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Executive Order

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2000-127

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the People of the State of Florida to ensure for all Floridians an adequate, reliable, and affordable supply of electricity, and

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WHEREAS, the location, construction, operation, and decommissioning of electrical power plants may have a significant impact on the welfare of the state's residents, on the natural resources of the state, and on the location and growth of industry, and

WHEREAS, Florida's population is expected to double over the next three decades, with commensurate increases in demand for electricity, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the People of Florida to promote energy conservation measures and the development of alternate and reasonable supplies of electricity,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeb Bush, as Governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of Florida, do hereby authorize, order and direct that the Energy 2020 Study Commission be created, with membership, term of service, compensation, staff, and scope of inquiry, as follows:

- 1. The Commission shall be composed of 17 members, 13 of whom are to be appointed by the Governor, 2 of whom are to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and 2 of whom are to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. In addition, the Chairman of the Florida Public Service Commission and the Public Counsel shall serve as nonvoting members.
- 2. The appointments must be made by July 17, 2000, and the first meeting of the Commission shall be held in September, 2000. The Chairman of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Commission is to be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.
- 3. Each member of the Commission is entitled to one vote, and action of the Commission is not binding unless taken by a majority vote of the entire membership of the Commission.
- 4. The Commission shall determine what Florida's electric energy needs will be over the next 20 years and how best to supply those needs in an efficient, affordable, and reliable manner that will ensure adequate electric reserves. Based on its findings, the Commission shall recommend appropriate electric energy

policies for this state, including statutory changes, if necessary. In making its determinations, the Commission shall consider all relevant topics, including, but not limited to:

- Forecasts through the year 2020 of Florida's population growth, electricity needs and supply, and the expected diversity of fuels and their sources for use in the state;
- b. Current and future reliability of electric supply within and into the state;
- c. Current and future reliability of the natural gas supply into and within the state;
- d. Emerging and projected electric technologies and electric supplies, including solar energy, renewable energy, and distributed generation technologies, their potential contribution to reliable electric supplies, and their impact upon the state, its environment, and its electric policies;
- The experience and impacts upon electricity consumers, generators, and transmitters of all kinds from recent changes in governmental regulation of the electric utility industry in other states;
- f. Analysis of the impacts of state and local government taxes on government revenues and the electricity supply;
- g. Universal access to electricity and the responsibility to provide it;
- h. Stranded investment costs;
- Functional unbundling; or the separation of electricity production, transmission, and distribution services;
- j. Impact of restructuring on service to low-income, elderly, and rural consumers;
- Renewable energy, energy conservation, and energy efficiency technologies and programs, and the impact of restructuring on the same;
- I. Impact of restructuring on economic development and growth in the state, including potential impact on tourism, agriculture, small businesses, and industry in the state;
- Impact of restructuring on investor-owned electric utilities, municipal electric utilities, rural electric cooperatives, and independent power producers;
- Prevention of anticompetitive or unlawful discriminatory conduct or the unlawful exercise of market power by electricity providers;
- o. Environmental impact of electricity supply production, generation, and transmission in the state; and
- p. Impact of restructuring on the current and future electric utility workforce.
- 5. The Commission shall, by December 1, 2001, provide to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor a written report containing specific recommendations for electric energy policies for this state, including legislative recommendations.
- 6. The Commission may establish and appoint any necessary technical advisory committees. Commission members, and the members of any technical advisory committee may not receive remuneration for their services, but members other than public officers and employees shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the Florida Public Service Commission for travel or per diem expenses in accordance with chapter 112, Florida Statutes. Public officers and employees shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies in accordance with chapter 112, Florida Statutes.
- 7. The Governor shall select an executive director and the

executive director serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The Florida Public Service Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Department of Community Affairs shall provide other staff and consultants, after consultation with the Commission. Funding for these expenses will be provided through the Florida Public Service Commission.

- 8. All agencies under the control of the Governor are directed, and all other agencies are requested, to render assistance and cooperation to the Commission.
- 9. The Commission shall continue in existence until its objectives are achieved, but not later than December 1, 2001.
- 10. The Florida Public Service Commission shall provide all funds necessary to implement the provisions of this Executive Order.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, The Capitol, this 3rd day of May, 2000.

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