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UTILITY: Progress Energy - Florida

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AUDIT PURPOSE: Nuclear Controls Review

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**ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

Levy Units 1 and 2

1. a. Please provide current copies of all project planning documents for Levy Units 1 and 2.  
b. Please list and describe the planning and design documents and/or systems used to support, develop and maintain the project plan for Levy Units 1 and 2.
2. a. Please provide current copies of all project management documents for the Levy Units 1 and 2.  
b. Please list and describe the project management documents and/or systems used to track work completion and schedule status for Levy Units 1 and 2.
3. a. Please provide current copies of all contractor evaluation and quality assurance documents for Levy Units 1 and 2.  
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4. a. Provide an organizational chart of the organizations and work units responsible for completing Levy Units 1 and 2, including the names of key managers in place.  
b. Provide a description of the primary responsibilities for each group involved in the projects' completion.  
c. Provide the number of employees in each group.
5. Provide copies of the purchasing, bidding, and contracting procedures applicable to Levy Units 1 and 2.
6. Provide copies of any project management procedures applicable to Levy Units 1 and 2.
7. a. Please list and describe all reporting mechanisms used to provide project status reports and updates to company management, corporate Board of Directors and joint owners.  
b. Please provide copies of all Board of Directors and managing committee meeting minutes that pertain to Levy Units 1 and 2.
8. Provide a list of all internal or external audits of Levy Units 1 and 2 planned for the period 2008-2010.
9. Please provide copies of all scoping studies and feasibility studies regarding the construction of Levy Units 1 and 2.
10. Please provide a recap and description of Levy County Units 1 and 2 planning, history, and work accomplished to date.
11. a) Please provide a description of the status of service and/or materials contracts for Levy Units 1 and 2. Please include descriptions of any negotiations that have not yet resulted in bids or contracts.  
b) Please provide copies of all executed service and/or materials contracts and addendums for Levy Units 1 and 2.  
c) Please provide copies of all sole-source or single-source justification explanations for any applicable Levy Units 1 and 2 contracts.
12. Please provide copies of any RFPs issued by PEF for Levy Units 1 and 2 and any RFP responses, bids or proposals received from potential contractors or suppliers.

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13. Please provide a description and timeline of planned 2008 Levy Units 1 and 2 activities, events, work and milestones.
14. Please provide a description and timeline of NRC and other regulatory applications, approvals, and certifications that are required for Levy Units 1 and 2 over the period 2008-2010.
15. Please provide a description of how the company plans to coordinate the activities and workloads for the CR3 uprate project with those of Levy Units 1 and 2 construction projects. Include discussion of whether the management and support organizations may be involved in both projects, either simultaneously or phased from one to the other during later stages.

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**New Nuclear Plant  
Combined Operating License (COL) Development**

**Business Analysis Package  
Revision 1**

**Sponsoring Business Unit:** Nuclear Generation Group (NGG)

**Funding Legal Entity:** Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. and Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

**Date Prepared:** August 10, 2007

**Key Project Contacts:**

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## Section 1 - Executive Summary

### 1.1 Project Basic Information

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#### 1.1.1 Description

In the course of Progress Energy Carolina's and Progress Energy Florida's integrated resource planning process, the emerging option for new nuclear generation is receiving consideration to address the Company's need for additional generation and improved fuel diversity. Nuclear baseload generation offers economical dispatch and substantial and reliable generation capacity. Also, in light of EPA and DEP Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) and Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR) for fossil generation plants and growing concerns and likely new limitations on greenhouse gas emissions, nuclear energy presents a viable generation alternative. The company has examined the development timeframe for new nuclear generation and has identified reliability and economic need in the 2016 to 2018 timeframe in Florida and 2018 to 2020 timeframe in the Carolinas that would be most cost effectively met with new nuclear generation. Given the impact of CAIR and CAMR legislation, the continuing need for a balanced, diverse energy portfolio, the uncertainty of future natural gas prices, and positive support for nuclear generation afforded by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, nuclear generation is a viable and economic resource to meet this need.

