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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Requirement for investor-owned electric utilities to file ongoing storm preparedness plans and implementation cost.

Docket No. 060198-EI

Dated: October 6, 2006

**PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA INC.'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Progress Energy Florida, Inc., ("PEF" or "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), submits this Request for Confidential Classification for certain information provided in response to Staff's Informal Data Request dated September 8, 2006 in regard to PEF's Integrated Vegetation Management Plan. In support of this Request, PEF states:

1. In response to Staff's Informal Data Request regarding PEF's Integrated Vegetation Management Plan, PEF has provided responses containing information that is "proprietary business

information" under Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes.

2. The following exhibits are included with this request:

(a) See Confidential Exhibit A as filed in PEF's Notice of Intent for Request for Confidential Classification filed on September 15, 2006.

(b) Composite Exhibit B is a package containing two copies of redacted versions of the documents for which the Company requests confidential classification. The specific information for which confidential treatment is requested has been blocked out by opaque marker or other means.

(c) Exhibit C is a table which identifies by page and line the information for

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which PEF seeks confidential classification and the specific statutory bases for seeking confidential treatment.

3. As indicated in Exhibit C, the information for which PEF requests confidential classification is “proprietary confidential business information” within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S. Specifically, the information at issue relates to sensitive business information concerning the amount of lines trimmed, dollars to be spent, and future vegetation management plans, the disclosure of which would impair the Company’s competitive business with contractors. *See* § 366.093(3)(d), F.S.; Affidavit of Jason Cutliffe at ¶ 5. Furthermore, the information at issue relates to the competitive interests of PEF, the disclosure of which would impair their competitive businesses. *Id.* § 366.093(3)(e); Affidavit of Jason Cutliffe at ¶ 6. Accordingly, such information constitutes “proprietary confidential business information” which is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act pursuant to Section 366.093(1), F.S.

4. The information identified as Exhibit “A” is intended to be and is treated as confidential by the Company. *See* Affidavit of Jason Cutliffe at ¶ 7. The information has not been disclosed to the public, and the Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential. *See* Affidavit of Jason Cutliffe at ¶ 7.

5. PEF requests that the information identified in Exhibit A be classified as “proprietary confidential business information” within the meaning of section 366.093(3), F.S., that the information remain confidential for a period of at least 18 months as provided in section 366.093(4) F.S., and that the information be returned as soon as it is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business..

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, PEF respectfully requests that this Request for Confidential Classification be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 6th day of October, 2006.

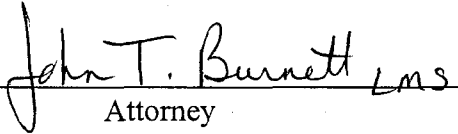
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of Progress Energy Florida, Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification relating to responses to Staff's Informal Data Request in Docket No. 060198-EI has been furnished by regular U.S. mail to the following this 6th day of October, 2006.


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Exhibit A

(A separate sealed envelope labeled “confidential” was previously filed on September 15, 2006 with PEF’s Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification. The envelope contains one copy of the confidential documents for which PEF seeks confidential treatment)