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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 27, 2005

**AFFIDAVIT OF JAVIER PORTUONDO IN SUPPORT OF
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S
ELEVENTH 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 Eleventh Request for Confidential Classification. The facts attested to in my
affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

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

3. As PEF's Director of Regulatory Services, I am familiar with certain of
PEF's business plans and analyses, internal audits, and tax information.

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4. In its Eleventh Request for Confidential Classification, PEF is seeking confidential classification for portions of its supplemental responses to OPC's First Request for Production (Nos. 1-75) and its responses to OPC's Sixth Request for Production (Nos. 145-150). The information for which PEF seeks confidential classification is more specifically described in Attachment C to PEF's Eleventh Request for Confidential Classification.

5. Portions of PEF's supplemental response to OPC's Request 71 contain benchmarking studies conducted by third-parties which must be kept confidential pursuant to contractual confidentiality provisions. Public disclosure of the documents in question would violate the confidentiality provisions contained in those contracts and may impair PEF's efforts to contract favorably in future negotiations. PEF may not be able to contract for such benchmarking studies if the companies providing this service are not assured that all the information provided in connection with the studies is kept confidential.

6. Portions of PEF's supplemental response to OPC's Request 75 contain Progress Energy's projected and estimated figures for short and long term debt, off balance sheet obligations, preferred stock, and common equity, along with other sensitive business information that PEF does not make publicly available. If PEF's suppliers or competitors were made aware of the projected and estimated figures for short and long term debt, off balance sheets, preferred stock, or common equity, they may adjust their behavior in the market place with respect to activity such as pricing and the acquisition and provision of goods, materials, or services. Specifically, if PEF's suppliers and providers were made aware of the sensitive information at issue, they may decrease supply of certain goods and services, and/or increase the cost and prices of such goods

and services. 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.

7. Portions of PEF's responses to OPC's Requests 146 and 147 contain information concerning internal auditing by PEF. Such information is protected from public disclosure by Section 366.093(3)(b), Fla. Stat.

8. Portions of PEF's response to OPC's Request 148 contain confidential tax documents. Public disclosure of such documents may adversely impact PEF's competitive business interests because the information therein contains detailed financial information related to costs and expenses that the Company incurs as well as details regarding the company's revenue. Specifically, if PEF's suppliers and providers were made aware of the tax information at issue, they may decrease supply of certain goods and services, and/or increase the cost and prices of such goods and services. 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.

9. 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 and documents to assist the Company. At no time has the Company publicly disclosed the confidential information or documents at issue. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information and documents at issue as confidential.

10. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2005

Javier Portuondo
(Signature)

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of July, 2005 by Javier Portuondo. He is personally known to me, or has produced his _____ driver's license, or his _____ as identification.



(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

Suzanne H. Miller
(Signature)

SUZANNE H. MILLER
(Printed Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF Florida

3/27/09
(Commission Expiration Date)