

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 4(I)

(Public Hearing 6-17-03)

TO: Hon. Chairperson and Members
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 17, 2002

FROM: Steve Sawyer
County Manager

SUBJECT: Soto Estates
Street Lighting Special
Taxing District

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve a petition submitted in accordance with Article 1, Chapter 18 of the Code, for creation of the Soto Estates Street Lighting Special Taxing District.

BACKGROUND

Commission District:

Eleven

Boundaries:

On the North, S.W. 14th Street;
On the East, S.W. 139th Avenue;
On the South, theo. S.W. 15th Street;
On the West, theo. S.W. 139th Court.

Number of Parcels:

1 (Tentative Plat proposes 5 buildable single family lots).

Number of Owners:

2

**Number of Owners With Homestead
Exemption Signing Petition:**

None – The petition was submitted by Julio R. Valenzuela and Rogelio Soto, the property owners and developers.

Preliminary Public Meeting:

None necessary.

Type of Improvements:

The proposed installation of 3 – 9,500 lumen sodium vapor bracket-arm street lights mounted one new concrete pole and two existing wooden poles and the transfer for billing purposes of 1 – 9,500 lumen sodium vapor bracket-arm street light mounted on an existing wooden pole.

Required Referendum:

The creation of the district will be subject only to Board of County Commissioners approval; no election will be necessary as 100 percent of the owners signed the petition.

Preliminary Assessment Roll:

Submitted on the same agenda as a separate agenda item for consideration and adoption by the Board of County Commissioners and contingent upon the Board's approval of this district's creation ordinance. The implementation of the assessment roll will be in accordance with the procedures defined in Chapter 18 of the Code.

Estimated Completion:

December 2003

ECONOMIC/FISCAL/HOUSING COSTS IMPACT ANALYSIS

Creation of this district will result in no economic impact on the County's budget. The creation of this district is a subdivision requirement pursuant to Chapter 28 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. The developer is required to fund the first year's lease of the equipment, electricity costs to operate the system, and cover all costs incidental to creation and administration incurred by Miami-Dade County. Furthermore, to install the street lighting as part of the development's infrastructure is the most effective, cost-saving, and least disruptive means of providing the improvement. Additional cost savings are realized from processing a district with a single owner (the developer) rather than trying to achieve a consensus from an established community through a special election.

After the first year, the economic impact on the private sector will be a perpetual annual special assessment for the cost of street lighting to all property owners within the district. The Florida Power and Light Company is the owner of the system and therefore will derive revenues from it.

At this time there will be no increase or decrease in County staffing due to this district. The private sector may increase its staffing levels to provide the service requirements created by this special taxing district.

Estimated Initial Billing: November 2004. Assessment billed annually as an itemized portion of the annual tax bill.

	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
Estimated Total District Cost:	\$6,085	\$685
Method Of Apportionment:	Front Footage	

Estimated Annual Assessments:	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
Per Assessable Front Foot		\$1.713
For A Typical Interior Single Family Lot	Cost to be provided	\$128
For A Typical Corner Single Family Lot	by the petitioners	\$195

The annual assessments shown above are representative of costs for typical lots within this district.

State or Federal grants are not applicable to this special taxing district.

Each street lighting special taxing district is unique due to its geographical boundaries, affected property owners, and level of services to be provided. Creation of a new ordinance to provide this service is the best and most cost-effective method to achieve this benefit.

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 28 of the Code to provide street lighting in new subdivisions through the creation of street lighting special taxing districts, and in compliance with the provisions of Section 18-3 (c) of the Code, I have reviewed the facts submitted by the Public Works Director and concur with his recommendation that this district be created pursuant to Section 18-2 of the Code.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chairperson and Members
Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 17, 2003

FROM: 
Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 4(I)

Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" (Applicable if raised)
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Statement of private business sector impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- "Sunset" provision required
- Legislative findings necessary

Approved _____ Mayor

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Veto _____

Override _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS SOTO ESTATES STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Home Rule Amendment to the Florida Constitution (Article VIII, Section 6) grants to the electors of Miami-Dade County power to adopt a home rule charter of government for Miami-Dade County, Florida, and provides that such charter may provide a method for establishing special taxing districts and other governmental units in Miami-Dade County from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter adopted by the electors of Miami-Dade County on May 21, 1957, provides that the Board of County Commissioners, as the legislative and governing body of Miami-Dade County, shall have the power to establish special purpose districts within which may be provided essential facilities and services, including street lighting and that all funds for such districts shall be provided by service charges, special assessments, or general tax levies within such districts only, and that the County Commission shall be the governing body of all such districts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such provisions of the Florida Constitution and the Home Rule Charter, the Board of County Commissioners duly enacted Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, providing for the creation and establishment of special taxing districts and prescribing the procedures therefor; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a petition for the creation of a special taxing district to be known as the SOTO ESTATES STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT duly signed by 100% of the owners (developer/petitioner) of property within the proposed district, was filed with the Clerk of the County Commission. Such petition prayed for the creation and establishment of a special taxing district for the purpose of providing street lighting to be financed solely by means of special assessments levied and collected within the area therein and hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of such petition the Clerk of the County Commission transmitted a copy thereof to the County Manager who examined it and filed a written report with the Clerk certifying that such petition was sufficient in form and substance and signed and properly presented in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager, after making appropriate investigations, surveys, plans and specifications, compiled and filed with the Board of County Commissioners his written report and recommendations setting forth the boundaries of the proposed special taxing district, the location, nature and character of the street lighting improvements to be provided and maintained within the proposed district, an estimate of the cost of constructing and maintaining such improvements, an estimate of the annual expense of maintaining and operating such improvements, his certification that the proposed improvements conform to the master plan of development for the County, and setting forth his recommendations concerning the need for and desirability of the requested district, the ability of the affected property to bear special assessments for financing the cost of maintaining such project, and an estimate of the amount to be assessed against each front foot of the benefited property within the proposed district, and expressing his opinion that the property to be specially assessed will be benefited in excess of the special assessments to be levied, and the County Manager attached to such report and recommendations a map or sketch showing the boundaries and location of the proposed district.

