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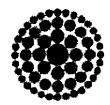
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FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION Amend amending CAPITAL STOCK filed 12/11/73 THEO IS OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE STATE OF FLORIDA 14 RICHARD (DICK) STONE

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December 5, 1973

The Honorable Richard (Dick) Stone Secretary of State The Capitol Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Dear Sir:

in re: Resolution establishing new issue of Cumulative Preferred Stock by Florida Power Corporation.

Pursuant to Chapter 608, Florida Statutes, 1971 (Section 608.14(3)), enclosed herewith for filing in your office is a duly executed certificate setting forth a copy of this Company's Board resolutions, duly adopted on December 4, 1973, and establishing the issuance and sale of 500,000 shares, \$100 par value, Cumulative Preferred Stock, 7.76% Series.

It is requested that this filing be performed and so noted as being only at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, December 11, 1973, and not prior to said time and date. The Closing of the sale of this Series of Stock will be at 10:15 A.M., In New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION

S. A. Brandimore General Counsel

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FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION

Resolution Adopted by the Board of Directors at an Adjourned Regular Meeting held in New York City on December 4, 1973

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to the authority granted by the General Statutes of the State of Florida and subject to the rights and powers as granted in the Composite Certificate of Reincorporation, as amended, of the Company, the Board of DIrectors of this Company does hereby authorize the creation and Issuance of an additional series of Preferred Stock to consist of 500,000 shares of Cumulative Preferred Stock, of the par value of \$100 each, which shall be designated as Cumulative Preferred Stock, 1.76% Series, shall have, in addition to the designations, terms, relative rights, privileges, limitations, preferences and voting powers, and the prohibitions, restrictions and qualifications of the voting and other rights and powers as provided in the Composite Certificate of Reincorporation, as amended, of the Company for the Preferred Stock of the Company, including the amounts payable per share upon voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company as provided in Paragraph 4 of Paragraph Fifth of the Composite Certificate of Reincorporation, as amended, the follow-Ing.

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(a) The rate of dividend for the shares of such

per annum of the par value thereof and dividends on all shares of such Series shall be payable quarterly on february 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15 of each and every year. Dividends shall be cumulative from December 11, 1973, and the cumulative portion from December 11, 1973, to February 15, 1974, will be paid on the first quarterly dividend payment date of February 15, 1974; and

Preferred Stock, 7.76% Series, shall be \$108.80 per share on or prior to February 15, 1979; \$106.86 per share theremarked after and on or prior to February 15, 1984; \$104.92 per share thereafter and on or prior to February 15, 1984; \$104.92 per share thereafter and on or prior to February 15, 1989; \$102.98 per share thereafter and on or prior to February 15, 1994; and \$102.21 per share thereafter; plus, in each case, dividends accrued to the redemption date; provided, however, prior to February 15, 1979, no Cumulative Preferred Stock, 7.76% Series, may be redeemed, directly or indirectly, from the proceeds of or in anticipation of any refunding operation involving the issuance of Common Stock, or the incurring of debt or Issuance of any other security which has an interest or dividend rate or cost to the Company less than the dividend rate of the Cumulative Preferred Stock, 7.76% Series.

## CERTIFICATE

We, S. A. Brandimore, Vice President, and J. G. LOADER, Scuretary, of FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION, a Florida corporation (hereinafter called the "Company"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a certain resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at an adjourned regular meeting duly convened and held in New York City on December 4, 1973, at which meeting a quorum was present and acted throughout, and that said resolution has not been annulled, revoked or amended in any way and is in full force and effect.

WITNESS, the signatures of the undersigned as such officers of the Company, and the corporate seal of the Company hereunto affixed, this 574 day of December, 1973.

> A. Brandimore vice President

STATE OF FLORIDA

SS.

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

I hereby certify that on this date before me, a notary publiand officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments of deeds and other instruments, personally appeared S. A. Brandimore, and J. G. Loader, to me known and known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument as Vice President and Secretary, respectively, of Florida Power Corporation, and they severally acknowledged before me that they executed the same as such officers of said Company with the intent and for the purposes expressed therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 570 day of December, 1973.

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My Commission Expires:

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