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Public Service Commission

January 30, 2004

Mr. Paul Lewis, Jr.,
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Re: **Docket No.:** 031057-EI; **Company Name:** Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ; **Audit Purpose:** To determine the difference, if any, between the 2003 benchmark price paid by PEFI for waterbone coal transportation service and the actual cost of providing the service by PFC in 2003; **Audit Control No.:** 04-028-2-1

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The Florida Public Service Commission will conduct an audit to determine the difference, if any, between the 2003 benchmark price paid by PEFI for waterbone coal transportation service and the actual cost of providing the service by PFC in 2003, in accordance with Commission audit procedures. Access will be requested to documents and records of the utility and, if necessary, supporting records for affiliate company transactions that affect regulated operations. Staff auditors may also request to review the utility's external audit working papers for the most recent independent audit. Mr. Joe Rohrbacher, the Tampa district office supervisor, will coordinate this audit. Mr. Rohrbacher can be reached at (813) 356-1444. Questions regarding the audit or audit staff should be directed to the district supervisor or myself. My phone number is (850) 413-6487.

The Audit Access to Records rule for each industry states:

In those instances where the utility disagrees with the auditor's assessment of a reasonable response time to the audit request, the utility shall first attempt to discuss the disagreement with the auditor and reach an acceptable revised date. If agreement cannot be reached, the utility shall discuss the issue with successive levels of supervisors at the Commission until an agreement is reached.

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A formal report is expected to be issued for internal Commission use on March 15, 2004. A copy of the final report will be mailed to the company liaison listed in the Commission Mailing Directory.

Sincerely,



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