Such Report and Recommendations of the County Manager was filed with the Clerk and transmitted to the Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, it appearing to the Board of County Commissioners from such report of the County Manager and other investigations that the district petitioned for would be of special benefit to all property within the proposed boundaries and that the total amount of the special assessments to be levied would not be in excess of such special benefit; the Clerk of the Board certified the place, date and hour for a public hearing on the petition of the property owners and the report and recommendations of the County Manager -- said hearing was held on Tuesday,

. Copies of the notice of the public hearing were duly published in newspapers of general circulation published in Miami-Dade County, Florida, and copies thereof were posted in not less than five (5) public places within the proposed district, and copies thereof were mailed to all owners of taxable real property within the boundaries of the proposed district as their names and addresses appear on the latest Miami-Dade County Real Property Tax Roll; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said notice, the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, , held a public hearing, at which all interested persons were afforded the opportunity to present their objections, if any, to the creation and establishment of the proposed special taxing district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, upon review and consideration of the report and recommendations of the County Manager and the views expressed by the property owners within the proposed special taxing district, has determined to create and establish such special taxing district in accordance with the report and recommendations of the County Manager and the provisions of Chapter 18 of the Miami-Dade County Code,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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Section 1. In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a special taxing district, to be known and designated as the SOTO ESTATES STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT is hereby created and established in the unincorporated area of Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. The area or boundaries of this proposed special taxing district are as follows:

A portion of Section 10, Township 54 South, Range 39 East, Miami-Dade County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Tract 55 less the west 1,111.40 feet thereof and less the north 25 feet thereof of J.G. Head's Farms" according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat book 46 at Page 44 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida (a/k/a Valentina Estates, Tentative Plat #T-20172).

The area and location of this proposed special taxing district are shown on the map or sketch, which is made a part hereof by reference.

Section 3. The improvements and services to be provided within this proposed special taxing district will consist of the following:

Installation of 3 - 9,500 lumen sodium vapor bracket arm street lights mounted on one new concrete pole and two existing wooden poles and the transfer for billing purposes of 1 - 9,500 lumen sodium vapor bracket arm street light mounted on an existing wooden pole.

Section 4. The installation of such street lighting project will be accomplished pursuant to an Agreement between Miami-Dade County and the Florida Power & Light Company. The cost of furnishing electric energy to the street lighting project, together with the service and maintenance costs and the administrative costs for creating the proposed district and for handling the billing, and collecting the assessments and processing for the first year is estimated to be \$6,085 and shall be advanced by owner/developer/petitioner. The cost of furnishing electric energy to the street lighting project, together with the service and maintenance costs and the administrative costs for handling the billing, collecting the assessments and processing for the second year is estimated to be \$685. The estimated cost per

assessable front foot of real property within the proposed district for the second year is \$1.713. The succeeding years' assessments will be adjusted from actual experience.

Section 5. It is hereby declared that said project will be a special benefit to all property within the proposed special taxing district and the total amount of special assessments to be levied as aforesaid will not be in excess of such special benefit.

Section 6. The proposed Street Lighting Agreement between Miami-Dade County and Florida Power & Light Company is hereby approved and made a part hereof by reference, and the County Manager or designee and the Clerk or Deputy Clerk of the County Commission are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Agreement for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County.

Section 7. The County Manager is authorized and directed to cause the installation of said street lighting project to be accomplished within the district in accordance with the provisions of said agreement and with the terms of this ordinance.

Section 8. The County Manager is further directed to cause to be prepared and filed with the Clerk of the County Commission a Preliminary Assessment Roll in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-14 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. As authorized by Section 197.363, Florida Statutes, all special assessments levied and imposed under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be collected, subject to the provisions of Chapter 197, Florida Statutes, in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem taxes. In accordance with utilization of the ad valorem tax collection method, if such special assessments are not paid, when due, the potential for loss of title to the property exists.

Section 9. A duly certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and recorded in the appropriate book of records.

Section 10. The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment, unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

Section 11. This ordinance does not contain a sunset provision.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. RA6

Prepared by:

James K. Kracht

Handwritten signature of James K. Kracht, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'K' followed by a vertical line and a horizontal line.

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
ON THE CREATION OF SOTO ESTATES
STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Pursuant to Chapter 18 of the Code, and as a result of a detailed investigation of a duly petitioned for special taxing district, the following facts are submitted by the Public Works Department Director concerning the creation of Soto Estates Street Lighting Special Taxing District.

1. BOUNDARIES OF THIS DISTRICT

The proposed district is located entirely within a portion of Unincorporated Miami-Dade County, and the boundaries, as set forth in the petition, are as follows:

A portion of Section 10, Township 54 South, Range 39 East, Miami-Dade County, Florida; being more particularly described as follows:

Tract 55, less the west 1,111.40 feet thereof and less the north 25 feet thereof of "J.G. Head's Farms" according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 46 at Page 44 of the Public Records of Miami-Dade County, Florida; (A.K.A. Valentina Estates, Tentative Plat # T-20172).

The boundaries are shown on the attached plan entitled Soto Estates Street Lighting Special Taxing District and hereinafter referred to as Exhibit A.

