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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Docket No. 050078-EI
Submitted for filing: July 20, 2005

**AFFIDAVIT OF JAVIER PORTUONDO IN SUPPORT OF
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S
NINTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Javier Portuondo, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Javier Portuondo. I am over the age of 18 years old and I have been authorized by Progress Energy Florida (hereinafter "PEF" or the "Company") to give this affidavit in the above-styled proceeding on PEF's behalf and in support of PEF's Ninth Request for Confidential Classification. The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal

CMP _____ knowledge.

COM _____
CTR _____
ECR _____ 2. I am the Director, Regulatory Services – Florida. This department is responsible for the regulatory accounting and reporting activities of Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

GCL 1 _____ 3. As PEF's Director of Regulatory Services, I am familiar with certain of PEF's internal business plans, projected dividends, and audit information.

WMS _____
RCA 1 _____ 4. In its Ninth Request for Confidential Classification, PEF is seeking confidential classification for portions the workpapers produced to Staff in PEF's Rate Case Audit, Audit

SCR _____
SEC 1 _____
OTH Control No. 05-125-2-1. The information for which PEF seeks confidential classification is

records

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more specifically described in Attachment C to PEF's Ninth Request for Confidential Classification.

5. Portions of workpapers 9-1 and 9-3, Bates ranges PEF-RC-030169 through PEF-RC-030173, contain confidential notes and information regarding PEF's audits and, thereby, the disclosure of such sensitive business information to the public would adversely impact PEF's competitive business interest. Specifically, if other third parties were made aware of PEF's confidential audit information, they may adjust their position in the marketplace to PEF's detriment.

6. Portions of workpapers 10-22, Bates ranges PEF-RC-030174 through PEF-RC-030176, contain confidential details regarding non-regulated services PEF provides to various entities, and thereby, the disclosure of such sensitive business information to the public would adversely impact PEF's competitive business interest. If PEF's suppliers or competitors were made aware of PEF's non-regulated transactions with these entities, they may adjust their behavior in the market place with respect to activity such as pricing and the acquisition and provision of non-regulated goods, materials, and services. Specifically, PEF's suppliers and providers may decrease supply of such equipment or materials, and/or increase the cost and prices of such goods.

7. Portions of the workpapers related to PEF's board minutes Bates ranges, PEF-RC-030177 through PEF-RC-030183, contain confidential information, such as PEF's expected dividends and internal business plans, the disclosure of which may impair PEF's competitive business interests. Specifically, if investors were made aware of PEF's projected dividends, they may adjustment their investment behavior, which could have an effect on investment in the Company, potentially impairing PEF's position in the market. Additionally, if PEF's suppliers

or competitors were made aware of PEF's internal business plans or strategies, 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.

8. With respect to the confidential information at issue, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of that information, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company, and restricting the number of, and access to the information. At no time has the Company publicly disclosed that information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

9. This concludes my affidavit.

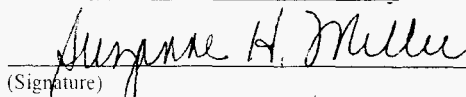
Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 19th day of July, 2005.



(Signature)

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of July, 2005 by Juan P. Orlando. She is personally known to me, or has produced his/her _____ driver's license, or his/her _____ as identification.



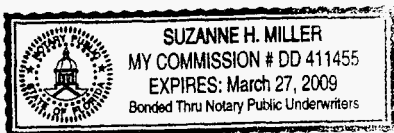
(Signature)

SUZANNE H. MILLER

(Printed Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FL

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