The project scope for this Business Analysis Package is development of two Combined Operating Licenses (COL) applications for the addition of new baseload generation nuclear power plant units in both the Carolinas and Florida. The COLs will be developed per the requirements of 10 CFR Part 52, using the guidance of NEI 04-01, *Industry Guideline for Combined License Applicants Under 10 CFR Part 52*. Under the new 10 CFR Part 52 nuclear power plant licensing process, a single license is now issued for both the construction phase and operating phase of a new nuclear power reactor. This process provides greater regulatory certainty than ~ 30 years ago (when the existing Progress Energy nuclear fleet was licensed) based on the fact that under this new process, the operating license will be issued prior to the actual start of safety-related construction. Nuclear plants have the longest timeline for deployment of any fuel type, requiring activities to start ~ 10 years before the desired commercial in-service date. Accordingly, this BAP details the basis and cost associated with developing Combined Operating License Applications (COLAs) for new nuclear plants in the Carolinas and Florida and will enable the company to preserve nuclear as an option for new baseload generation. The current schedule reflects a February 2008 submittal for the Harris COLA and July 2008 submittal for the Levy COLA.

**This project identifies suitable sites in both the Carolinas and Florida.** The site selection process includes detailed evaluations of various site technical parameters (geology, seismology, cooling water, environmental, etc.), consideration of business strategic considerations (land acquisition/ownership, leveraging existing nuclear sites, etc.), and a high level determination of the likely transmission system upgrades required. The process is systematic and documented, leading to a preferred site that receives final senior management approval. For PEF, the analysis has resulted in the ultimate selection of a 3,000 acre parcel in Levy County (the Rayonier Property) as the preferred site and for PEC, the Shearon Harris site was selected as the preferred site. Approval has also been received to enter into negotiations for adjacent land parcels that are required for access roads, heavy haul route, and transmission corridor access.

**This project will complete a detailed analysis to select an advanced nuclear power reactor technology type for construction (technologies evaluated included the Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC Advanced Passive AP-1000, GE Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor ESBWR, GE Advanced Boiling Water Reactor ABWR, and AREVA European Power Reactor EPR).** The advanced nuclear power plant designs have been significantly improved by use of passive design safety features that reduce the total number of active components (pumps, motors, and valves, etc.) in the plant. This reduces the plant equipment costs, and correspondingly reduces future operating and maintenance costs. After completing a thorough analysis, NGG has selected the Westinghouse AP1000 as the preferred technology for both the Levy and Harris sites.

**The COLs will be developed assuming the addition of two nuclear units at each selected site in the Carolinas and Florida, providing for the future expansion of site power generation after the first unit is placed in service.** The incremental cost for the licensing of a future second unit of the same reactor technology on the selected sites is relatively small in the COL licensing process.

**The two COL applications development will be conducted in two phases:**

- **Phase 1** will encompass all tasks necessary to prepare and submit the two COL applications to the NRC, including NRC acceptance review. This phase includes detailed on-site characterization for geological and environmental analysis and early permitting and land use authorization activities.
- **Phase 2** will involve supporting the NRC review of the two COL applications (after NRC acceptance), including responding to requests for additional information (RAIs), attendance at licensing meetings (e.g., ACRS) and hearings, review of draft NRC documents (Safety Evaluation Report, Environmental Impact Statement, etc.), and will continue through COL issuance by NRC.