2. LOCATION OF THE INSTALLATIONS TO BE CONSTRUCTED

The facilities to be provided under the district will consist of sodium vapor bracket-arm street lights mounted on new concrete or existing wooden poles located within the street right-of-way. The spacing of the street lights will be approximately 140 feet.

3. ESTIMATED COST FOR THIS DISTRICT

As provided for under Section 18-2 of the Code, the property owners (the developer) within the proposed district shall guarantee payment of all costs and expenses incidental to the creation of such district and shall pay the entire cost of providing street lighting within the district for the first year. The Florida Power and Light Company will install the lights, poles and service lines at its expense. However, the special

taxing district (the developer) may be required to pay a differential cost if rapid construction techniques cannot be used on this project. This cost is estimated and shown as Florida Power and Light restoration cost in the district's cost estimate.

**4. ESTIMATE OF THE ANNUAL EXPENSE FOR MAINTENANCE,
REPAIR AND OPERATION OF THIS DISTRICT**

The facilities provided will remain the property of the Florida Power and Light Company, which will be responsible for the maintenance of the light standards, fixtures, lamps, and all connecting service lines. The cost of street lights in this district will be continual and is based on a preliminary estimate using Rate Schedule No. SL-1 prepared by the Florida Power and Light Company and approved by the Florida Public Service Commission, a copy of which is attached. The district will pay the Florida Power and Light Company a monthly rental fee on each installation. There will be 4 lights and 1 pole rental served by 250 feet of underground wiring for an annual cost of \$475 for the first and second years.

As provided by Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County the petitioner shall advance the first year's estimated street light costs and pay all costs incurred to create and maintain the district for its first year of operation. The district's property owners shall pay these costs for the second and succeeding years. The engineering and administrative costs involved in establishing and maintaining the district are estimated to be \$2,625 the first year and \$25 the second year. The cost of handling the billing, collecting the assessment, and processing the payments to the Florida Power and Light Company is estimated to be \$1,935 the first year and \$150 the second year. Additionally, contingency funds in the amount of \$800 the first year and \$35 the second year are provided.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS

	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
4 – 9,500 Lumen Sodium Vapor Luminaires	\$280	\$280
1 – Concrete Pole	40	40
3 – Existing Wooden Poles	-0-	-0-
250 Ft - Underground Wiring	65	65
Annual Fuel Adjustments (Based on 1,968 KWH at \$0.03645 Per KWH)	70	70
Franchise Cost (Based on 4.06 % of \$455)	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING SERVICE COSTS	\$475	\$475
FP&L RESTORATION COST	250	0
ENGINEERING & ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS*	2,625	25
BILLING, COLLECTING & PROCESSING COSTS*	1,935	150
CONTINGENCIES*	<u>800</u>	<u>35</u>
TOTAL COST COVERED BY PETITIONERS	\$6,085	
TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT EACH YEAR THEREAFTER*		\$685

*To be adjusted from actual experience.

5. PROCEDURE

Following the creation of the district by the Board of County Commissioners, and upon receipt of the payment by the developer of the total estimated cost for the first year as specified in Item 4 above, the County

Manager shall cause the petitioner's plat to be placed on a Commission Agenda for acceptance and subsequent recordation.

Miami-Dade County may then enter into an agreement with the Florida Power and Light Company, form attached, wherein Miami-Dade County will pay to the Florida Power and Light Company any costs associated with the street light installation, and monthly payments for the annual cost of the street light service estimated at \$475 or approximately \$40 per month. These amounts will be charged during the first year's operation against funds advanced by the petitioners. Based on front footage, each property owner along the lighted roadway will pay the County, through a special assessment, a proportionate share of the total annual cost each year thereafter.

6. **CONFORMITY TO THE MASTER PLAN OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

The proposed district conforms to and in no way conflicts with the Comprehensive Development Master Plan of Miami-Dade County (see attached memorandum from the Department of Planning and Zoning).

7. **RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE DESIRABILITY OF THIS DISTRICT**

The need for street lighting in Miami-Dade County is apparent. Residents and property owners of Miami-Dade County continue to demonstrate their desire for street lighting through numerous petitions and personal requests.

In my opinion, the proposed street lights will provide special benefits to property within the district exceeding the amount of special assessments to be levied.

8. **ESTIMATE OF ASSESSMENT AGAINST BENEFITTED PROPERTY**

As was determined in Item 4 above, each property owner along the lighted roadway will pay the County, through a special assessment, a proportionate share of the total annual cost the second year and each

succeeding year thereafter. The annual assessments shown below are representative of costs for typical lots within this district.

Estimated Annual Assessments:	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
Per Assessable Front Foot		\$1.713
For A Typical Interior Single Family Lot	Cost to be provided by the	\$128
For A Typical Corner Single Family Lot	petitioners	\$195

These costs are based on a preliminary estimate of 400 total assessable front feet and will be adjusted from actual experience.

9. **RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend that Soto Estates Street Lighting Special Taxing District be created pursuant to Section 18-2 of the Code, which provides for the creation of special taxing districts for street lighting in new subdivisions. The creation of the district will be subject to Commission approval; no election will be necessary as 100 percent of the property owners signed the petition. Following adoption of the creation ordinance, it is further recommended that the Board adopt the district's Preliminary Assessment Roll Resolution. Adoption of this resolution will enable the Miami-Dade County Tax Collector to provide the funding necessary to administer the district, as well as provide funds for payment to the Florida Power and Light Company for the district's monthly power bills for the second and succeeding years. In the event actual costs are lower than the costs estimated, the Director of the Public Works Department or his designee shall adjust and decrease the front foot rate of assessment. In the event actual second year costs are higher than the costs estimated, the County Manager may at his discretion cause to be prepared a revised preliminary assessment roll and file the same with the Clerk of the Board for a scheduled public hearing to adopt the revised assessment roll. The ordinance creating the district shall take effect ten (10) days after the date of its

adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, it shall become effective only upon an override by the Board. My office will also be available to answer any questions from the public or your office in regards to the financial and/or engineering facts of this project. We further recommend that the County Manager forward the attached report to the Board of County Commissioners after he has reviewed it and concurred with our findings.

