



January 31, 2026

VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Chris Wright
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000
Attn: *AskCR@hq.doe.gov*

Dear Secretary Wright:

Subject: Request for Emergency Order Under Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act

Pursuant to Section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act (“FPA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder by the Department of Energy (“Department” or “DOE”), Florida Municipal Power Agency (“FMPA”), respectfully requests that the Secretary of Energy (“Secretary”) find that an emergency exists within the FMPA service areas¹

¹ FMPA, through its All-Requirements Power Supply Project, serves the wholesale power needs (above certain excluded capacity resources, contract rate of delivery elections, and native-available generation resources) of the following participating and contracting member utilities: city of Alachua; city of Bushnell; city of Clewiston; Central Florida Tourism Oversight District; city of Fort Meade; Fort Pierce Utilities Authority; city of Green Cove Springs; town of Havana; city of Homestead; city of Jacksonville Beach (doing business as Beaches Energy Services); Utility Board of the City of Key West, Florida (doing business as Keys Energy Services); Kissimmee Utility Authority; city of Lake Worth Beach; city of Leesburg; city of Newberry; city of Ocala; city of Starke; city of Williston; and city of Winter Park. In addition, FMPA is a wholesale power provider to city of Moore Haven; Utilities Commission, City of New Smyrna Beach; city of St. Cloud; city of Mount Dora; and contractually is committed to serving the combined load of FMPA and the other members of the Florida Municipal Power Pool with Orlando Utilities

that requires intervention by the Secretary, in the form of a Section 202(c) emergency order, to preserve the reliability of the bulk electric power system. FMPA respectfully requests that the Secretary issue an order immediately, effective January 31, 2026, authorizing certain electric generating units located within the FMPA service areas to operate up to their maximum generation output levels under the limited circumstances described in this letter, notwithstanding air emissions or other permit limitations. FMPA further requests that the order remain effective through 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on February 3, 2026. FMPA is requesting the Department issue an order for this duration with this limiting condition because FMPA anticipates unusually high load forecasts during this time due to extreme cold weather conditions for all of the State of Florida (spanning the geographic range of FMPA's service areas) during this time period.

Background

On Friday, January 23 and continuing into Monday, January 26, 2026, a significant winter weather event known as Winter Storm Fern brought heavy snow, sleet, and freezing rain, as well as dangerously cold temperatures and wind chills to multiple states, ranging from the southern plains to the eastern United States. As the storm drifted across the East Coast, more Artica air moved in behind the storm, prolonging the bitter cold, icy conditions for several days. To date, Winter Storm Fern has caused or threatens to cause severe and widespread impacts across multiple regions of the United States, including extreme cold temperatures, freezing precipitation, high winds, disruptions to electric generation and transmission systems, natural gas supply constraints, and increased demand for electric and water services. On January 31, and February 1, 2026, and the following week, another round of extreme cold is forecasted to impact the southeast, including Peninsular Florida and South Florida for the entirety of the FMPA service areas. As such, customer demand is projected to exceed record-breaking thresholds for FMPA on Sunday, February 1, 2026, and again on Monday, February 2, 2026, and which may continue throughout the following week.

While the majority of generating units in the FMPA service areas are expected to continue to function adequately under these stressed conditions, some units will be limited in providing the generation needed by the system conditions and limitations in their environmental permits. As a result, FMPA is concerned that under these conditions the system may not have sufficient generation available to meet this

unusually high demand and may be forced to curtail load in order to maintain security and reliability of the grid.

When needed during an emergency, FMPA takes extensive conservation measures in an effort to reduce load so that the supply of power continues to be sufficient to meet system demand and reserve requirements. Specifically, FMPA works with its member utilities to issue public conservation appeals encouraging customers to reduce usage, curtails all recallable energy sales, and implements available load management programs, including implementing residential demand response programs, large load curtailments, and voltage reduction. In addition to the conservation measures, FMPA also coordinates with member utility systems to exhaust their abilities to obtain more power through other means, including committing all available generation resources, implementing emergency ratings output, as well as purchasing external capacity where available and deliverable. As a result of these efforts, for Winter Storm Fern, FMPA expects to be able to coordinate the reduction of demand by more than approximately 51 MW and is working with its member utilities to secure an additional available capacity and energy. FMPA will continue to pursue more capacity as available.

Subject to the exceptions requested herein, FMPA commits to continuing to take such actions, including utilizing other supply resources, before operating any units or calling on any generator to operate any units in a manner that will result in a conflict with a requirement of any federal, state, or local environmental statute or regulation, including requirements in permits issued pursuant to such laws or regulations. Even with the requested order, however, it is possible that FMPA will have no choice but to coordinate with its member utilities to curtail firm load to ensure system reliability.