**The two COL applications include, at a minimum, the following documents / deliverables (for each selected site):**

- License Application, including general, financial and administrative information
- Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR)
- Environmental Report
- Plant-Specific Technical Specifications (FSAR Chapter 16)
- Emergency Plan (per FSAR Chapter 13)
- Security Plan (per FSAR Chapter 13)
- Quality Assurance Program (per FSAR Chapter 17)
- Required program plans and manuals, separate from FSAR submittal
- Report on departures from and exemptions to the generic Design Certification Documents (DCD)
- Site Redress Plan (to allow limited site work prior to the issuance of the COL)
- Plant-specific PRA (in accordance with the most current applicable regulations)
- Site-specific structures conceptual design (such as intake structure)

**This project includes site characterizations, research and analysis, engineering document preparation, and licensing activities with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. It does NOT include procurement of power producing, permanent plant equipment.** The only anticipated site work associated with COL application development is the on-site geological characterization (i.e. surveys, borings, soundings, etc.), and the required 2-year collection of meteorological data, which would require construction of a met tower on the selected "greenfield" site. For the purposes of this BAP, the term "greenfield" refers to a site where no existing nuclear power units exists, including no previously NRC issued Construction Work Permits (CWPs) and/or Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) pursuant to 10 CFR Part 52. Progress Energy has considered both existing nuclear sites and greenfield sites for new baseload generation.

**As a result of the work previously authorized and performed under this initial BAP, the requirements for design and construction of a new nuclear generating facility in Florida have been more clearly defined. The next phase of authorization will be outlined in a second BAP, which is required to proceed with design and other pre-construction requirements of the new facility. The second Business Analysis Package (BAP) is to be developed at the legal entity level (PEF / PEC) and encompasses the total project scope. The second BAP will subdivide the work scope into key activities and will be structured in a manner that facilitates frequent review and approval cycles. Examples of these key activities include site preparations, the purchase of long lead equipment (reactor vessel, steam generators, etc.), and actual physical construction of the nuclear power generating station and associated transmission line direct connections/upgrades.**

Currently, a new BAP is being developed and reviewed for New Nuclear Baseload Generation – Progress Energy Florida. The overall project structure will be discussed in detail in this second BAP. Note that nuclear power plant licensing, construction, and start-up activities are estimated to be approximately 10 years in duration. Therefore, in order to have a nuclear option available for new baseload generation, licensing activities must be commenced well before that required for a pulverized coal, gas combined cycle, and/or gas CT power plant. The Business analysis Package, the supporting Project Authorization Documentation, and System Planning Baseload Study analysis will serve as the approval vehicle for the official document which will reaffirm the decision to build new nuclear power plant(s) starting in the 2010 timeframe, and will incorporate the best available information (at that time) on projected plant costs, licensing/regulatory climate, alternative power plant options, radioactive waste disposal status, costs of the various fuel type options, and refined load growth forecasts.

The project cost for the two COLs development will be primarily driven by contracted engineering/licensing services (competitively bid) for the development of the application and NRC application review fees. Estimates have been updated to include FEMA fees for review of the Emergency Plan. This BAP also includes estimated costs associated with land acquisition in Florida for a greenfield site. The total project costs also include labor cost associated with a staff of permanent Progress Energy personnel that will interface and manage the contracted service work, including the all important owners review of completed documents. Separate contracted engineering services are also used in the siting studies (geological, seismology, hydrology, etc.), early permitting and land use authorization activities, cost estimates for site specific items, required transmission deliverability analysis, and development of a detailed, resource loaded, work breakdown structure (WBS) for the COL project. In addition, contracted legal services are required to support this project, particularly for review and defense of the COL application in regulatory hearings, the need certification process and the Site Certification Application. This project will require the support of personnel from various Progress Energy organizations, including Communications, Regulatory and Public Affairs, Legal, Engineering, Licensing, Transmission, Power Plant Construction, Finance, Project Assurance and Capital Planning.

This project will closely follow the activities of NuStart Energy Development, LLC (which Progress Energy is a member company of) on the DOE awarded COL demonstration project to promptly adopt lessons learned and industry determined best practices. In addition, Progress Energy is dependent upon certain NuStart deliverables associated with standardized sections of the FSAR and first-of-a-kind (FOKE) engineering on the advance reactor technologies that is ultimately necessary to complete the Progress Energy COL licensing effort. It is expected that the COL development can gain some costs efficiencies/savings via leveraging the NuStart projects.

