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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
DIRECT TESTIMONY OF  
PATRICIA Q. WEST  
ON BEHALF OF  
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA  
DOCKET NO. 030007-EI  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2003

**Q. Please state your name and business address.**

A. My name is Patricia Q. West. My business address is 100 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33701.

**Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

A. I am employed by Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("Progress Energy" or "Company") as Manager of Environmental Projects and Strategy. In that position, I have responsibility for the development of compliance strategies pertaining to new regulatory requirements for energy supply facilities in Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

**Q. Please describe your background and experience in the environmental field.**

A. I obtained my B.S. degree in Biology from New College of the University of South Florida in 1983. I was employed by the Polk County Health Department from 1983-1986 and by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") from 1986-1990. At DEP, I was involved in compliance and

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1 enforcement efforts associated with petroleum storage facilities. In 1990, I  
2 joined Florida Power Corporation as an Environmental Project Manager and  
3 then held progressively responsible positions in the company's environmental  
4 services department, including the position of team leader for the integration of  
5 the environmental functions of Florida Power and Carolina Power and Light.  
6 From 2001-2002, I served as Manager of Water Programs in the Environmental  
7 Services Section of Progress Energy's Technical Services Department. In 2002,  
8 I assumed my current position as Manager of Environmental Programs and  
9 Strategy.

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11 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

12 The Company recently filed a petition in Docket No. 030711-EI asking the  
13 Commission to determine that the costs of two new environmental programs are  
14 eligible for recovery through the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause  
15 ("ECRC"). The two new projects are:

- 16 • Pipeline Integrity Management Program (No.3)
- 17 • Aboveground Storage Tank Secondary Containment Projects (No.4)

18 This testimony provides estimates of the costs that will be incurred for these  
19 programs in the year 2004.

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21 **Q. What costs do you expect to incur in 2004 in connection with the Pipeline  
22 Integrity Management Program?**

23 A. For 2004, we estimate total O&M expenditures of \$245,000. This figure  
24 includes the costs of performing the required baseline integrity assessment of the

1 pipeline segment between the Bartow pig launching station and the Anclote pig  
2 receiving station (\$150,000), initiating the baseline integrity assessment of the  
3 Bartow above-ground piping segment (\$50,000), reviewing and evaluating the  
4 assessment results (\$15,000), updating the integrity management plan and risk  
5 assessments (\$10,000), and supporting the leak detection system (\$20,000).

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7 **Q. What steps is the Company taking to ensure that the level of expenditures**  
8 **to comply with the new pipeline regulations is reasonable and prudent?**

9 A. Before beginning to implement the upgraded leak detection system, Progress  
10 Energy performed a study to identify the most cost-effective method of bringing  
11 the system into compliance with the new regulatory requirements.

12 As future services are required to comply with the regulations, Progress  
13 Energy will identify qualified suppliers of the necessary services. Where  
14 possible, competitive bidding will be used to select the lowest cost supplier.

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16 **Q. What costs do you expect to incur in 2004 in connection with the Above**  
17 **Ground Storage Tank Secondary Containment Program?**

18 A. Progress Energy is currently estimating no project costs during 2004 for the  
19 Aboveground Storage Tank Secondary Containment Program.

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21 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

22 A. Yes it does.

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