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

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

RE: Resolution From the City of Flagler 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
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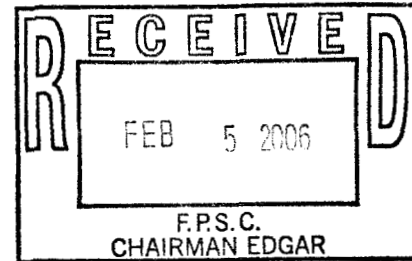
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January 26, 2007

Lisa Polak Edgar
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RE: City of Flagler Beach
Conversion of Overhead Electric distribution to Underground Facilities

Dear Commissioner:


Enclosed you will find a copy of the City of Flagler Beach Resolution No. 2007-05 supporting the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities and encouraging The Florida Public Service Commission to implement all reasonable measures which will encourage and promote the conversion of all distribution facilities to underground facilities.

The City of Flagler Beach urges you to take whatever necessary steps may be necessary to facilitate the conversion of overhead utilities to underground distribution facilities and that you encourage the rest of your fellow Commissioners to implement tariffs that are favorable to the public and their desire to obtain more reliable, safe and aesthetically pleasing utility services.

Your consideration and any action you may deem necessary to achieve this goal is greatly appreciated by the citizens of Flagler Beach and the many others throughout the State.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please call me at 517-2040.

At your service,


Caryn Miller
CRA Director

CC: Bernie Murphy, Interim City Manager
Municipal Underground Utilities Consortium
Robert S. Wright, Esq.

RESOLUTION 2007-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH, 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; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE RESOLUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 City of Flagler Beach, Florida and the residents of the City of Flagler Beach, Florida are customers of Florida Power & Light Company (“FPL”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Flagler Beach, Florida 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 COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Flagler 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.

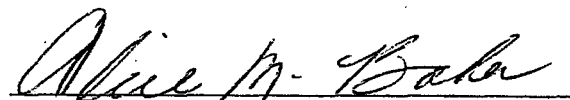
Section 4. The above-stated policies favoring the conversion of overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities are hereby adopted by the City of Flagler Beach.

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

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

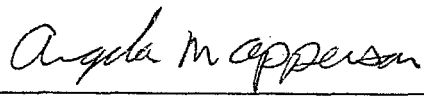
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF JANUARY, 2007.

CITY OF FLAGLER BEACH, FLORIDA
CITY COMMISSION



Alice M. Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Angela M. Apperson, City Clerk