- Encls:
- (1) Copy of Petition and Attachments
 - (2) Copy of FP&L Rate Schedule SL-1
 - (3) FP&L Street Lighting Agreement Form
 - (4) Copy of Memo from Department of Planning and Zoning
 - (5) Copy of Summary of Report
 - (6) District Boundary Map (Exhibit A)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kay M. Sullivan, Director
Office of the Clerk of the Board
Attn: Keith Knowles

DATE: July 3, 2002

FROM: Marie Helene Cohen
Chief
Special Taxing Districts Division

SUBJECT: Soto Estates
Street Lighting Special
Taxing District

In reference to the subject petition, we hereby certify that, in compliance with Section 18-2 of the Miami-Dade County Code, this Department has verified the attached names against the records of the Property Appraisal Department, and has concluded that said petition relates to real property in a new subdivision and the signators are owners and/or individuals signing in their official capacity as representatives of the owners of the property in question. We are therefore submitting the following information:

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| 1. | Total number of parcels of land within district boundaries | <u>1</u> |
| 2. | Total number of owners of property within district boundaries | <u>2</u> |
| 3. | Total number of resident owners within district boundaries
(this is a new subdivision area) | <u>0</u> |
| 4. | Total number of signatures on the petition | <u>2</u> |
| 5. | Total number of owners or representatives signing the petition
in an official capacity | <u>2</u> |
| 6. | Percentage of owners or representatives signing the petition
in their official capacity | <u>100%</u> |

Pursuant to Section 18-2 of the Code, this is a valid petition.

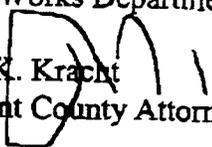
By copy of this memorandum, I am forwarding this petition for review by the County Attorney for legal sufficiency.

Attachment

cc: James Kracht

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Aristides Rivera, P.E., P.L.S.
Director
Public Works Department

FROM: James K. Kracht 
Assistant County Attorney

DATE: July 18, 2002

SUBJECT: Soto Estates Street Lighting
Special Taxing District

Please be advised that I have reviewed the above referenced petition and find it to be legally sufficient.

JKK/cg

06-07-2002

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS DIVISION

Document Preparation
Date

Departmental Acceptance Date
(Government Use Only)

PETITION FOR MULTIPURPOSE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT

To the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

We, the undersigned property owners, do hereby petition Miami-Dade County, Florida, for the creation of the Special Taxing District(s) required by the respective plat(s) pursuant to Chapter 18 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for any or all of the following: installation, operation and maintenance of sodium vapor street lights of an intensity of 9,500 up to 50,000 lumens, mounted on concrete, fiber glass or existing poles; landscape, lake, wall, entrance features and other maintenance services shall be more fully described on the attached Exhibit B. The petitioned for district lies within that portion of the unincorporated area of Miami-Dade County more fully described on the attached Exhibit A.

Tentative Plat(s) Name(s) SOTO ESTATES

It is understood and agreed that the boundaries of this district and the type and level of services to be provided by this district will be reviewed by the appropriate County authorities. It is also understood that the street lights and other improvements to be provided shall be in accordance with minimum standards and requirements set forth by the Miami-Dade County Public Works Department.

OWNER'S NAME	OWNER'S ADDRESS	LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	TAX FOLIO NUMBER
JULIO VALENZUELA	14260 SW. 33 rd ST.		30-4910-003-1010
ROGELIO SOTO	8300 SW. 38 th ST.		
<i>[Signature]</i>			
<i>[Signature]</i>			
		MORE FULLY	
		DESCRIBED ON	
		THE ATTACHED	
		"EXHIBIT A"	

PLACE NOTARY STATEMENT AND STAMP HERE :
STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

 Maria Carballeira
My Commission CC894851
Expires December 13 2003

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th of June 2002, by Rogelio Soto who is personally known to me.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 18th 2002 BY JULIO VALENZUELA WHO PERSONALLY KNOWN TO ME.

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA

 Maria Carballeira
My Commission
Expires Decembe

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NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA

 YVIANA M. FERRELLA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
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EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT A TO THE PETITION FOR THE PLAT (S)
KNOWN AS SOTO' ESTATES
DATED 06-07-02 FOR THE CREATION OF SPECIAL

TAXING DISTRICT(S)

TRACT 55, LESS THE WEST 1111.40 FEET THEREOF AND LESS THE NORTH 25 FEET THEREOF, IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 54 SOUTH, RANGE 39 EAST, OF J.G. HEAD'S FARMS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 46 AT PAGE 44 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

STREET LIGHTINGRATE SCHEDULE: SL-1AVAILABLE:

In all territory served.

APPLICATION:

For lighting streets and roadways, whether public or private, which are thoroughfares for normal flow of vehicular traffic. Lighting for other applications such as: municipally and privately-owned parking lots; parks and recreational areas; or any other area not expressly defined above, is not permitted under this schedule.

TYPE OF INSTALLATION:

FPL-owned fixtures normally will be mounted on poles of FPL's existing distribution system and served from overhead wires. On request of the Customer, FPL will provide special poles or underground wires at the charges specified below. Customer-owned systems will be of a standard type and design, permitting service and lamp replacement at no abnormal cost to FPL.

