

employee, I, as a taxpayer, do not wish to see them increase the number of employees to regulate Florida Power & Light Co., which until recently was considered to be outside of the Federal Power Commission's jurisdiction and has been under State regulation for many years. As taxpayers of the United States, my membership can see no justification for this Government agency to incur additional costs.

I am not alone as a union representative. There are other union groups who have joined me in supporting this legislation and similar legislation in the Senate. The Florida Electrical Workers Association voted unanimously to support this. I have a letter here from System Council U-25 of Chicago, representing a membership on Commonwealth Edison that I would like to read into the record:

MAY 11, 1967.

HON. EVERETT M. DIRKSEN,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR DIRKSEN: This System Council representing the 8,500 physical and clerical employees of the Commonwealth Edison Co., request your support of Senate bill 1365 which amends the Federal Power Act with respect to the jurisdiction of the Federal Power Commission.

We are concerned with the FPC acquiring jurisdiction over the Florida Power & Light Co., which the records will show is ably regulated by the Public Service Commission of Florida.

I would appreciate hearing from you as to your position on Senate bill 1365. Best wishes.

Respectfully,

VINCENT A. O'REILLY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

I have another letter from the National Federation of Post Office Motor Vehicle Employees that I would also like to read into the record:

JULY 6, 1967.

HON. CLAUDE PEPPER,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN PEPPER: The National Federation of Post Office Vehicle Employees, AFL-CIO, in support of the employees of the Florida Power & Light Co., would like to take this means of thanking you for introducing H.R. 5637.

Since I am a resident of Dade County, and have many friends among the employees of the Florida Power & Light Co., I am acquainted with their desire to see this important bill become law.

I know that you will continue to support this bill which is of the utmost concern to the employees of the Florida Power & Light Co., and I want you to know that if there is any way that this union can be of assistance to you in this regard, please feel free to call on us.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

CHESTER W. PARRISH,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

While supporting Senate bill 1365, I wrote to Senator Smathers and mentioned that I did not feel that the customers and employees of the Florida Light & Power Co. should be saddled with the additional accounting cost that this company would incur by coming under Federal Power Commission jurisdiction. Senator Smathers sent a copy of my letter to the Commission. In answer to Senator Smathers' letter, Mr. Solomon, FPC counsel, wrote that the Commission found no evidence to show that compliance would put "burdensome" accounting requirements on the Florida Power & Light Co. I, in my capacity, do not have easy access to the accounting procedures of the Florida Power & Light Co. nor to the requirements of the Federal Power Commission.