### 1.1.2 Location

The COLs will be developed in support of new nuclear generation sites in both the Carolinas and Florida. Engineering/licensing work will be completed in the corporate headquarters and vendor offices, and on-site characterization will occur at the selected sites.

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### 1.1.4 Schedule

The major project milestones are as follows:

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|--|---------------------------|
| ▪ Start of project                               | August 2005               |
| ▪ Carolinas site selected and announced          | January 2006              |
| ▪ Reactor technology selected                    | January 2006              |
| ▪ COL preparer selected and starts work          | January 2006              |
| ▪ New nuclear plant organization approved        | March 2006                |
| ▪ Florida site selected and announced            | April 2006                |
| ▪ Florida Determination of Need filed            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr. 2008 |
| ▪ Submit Carolinas site COLA to NRC              | 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2008  |
| ▪ Submit Florida site COLA to NRC                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2008  |
| ▪ Order long lead items for both sites           | 2008 (LNP) 2010 (HAR)     |
| ▪ Start Florida site pre-construction activities | Redacted                  |
| ▪ Start Carolinas pre-construction activities    | ~ 2011                    |
| ▪ NRC approves Florida COL                       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2011  |
| ▪ Start Florida safety-related construction      | Redacted                  |
| ▪ NRC approves Carolinas COL                     | 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2013  |
| ▪ Start Carolinas safety-related construction    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2013  |

Dates for pre-construction and construction activities have been adjusted from the initial BAP submittal to meet the latest Integrated Resource Plan requirements. COL submittal dates have been adjusted to reflect the latest schedule from NuStart to deliver standard FSAR Sections. Dates following the COL submittals are best estimates based on public NRC statements and expectations concerning review durations. However, the regulatory process under 10 CFR Part 52 is new, and contested hearings and/or intervention could also affect these later milestone dates. Generally, site pre-construction activities would start ~ 1 year before the COL is expected to be issued. Certain pre-construction activities must be authorized by the NRC, and include activities such as grading, excavation, backfill, installation of mud mats and module construction. Safety-related construction is expected to commence only upon receipt of the COL at the specific site.



## 1.2 Recommendation and High Level Discussion

It is recommended to Senior Management, that this Business Analysis Package Revision be approved for the authorization of multi-year capital funding to complete the technology, siting and COL development activities for new nuclear generating units in the Carolinas and Florida as described in the prior section.

The purpose of this revision to the BAP is to increase the authorized amount from Redacted to Redacted (an increase of Redacted).

- Redacted of the increase is driven by the projected cost of the Levy County land acquisition and adjacent land required for access roads, heavy haul route, and transmission access corridors. The Rayonier land purchase will cost approximately \$52.2M (\$45M for the purchases, \$2.7M for legal and closing fees, and \$4.5M due once Levy Nuclear Plant COLA is issued). The purchase of required adjacent land is estimated at Redacted. The original authorization was completed prior to site selection evaluations being completed and assumed the purchase of 2,500 acres @ \$10,000 per acre for a total cost of \$25M. The current projection includes more acreage at a higher cost.
- \$4.9M of the increase is associated with FEMA fees and Site Certification Application requirements.
  - In January 2007, Nuclear Plant Development (NPD) was informed that the Department of Homeland Security would require each new plant applicant be subject to an annual FEMA fee of \$300,000. This new fee was not included in the original BAP.
  - To meet the planned commercial operation date for Levy Nuclear Plant it is necessary to start the Site Certification Application process earlier than planned. The increase shown in this revision is not an increase to the total project costs. It is an acceleration of planned work from a future phase of the project.
- Other adjustments have been made across cost categories to better reflect the actual cost of the COLA and the resources required (higher than planned COLA preparation costs are offset by lower Westinghouse COLA support and internal Progress Energy labor). These adjustments do not impact the overall projection for the project.

This BAP revision represents the necessary capital investment to ensure that the nuclear option is available for senior management consideration. Approval of the BAP revision helps to ensure that the Company continues to preserve the ability to meet future generation needs with nuclear capacity. It is cost effective, and offers advantages in fuel diversity, stable energy prices, the ability to meet capacity requirements, reduces dependence on foreign fuel supply, and reduces greenhouse gas and other air emissions. In preparation for the Levy County Needs Determination testimony to be filed 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008, an economic analysis will be updated during 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007.