SERVICE:

Service includes lamp renewals, patrol, energy from dusk each day until dawn the following day and maintenance of FPL-owned Street Lighting Systems.

LIMITATION OF SERVICE:

For Mercury Vapor, Fluorescent and Incandescent luminaires, no additions or changes in specified lumen output on existing installations will be permitted under this schedule after October 4, 1981 except where such additional lights are required in order to match existing installations.

Stand-by or resale service is not permitted hereunder.

CUSTOMER CONTRIBUTIONS:

A Contribution-in-Aid-of-Construction (CIAC) will be required for:

- a) the differential cost between employing rapid construction techniques in trenching, backfilling and pole installation work where no obstructions exist, and the added cost to overcome obstructions such as sprinkler systems, paved surfaces (such as sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and roadways), landscaping, sodding and other obstructions encountered along the Street Light System installation route, including repair and replacement. If the Customer elects to perform work such as trenching and restoration, they will be reimbursed by FPL with a credit (not to exceed the total CIAC cost) for the value of this work as determined by FPL;
- b) the installation cost of any new overhead distribution facilities and/or the cost of alterations to existing distribution facilities which are required in order to serve the Street Lighting System less four (4) times the additional annual non-fuel energy revenue generated by the installation or alteration of the Street Lighting System, plus where underground facilities are installed, the differential installation cost between underground and overhead distribution facilities.

These costs shall be paid by the Customer prior to the initiation of any construction work by FPL. The Customer shall also pay any additional costs associated with design modifications requested after the original estimate has been made.

(Continued from Sheet No. S.715)

REMOVAL OF FACILITIES:

If Street Lighting facilities are removed either by Customer request or termination or breach of the agreement, the Customer shall pay FPL an amount equal to the original installed cost of the removed facilities less any salvage value and any depreciation (based on current depreciation rates as approved by the Florida Public Service Commission) plus removal cost.

MONTHLY RATE:

Luminaire Type	Lamp Size		KWH/Mo. Estimate	Charge for FPL-Owned Unit (\$)				Charge for Customer-Owned Unit (\$)	
	Initial Lumens/Watts			Fixtures	Mainten- ance	Energy Non-Fuel	Total	Relamping/ Energy	Energy Only
High Pressure Sodium Vapor	5,800	70	29	3.53	1.36	.60	5.51	1.29	.60
" "	9,500	100	41	3.62	1.37	.85	5.84	1.55	.85
" "	16,000	150	60	3.72	1.40	1.24	6.36	1.94	1.24
" "	22,000	200	83	3.84	1.79	1.81	9.24	2.51	1.81
" "	50,000	400	163	5.71	1.76	3.46	10.93	4.17	3.46
" "	* 12,800	150	60	3.33	1.56	1.24	6.53	2.17	1.24
" "	* 27,500	250	116	6.00	1.90	2.39	10.29	3.13	2.39
" "	* 140,000	1,000	411	9.04	3.47	8.46	20.97	10.10	8.46
Mercury Vapor	* 6,000	140	62	2.81	1.23	1.28	5.32	1.97	1.28
" "	* 8,600	175	77	2.84	1.23	1.59	5.66	2.23	1.59
" "	* 11,500	250	104	4.74	1.77	2.14	8.65	2.88	2.14
" "	* 21,500	400	160	4.73	1.75	3.30	9.78	4.02	3.30
" "	* 39,500	700	272	6.63	2.96	5.61	15.25	7.17	5.61
" "	* 60,000	1,000	335	6.85	2.88	7.93	17.66	8.91	7.93
Incandescent	* 1,000	103	36				6.91	2.45	.74
" "	* 2,500	202	71				7.17	3.13	1.46
" "	* 4,000	327	116				8.41	4.16	2.39
" "	* 6,000	443	153				9.37	5.03	3.26
" "	* 10,000	690	244				11.31	6.93	5.03
Fluorescent	* 19,300	300	122					3.43	2.52
" "	* 39,600	700	264					6.62	5.44

- * These units are closed to new FPL installations.
- ** The non-fuel energy charge is 2.060¢ per kwh.
- *** Bills rendered based on "Total" charge. Unbundling of charges is not permitted.
- **** New Customer installations of those units closed to FPL installations cannot receive relamping service.

Charges for other FPL-owned facilities:

Wood pole used only for the street lighting system	\$ 2.54
Concrete pole used only for the street lighting system	\$ 3.49
Fiberglass pole used only for the street lighting system	\$ 4.13

Underground conductors not under paving	1.91¢ per foot
Underground conductors under paving	4.66¢ per foot

The Underground conductors under paving charge will not apply where a CIAC is paid pursuant to section (a) under "Customer Contributions." The Underground conductors not under paving charge will apply in these situations.

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(Continued from Sheet No. 8.716)

On Customer-owned Street Lighting Systems, where Customer contracts to relamp at no cost to FPL, the Monthly Rate for non-fuel energy shall be 2.060¢ per kwh of estimated usage of each unit plus adjustments.

During the initial installation period:

Facilities in service for 15 days or less will not be billed;

Facilities in service for 16 days or more will be billed for a full month.

WILLFUL DAMAGE:

Upon the second occurrence of willful damage to any FPL-owned facilities, the Customer will be responsible for the cost incurred for repair or replacement. If the lighting fixture is damaged, based on prior written instructions from the Customer, FPL will:

- a) Replace the fixture with a shielded cutoff cobrahead. The Customer shall pay \$120.00 for the shield plus all associated costs. However, if the Customer chooses to have the shield installed after the first occurrence, the Customer shall only pay the \$120.00 cost of the shield; or
- b) Replace with a like unshielded fixture. For this, and each subsequent occurrence, the Customer shall pay the costs specified under "Removal of Facilities"; or
- c) Terminate service to the fixture.

