### **VOTE SHEET**

### MARCH 16, 2004

RE: Docket No. 040008-EI - Petition for approval of depreciation rate applicable to new plant subaccounts for Hines Unit 2 by Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

<u>Issue 1</u>: Should the Commission approve Progress Energy's petition for approval of depreciation rate for newly established Hines Unit 2 plant subaccounts on a preliminary basis?

<u>Recommendation</u>: Yes. For Hines Unit 2, PEF proposes a 30-year average service life, a negative net salvage value of 10%, and a depreciation rate of 3.7%. This should be approved on a preliminary basis. The depreciation expenses should be trued up when final action, expected to occur during May 2004, is taken by the Commission in this docket.

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<u>Issue 2</u>: What should be the effective date of the implementation for the new depreciation rate for Hines Unit 2?

<u>Recommendation</u>: Staff recommends December 4, 2003 as an implementation date for Progress Energy's proposed depreciation rate on a preliminary basis.

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Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

<u>Recommendation</u>: No. This docket should remain open pending final Commission action on Progress Energy's proposed depreciation rate.

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