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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Petition for rate increase by
Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

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Docket No. 050078-EI
Submitted for filing June 28, 2005

**PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S FIFTH REQUEST
FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Progress Energy Florida ("PEF" or the "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Fla. Stats., and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, files this Request for Confidential Classification for confidential portions of PEF's responses to the Office of Public Counsel's ("OPC") Fifth Request for Production (Nos. 126-144), as Staff has requested copies of these responses. On June 15, 2005, PEF filed its Fourth Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification with respect to this information. PEF therefore files this Fifth Request for Confidential Classification within the twenty-one day period set out in Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code. Specifically, portions of PEF's responses to Requests 127, 128, and 130 contain confidential business information relating to PEF's business strategies and budgets and, thereby, the disclosure of such sensitive business information to the public would adversely impact PEF's competitive business interest. Accordingly, PEF hereby submits the following.

Basis for Confidential Classification

Subsection 366.093(1), Florida Statutes, provides that "any records received by the Commission which are shown and found by the Commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from [the

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Public Records Act].” §366.093(1), Fla. Stats. Proprietary confidential business information means information that is (i) intended to be and is treated as private confidential information by the Company, (ii) because disclosure of the information would cause harm, (iii) either to the Company’s ratepayers or the Company’s business operation, and (iv) the information has not been voluntarily disclosed to the public. §366.093(3), Fla. Stats. Specifically, “information relating to competitive interests” is defined as proprietary confidential business information if the disclosure of such information “would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.” §366.093(3)(e), Fla. Stats.

The aforementioned discovery sought by Staff should be afforded confidential treatment because portions of the responses to these interrogatories and requests for production contain confidential information relating to PEF’s competitive interests. Public disclosure of the information in question (such as PEF’s business strategies and budgets) would compromise PEF’s competitive business interests by disclosing sensitive business information.

OPC’s Fifth Request for Production Nos. 127, 128, and 129

Portions of PEF’s responses to OPC’s Fifth Request for Production Numbers 127, 128, and 130 should be afforded confidential treatment for the reasons set forth in the Affidavit of Lori Cross filed in support of PEF’s Fifth Request for Confidential Classification and for the following reasons. Portions of the responses to these Requests contain confidential information relating to PEF’s business strategies and budgets and, thereby, the disclosure of such sensitive business information to the public would adversely impact PEF’s competitive business interest. See Affidavit of Lori Cross at 5.

If PEF's suppliers or competitors were made aware of PEF's business strategies and/or budgets, they may adjust their behavior in the market place with respect to activity such as pricing and the acquisition and provision of goods, materials, and services. Id.

Specifically, PEF's suppliers and providers may decrease supply of such equipment or materials, and/or increase the cost and prices of such goods. Id. Additionally, PEF's competitors may adjust their consumption behavior in the market, thereby potentially making goods and services less available and more expensive to PEF. Id.

Strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of the confidential documents and information at issue, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company, and restricting the number of, and access to the information and documents. See Affidavit of Lori Cross at 6. At no time has the Company publicly disclosed the confidential information or documents at issue. Id. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information and documents at issue as confidential. Id.

Conclusion

Certain portions of the responses to the requests for production provided to the Office of Public Counsel and sought by Staff fit the statutory definition of proprietary confidential business information under Section 366.093 and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, and that information should be afforded confidential classification. In support of this motion, PEF has enclosed the following:

(1). A separate, sealed envelope containing one copy of the confidential Appendix A to PEF's Request for Confidential Classification for which PEF intends to request confidential classification with the appropriate section, pages, or lines containing

the confidential information highlighted. **This information should be accorded confidential treatment pending a decision on PEF's request by the Florida Public Service Commission;**

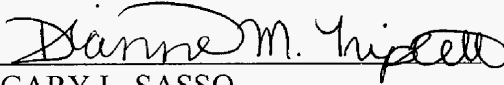
(2). Two copies of the confidential responses with the information for which PEF intends to request confidential classification redacted by section, page, or lines where appropriate as Appendix B; and

(3). A justification matrix supporting PEF's request for confidential classification of the highlighted information contained in confidential Appendix A, as Appendix C.

WHEREFORE, PEF respectfully requests that the responses to OPC's Fifth Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 126-144), Requests 127, 128, and 130, described specifically in Attachment C, be classified as confidential for the reasons set forth above.

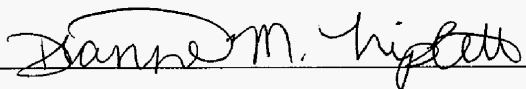
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished electronically and via U.S. Mail this 6th day of July, 2005 to all counsel of record as indicated below.



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