Option selection shall be made by the Customer in writing and apply to all fixtures which FPL has installed on the Customer's behalf. Selection changes may be made by the Customer at any time and will become effective ninety (90) days after written notice is received.

Conservation Charge	See Sheet No. 8.030
Capacity Payment Charge	See Sheet No. 8.030
Environmental Charge	See Sheet No. 8.030
Fuel Charge	See Sheet No. 8.030
Franchise Fee	See Sheet No. 8.031
Tax Clause	See Sheet No. 8.031

TERM OF SERVICE:

Initial term of ten (10) years with automatic, successive five (5) year extensions unless terminated in writing by either FPL or the Customer at least ninety (90) days prior to the current term's expiration.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- Service under this schedule is subject to orders of governmental bodies having jurisdiction and to the currently effective "General Rules and Regulations for Electric Service" on file with the Florida Public Service Commission. In case of conflict between any provision of this schedule and said "General Rules and Regulations for Electric Service", the provision of this schedule shall apply.

STREET LIGHTING AGREEMENT

In accordance with the following terms and conditions, _____

(hereinafter called the Customer), requests on this _____ day of _____, 19____, from FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY (hereinafter called FPL), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, the following installation or modification of street lighting facilities at (general boundaries): _____

located in _____, Florida.
(city/county)

(a) Installation and/or removal of FPL-owned facilities described as follows:

Lights Installed			Lights Removed		
Fixture Rating (in Lumens)	Fixture Type	# Installed	Fixture Rating (in Lumens)	Fixture Type	# Removed
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Poles Installed		Poles Removed		Conductors Installed		Conductors Removed	
Pole Type	# Installed	Pole Type	# Removed	_____ Feet not Under Paving	_____ Feet not Under Paving	_____ Feet Under Paving	_____ Feet Under Paving
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

(b) Modification to existing facilities other than described above (explain fully):

That, for and in consideration of the covenants set forth herein, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

FPL AGREES:

- To install or modify the street lighting facilities described and identified above (hereinafter called the Street Lighting System), furnish to the Customer the electric energy necessary for the operation of the Street Lighting System, and furnish such other services as are specified in this Agreement, all in accordance with the terms of FPL's currently effective street lighting rate schedule on file at the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) or any successive street lighting rate schedule approved by the FPSC.

THE CUSTOMER AGREES:

- To pay a contribution in the amount of \$ _____ prior to FPL's initiating the requested installation or modification.
- To purchase from FPL all of the electric energy used for the operation of the Street Lighting System.
- To be responsible for paying, when due, all bills rendered by FPL pursuant to FPL's currently effective street lighting rate schedule on file at the FPSC or any successive street lighting rate schedule approved by the FPSC, for facilities and service provided in accordance with this agreement.
- To provide access, final grading and, when requested, good and sufficient easements, suitable construction drawings showing the location of existing and proposed structures, identification of all non-FPL underground facilities within or near pole or trench locations, and appropriate plats necessary for planning the design and completing the construction of FPL facilities associated with the Street Lighting System.
- To perform any clearing, compacting, removal of stumps or other obstructions that conflict with construction, and drainage of rights-of-way or easements required by FPL to accommodate the street lighting facilities.

IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT:

- 7. Modifications to the facilities provided by FPL under this agreement, other than for maintenance, may only be made through the execution of an additional street lighting agreement delineating the modifications to be accomplished. Modification of FPL street lighting facilities is defined as the following:
 - a. the addition of street lighting facilities;
 - b. the removal of street lighting facilities; and
 - c. the removal of street lighting facilities and the replacement of such facilities with new facilities and/or additional facilities.

Modifications will be subject to the costs identified in FPL's currently effective street lighting rate schedule on file at the FPSC, or any successive schedule approved by the FPSC.

- 8. FPL will, at the request of the Customer, relocate the street lighting facilities covered by this agreement, if provided sufficient right-of-ways or easements to do so. The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of all costs associated with any such Customer-requested relocation of FPL street lighting facilities. Payment shall be made by the Customer in advance of any relocation.
- 9. FPL may, at any time, substitute for any luminaire/lamp installed hereunder another luminaire/lamp which shall be of at least equal illuminating capacity and efficiency.
- 10. This Agreement shall be for a term of ten (10) years from the date of initiation of service, and, except as provided below, shall extend thereafter for further successive periods of five (5) years from the expiration of the initial ten (10) year term or from the expiration of any extension thereof. The date of initiation of service shall be defined as the date the first lights are energized and billing begins, not the date of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be extended automatically beyond the initial ten (10) year term or any extension thereof, unless either party shall have given written notice to the other of its desire to terminate this Agreement. The written notice shall be by certified mail and shall be given not less than ninety (90) days before the expiration of the initial ten (10) year term, or any extension thereof.
- 11. In the event street lighting facilities covered by this agreement are removed, either at the request of the Customer or through termination or breach of this agreement, the Customer shall be responsible for paying to FPL an amount equal to the original installed cost of the facilities provided by FPL under this agreement less any salvage value and any depreciation (based on current depreciation rates as approved by the FPSC) plus removal cost.
- 12. Should the Customer fail to pay any bills due and rendered pursuant to this agreement or otherwise fail to perform the obligations contained in this Agreement, said obligations being material and going to the essence of this Agreement, FPL may cease to supply electric energy or service until the Customer has paid the bills due and rendered or has fully cured such other breach of this Agreement. Any failure of FPL to exercise its rights hereunder shall not be a waiver of its rights. It is understood, however, that such discontinuance of the supplying of electric energy or service shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement by FPL, nor shall it relieve the Customer of the obligation to perform any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 13. The obligation to furnish or purchase service shall be excused at any time that either party is prevented from complying with this Agreement by strikes, lockouts, fires, riots, acts of God, the public enemy, or by cause or causes not under the control of the party thus prevented from compliance, and FPL shall not have the obligation to furnish service if it is prevented from complying with this Agreement by reason of any partial, temporary or entire shut-down of service which, in the sole opinion of FPL, is reasonably necessary for the purpose of repairing or making more efficient all or any part of its generating or other electrical equipment.
- 14. This Agreement supersedes all previous Agreements or representations, either written, oral or otherwise between the Customer and FPL, with respect to the facilities referenced herein and constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties. This Agreement does not create any rights or provide any remedies to third parties or create any additional duty, obligation or undertakings by FPL to third parties.
- 15. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Customer and FPL.
- 16. This Agreement is subject to FPL's Electric Tariff, including, but not limited to, the General Rules and Regulations for Electric Service and the Rules of the FPSC, as they are now written, or as they may be hereafter revised, amended or supplemented. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the provisions of the FPL Electric Tariff or the FPSC Rules, the provisions of the Electric Tariff and FPSC Rules shall control, as they are now written, or as they may be hereafter revised, amended or supplemented.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereby caused this Agreement to be executed in triplicate by their duly authorized representatives to be effective as of the day and year first written above.

