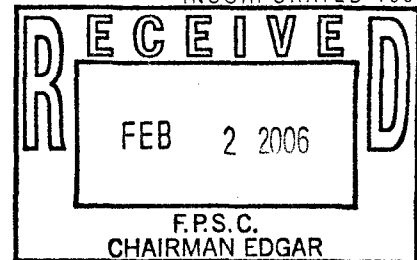
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January 30, 2007

The Honorable Charlie Crist  
Office of the Governor  
The Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Resolution #840 – City of Satellite Beach  
Supporting the Conversion of Overhead Electric Distribution Facilities to  
Underground Facilities

Dear Governor Crist:

Attached please find a copy of Resolution #840 – City of Satellite Beach 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. The City of Satellite Beach urges you to take all steps possible to facilitate the conversion of overhead utilities to underground service and to encourage the PSC to implement tariffs that are favorable to the public and their desire for more reliable, safe, and aesthetically pleasing utility services.

Actions that you take in this regard will be greatly appreciated by the citizens of Satellite Beach and those throughout Florida.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Brimer, Ph.D.  
Mayor

CC: Public Service Commission Chair and Commission

**RESOLUTION NO. 840**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH, BREVARD 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; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the citizen's of the City Satellite Beach, as well as 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 City of Satellite Beach and its residents of are customers of Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Satellite 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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SATELLITE BEACH, FLORIDA, as follows:**

**SECTION 1.** The City of Satellite 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 City Council.

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution shall be forwarded to the Florida Public Service Commission, to the City of Satellite Beach's representatives in the Florida Legislature, to Florida Power & Light Company, to the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, and to any other interested parties.

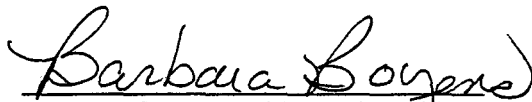
**SECTION 6.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 7.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect in accordance with the Charter of the City of Satellite Beach.

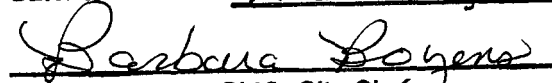
**SECTION 8.** This Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.

  
Mark A. Brimer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Barbara Boyens, CMC, City Clerk

I hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution No. 840 adopted by the **City Council** of the City of **Satellite Beach** on 17 January 2007

  
Barbara Boyens, CMC City Clerk