Relief Requested

FMPA may have to limit some generating units in its service areas due to emissions, effluent, and other limits established by federal and state environmental and other laws and permits. These generating units are described in Exhibit A (the “Specified Resources”).²

² In the event that FMPA identifies additional generating units that it deems necessary to operate in violation of federal and state environmental laws in order to maintain the reliability of the power grid when the demand in the FMPA service areas exceeds expected energy and reserve requirements, FMPA shall provide prompt written notice to the Department of Energy at AskCR@hq.doe.gov with an updated Exhibit A, for additional Specified Resources, to its application with the name and

Because the full and unrestricted output from all of the generating units in the FMPA service areas would help to reduce the need for any firm load shedding that may be required during this extreme cold weather event, FMPA seeks an immediate order from the Department authorizing the provision of additional energy from all of the FMPA generating units (under FMPA's control and under the control of FMPA's member utilities that are contractually committed to be dispatched in coordination with FMPA), as well as any other available generating units, regardless of emissions or other permit limitations.

To minimize adverse environmental impacts as set forth herein, this order would limit operation of dispatched units to the times and within the parameters determined by FMPA, in coordination with FMPA's member utilities, as necessary for grid reliability to avoid adverse health and safety impacts to customers from shedding firm customer load. Consistent with good utility practices, FMPA and its member utilities shall exhaust all reasonably and practically available resources, including available imports, demand response and identified behind-the-meter generation resources selected to minimize an increase in emissions to the extent that such resources provide support to maintain grid reliability prior to dispatching the generation resources at levels in violation of environmental laws.

FMPA requests this order because it is committed to public health and safety, takes its compliance obligations seriously, and understands the importance of the environmental permit requirements that are at issue. In this case, the risk of power outages in extremely cold temperatures is a more imminent and prominent threat to the communities in the FMPA service areas than the temporary exceedances of those permit limits that would be allowed under the order. Authorizing the generation resources to operate notwithstanding permit and other limitations may reduce the likelihood that FMPA and its member utilities will need to curtail load.

location of those units, the fuel type of each such unit, and the anticipated category of environmental impact, at 11:00 a.m. EST or 11:00 p.m. EST, whichever follows closest in time to the unit identification by FMPA to the greatest extent feasible. FMPA hereby requests that such additional generating units be deemed a resource covered by any order for the hours prior to the required written notice to the Department. However, if the Department notifies FMPA that it does not approve of such generating unit being designated a Specified Resource covered by any order, such generating unit shall not constitute a covered resource upon notification from the Department.

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This request is narrowly tailored to allow only the exceedances that are necessary to ensure reliability during the limited timeframe of this request. Limiting the requested allowance to situations described above will ensure that the operation of the generating units in excess of environmental permit limits will be a last resort to maintain grid stability (including, as a last resort before declaring an Energy Emergency Alert (EEA) 3), thus minimizing any environmental impact to the greatest degree possible.

FMPA greatly appreciates the Department of Energy's expedited consideration of this request and commits to respond to any requests for additional information on an expedited basis. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information in order to act on this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Exhibit A
SPECIFIED RESOURCES

<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Primary Fuel Source</u>	<u>Net Summer [Winter] Rating (MW)^A</u>	<u>FMPA Percentage of Ownership</u>
Stanton Unit No. 2	Coal	467	5.17%
Stanton Unit A	Natural Gas	639	3.50
Cane Island Unit1	Natural Gas	[39]	50.00
Cane Island Unit 2	Natural Gas	[124]	50.00
Cane Island Unit 3	Natural Gas	[270]	50.00
Cane Island Unit 4	Natural Gas	[333]	100.00
Indian River Unit A	Natural Gas	32	39.00
Indian River Unit B	Natural Gas	32	39.00
Indian River Unit C	Natural Gas	105	21.00
Indian River Unit D	Natural Gas	105	21.00
Lake Worth Beach GT 2	Natural Gas/ Fuel Oil	20.0	0.0 ^B
Lake Worth Beach GT 1	Fuel Oil	25.7	0.0 ^B
Lake Worth Beach Diesel Units			
M 1-5	Fuel Oil	9.9	0.0 ^B
Stock Island Unit 1	Fuel Oil	18	100.00
Stock Island CT			
Unit 2, 3 and 4	Fuel Oil	[77]	100.00
Stock Island MSD 1 and 2	Fuel Oil	[18]	100.00
Stock Island EP2	Fuel Oil	2	100.00
Treasure Coast Energy Center			
Unit 1	Natural Gas	[333]	100.00
Sand Lake Energy Center	Natural Gas	120	100.00
Mulberry Energy Center	Natural Gas	[122]	100.00

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Bartow Energy Center	Natural Gas	104	100.00
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^b Winter ratings are noted if available to FMPA and different from the summer capacity rating.

^a The city of Lake Worth Beach is a wholesale purchaser of power from FMPA's All-Requirements Power Supply Project, which is taken by the city of Lake Worth Beach in coordination with operation of its own generating units, as dispatched, through FMPA's participation in the Florida Municipal Power Pool. As such, the city of Lake Worth Beach generating units are included here as Specified Resources.