Charges and Terms Accepted:

Customer (Print or type name of Organization)

FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

By: _____
Signature (Authorized Representative)

By: _____
(Signature)

(Print or type name)

(Print or type name)

Title: _____

Title: _____

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MEMORANDUM

To: Aristides Rivera, P.E., P.L.S., Director
Public Works Department

Date: January 15, 2002

From: *Diane O'Quinn Williams*
Diane O'Quinn Williams, Director
Department of Planning and Zoning

Subject: Street Lighting, Maintenance of
Landscape, Walls Adjacent to
Double-Frontage Lots and Lakes
Special Taxing Districts

Section: As Required

District: As Required

Council: As Required

Effective September 5, 2001, all tentative plats in the unincorporated area of Miami-Dade County submitted to the Land Development Division of the Public Works Department, must be accompanied by a properly executed petition for all applicable special taxing districts including, but not limited to street lights, maintenance of landscape, walls adjacent to double frontage lots, entrance features and lakes. Final Plats will not be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration until the applicable special taxing districts are created, and all fees have been paid. In that regard, to ensure expeditious processing, this Memorandum may serve as approval for certain future special taxing district application requests as being consistent with the intent and purpose of the adopted 2005-2015 Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP). Policy 4A – Capital Improvement Element states: Appropriate funding mechanisms will be adopted and applied by Miami-Dade County in order to assure the fiscal resources to maintain acceptable levels of service. Such funding mechanisms include special tax districts, municipal taxing service units, local option taxes, user fees, local gas tax, general obligation bond, impact fees, and special purpose authorities, or others as appropriate and feasible (Adopted Components as Amended through April 2001, page IX-10). The provision for services over and above minimum for neighborhoods and communities may be accomplished through the special taxing district as may be prescribed by the code.

The Department of Planning and Zoning (DP&Z) has no objection to a blanket approval with condition to establish future special taxing districts as limited to requests for street lighting, landscape maintenance, walls adjacent to double-frontage lots and lake maintenance districts. The previously noted special taxing districts may be established on the condition that the DP&Z review all landscape maintenance districts for compliance with plantings in public rights-of-way and lake maintenance districts for consistency with Landscape Code (Chapter 18A) Section 18A-6(L) Storm Water Retention/Detention Areas.

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SUMMARY OF THE REPORT
ON THE CREATION OF SOTO ESTATES
STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 28 of the Code of Miami-Dade County to provide street lighting in new subdivisions through the creation of a street lighting special taxing district, and in compliance with Chapter 18 of the Code, a petition signed by 100% of the owners of property embraced within the proposed district was presented.

The proposed district is located in a portion of unincorporated Miami-Dade County, Florida, and its boundaries are set forth as follows:

- On the North, S.W. 14th Street;
- On the East, S.W. 139th Avenue;
- On the South, theo. S.W. 15th Street;
- On the West, theo. S.W. 139th Court.

The boundaries are shown on the attached plan entitled Soto Estates and hereinafter referred to as Exhibit A.

The street lights to be provided under this district will consist of 9,500 lumen sodium vapor bracket-arm street lights mounted on new concrete or existing wooden poles and served by overhead and underground wiring. The service provided by the Florida Power and Light Company includes electric energy, lamp replacement, replacement of damaged equipment, and all the operation and maintenance costs.

