

**RESOLUTION NO. 53-11-04**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE**  
**PARK, FLORIDA, PALM BEACH COUNTY,**  
**FLORIDA REQUESTING THE STATE OF**  
**FLORIDA TO CONDUCT A FULL**  
**INVESTIGATION OF FLORIDA POWER**  
**AND LIGHT'S PRACTICES.**

**WHEREAS**, 600,000 Florida Power and Light (FPL) customers experienced power outages during Hurricane Frances and 591,000.00 FPL customers experienced power outages during Hurricane Jeanne; and

**WHEREAS**, the size and magnitude of both storms affected nearly all of FPL's 27,000 Square mile coverage area leaving more than two-thirds of the company's customers without power at one time during the storm; and

**WHEREAS**, had limited resources available to the company to assist restoring the power due to the strains from the close proximity of landfall from Hurricanes Charley and Ivan in addition to Hurricane Frances and Hurricane Jeanne that severely affected Palm Beach County; and

**WHEREAS**, the slow restoration of power to many essential services such as nursing homes and lift stations made conditions difficult for many of the County's residents including the residents of the Town of Lake Park, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, information on the estimated times for restoration of power to neighborhoods and communities were often vague, making it difficult for emergency managers to plan recovery efforts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1:** The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**Section 2:** The State of Florida is requested to conduct a full investigation including public hearings into FPL practices; in particular, the billing procedure that was implemented to establish an estimated bill for the months of September and October for FPL customers that were without power during and after the storm, the funds were the costs and benefits associated with burying power lines, the prioritization of services to essential facilities, and the dissemination of information regarding estimated power restoration in the event of service disruption.

**Section 2.** The Town Manager, or his designee, is hereby directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Governor of State of Florida, each member of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, Palm Beach County League of Cities and Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners.

**Section 3.** The State of Florida is requested to conduct a full investigation of the maintenance practices of Florida Power and Light, including but not limited to line clearing, the clearing of easements, and the regular maintenance of power lines and light poles.

**Section 4.** The State of Florida to investigate the work that was performed on the poles and power lines throughout the disaster areas in the State of Florida.

**Section 5.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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The foregoing RESOLUTION was offered by Commissioner Garretson, who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Daly, and being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
MAYOR PAUL CASTRO	X	
VICE MAYOR CHUCK BALIUS	X	
COMMISSIONER PAUL GARRETSON	X	
COMMISSIONER ED DALY	X	
COMMISSIONER JEFF CAREY	X	

The Mayor thereupon declared Resolution No. 53-12-04 duly passed and adopted this 1st day of December, 2004.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA

BY: Paul Castro  
Mayor Paul Castro

ATTEST:

Stephanie Thomas  
Stephanie Thomas  
Town Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency

Thomas J. Baird  
Thomas J. Baird, Town Attorney

(Town Seal)