As provided for under Section 18-2 of the Code, the owners of property embraced within the proposed district shall guarantee payment of all costs and expenses incident to the creation of such district and shall pay the entire cost of providing street lighting within the district for the first year.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS

	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
Annual Street Lighting Cost (Service Provided by FP&L)	\$475	\$475
FP&L Restoration Cost	250	0
Engineering & Administrative Cost	2,625	25

ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS (CONTINUED)

	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
Billing, Collecting and Processing Costs	\$1,935	\$150
Contingencies	<u>800</u>	<u>35</u>
Total Amount To Be Advanced by Petitioners	\$6,085	
Total Estimated Cost to District Each Year Thereafter		\$685

ESTIMATED ASSESSMENTS

	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>
Per Assessable Front Foot		\$1.713
Per Year For A Typical Interior Lot	Costs to be provided by the	\$128
Per Year For A Typical Corner Lot	petitioners	\$195

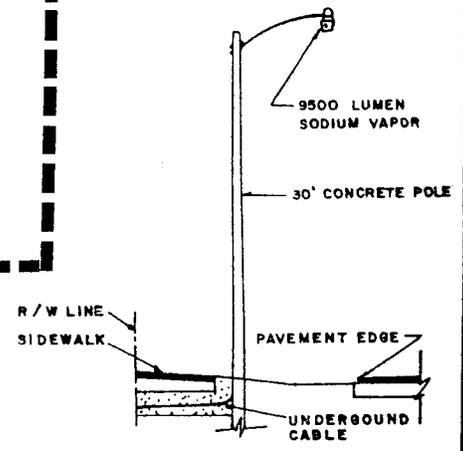
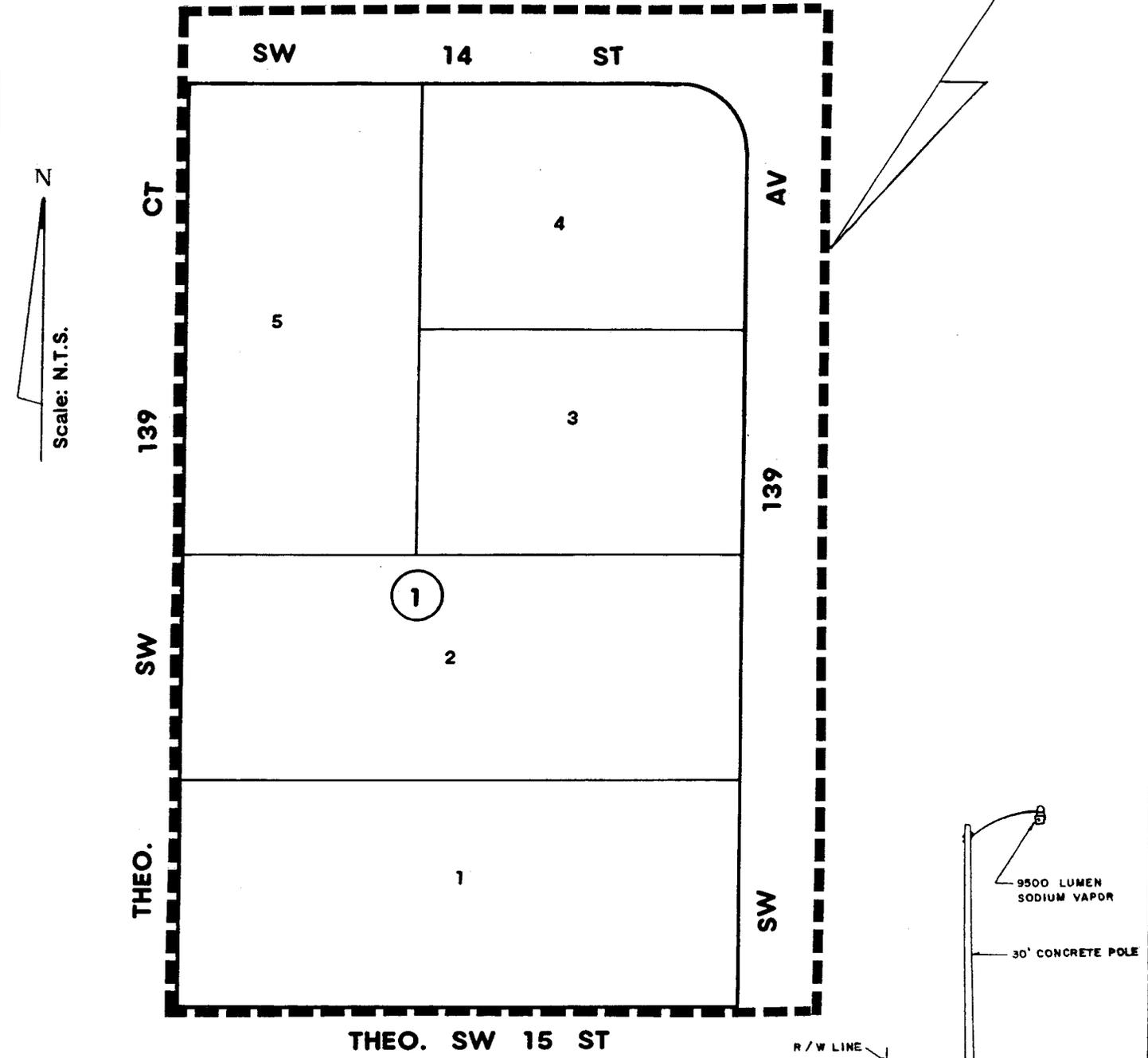
The annual assessments shown above are representative of costs for typical lots within this district.

The proposed district conforms with the Comprehensive Development Master Plan of Miami-Dade County and will provide benefits to all property within the district exceeding the total amount of special assessments to be levied.

The creation of the district will be subject to Commission approval, no election will be necessary as 100 percent of the owners herein signed the petition.

Attachment: Exhibit A

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



TYPICAL INSTALLATION

SOTO ESTATES STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT

- 3 —9,500 LUMEN SODIUM VAPOR BRACKET-ARM STREET LIGHTS MOUNTED ON NEW CONCRETE OR EXISTING WOODEN POLES SPACED APPROX. 140 FT. APART INSTALLED ALONG ALL PUBLIC ROADWAYS WITHIN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES
- 1 —9,500 LUMEN SODIUM VAPOR BRACKET-ARM STREET LIGHT TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THIS DISTRICT FOR BILLING PURPOSES ONLY

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