### 1.3 Funding Requirements and Source

This BAP includes funding for the following major project needs:

| Description   | Estimated Amount (\$M) | Estimated Amount (\$M) | Applicable Spending Years |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Siting-related contracts</b>   |                        |                        | 2005 - 2006               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Carolinas and Florida site characterization</li> <li>▪ Systematic identification of Florida sites</li> <li>▪ Economic impact analysis of HNP site</li> <li>▪ Transmission deliverability analysis for Carolinas and Florida</li> <li>▪ Harris lake level analysis</li> </ul> | Redacted               |                        |                           |
| <b>Project planning contract - COL Development Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)</b>   |                        | Redacted               | 2005                      |
| <b>Land acquisition in Florida for greenfield site (Rayonier and adjacent land)*</b>  | 25.0                   | 62.7                   | 2006                      |
| <b>Meteorology tower construction at greenfield site</b>  |                        |                        | 2006                      |
| <b>COL Phase I - Preparation</b>  |                        |                        | 2006 - 2007               |
| <b>COL Phase II - Support NRC Reviews</b>   |                        |                        | 2007 - 2011               |
| <b>Estimated NRC review fees</b>  |                        |                        | 2007 - 2011               |
| <b>FEMA fees</b>  |                        |                        | 2007-2012                 |
| <b>Westinghouse , Shaw Stone &amp; Webster, and other Contracted Services</b>   |                        |                        | 2006 - 2011               |
| <b>Progress Energy permanent labor (inc. Contractor Augmentation labor)</b>   | Redacted               |                        | 2005 - 2012               |
| <b>External Legal support</b>   |                        | Redacted               | 2007 - 2011               |
| <b>Travel and Lodging</b>   |                        |                        | 2006 - 2012               |
| <b>Office Supplies, and other Misc. Support Costs</b>   |                        |                        | 2006 - 2012               |
| <b>Site Certification Application Preparation</b>   |                        |                        |                           |
| <b>Total Estimated Funding</b>  |                        |                        |                           |

\* Land acquisition projection is based on the Rayonier land purchase of \$52.2M and an estimate for adjacent land. The current projection for the adjacent land required for access roads, heavy haul route, and transmission corridors is \$10.5M. The final cost of the adjacent land will be based on land availability and our ability to secure the land through negotiated purchase or through condemnation proceedings.

| Source:                    | 2005     | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010+ | Total |
|----------------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| <b>Direct Costs (\$ M)</b> | Redacted |      |      |      |      |       |       |

The following items/activities are specifically not included in this BAP:

- Purchase of long-lead delivery equipment
- Site Preparations
- Permanent power producing plant equipment
- Installation of transmission system direct connections and/or upgrades
- NuStart Energy Development, LLC related member company fees and expenses
- Non-capital expenses are not included (examples – standard attire, relocation, general training, etc.

Labor costs associated with level-of-effort support are not included in this BAP. This includes functions such as Communications, Regulatory Affairs support, Accounting, etc. Expenses associated with these support activities will be monitored over the next two reporting periods for consideration of future inclusion in this BAP.

#### 1.4 Project Capital Allocation: Metric Summary Table

At this time an update is not being incorporated for the economic analysis portion of this BAP. An updated economic analysis is being included with the second Business Analysis Package currently being developed for New Nuclear Baseload Generation – Progress Energy Florida. Review of the latest economic analysis is ongoing and continues to factor in additional sensitivities for CO2.

The table below summarizes the results of the economic analysis. For each scenario of alternate baseload resources (e.g. one Coal Unit) the numbers shown in the table represent the cumulative present value of revenue requirements (CPVRR) versus the all gas resource plan. Savings versus the all gas plan are positive numbers and costs versus the all gas plan are negative numbers.

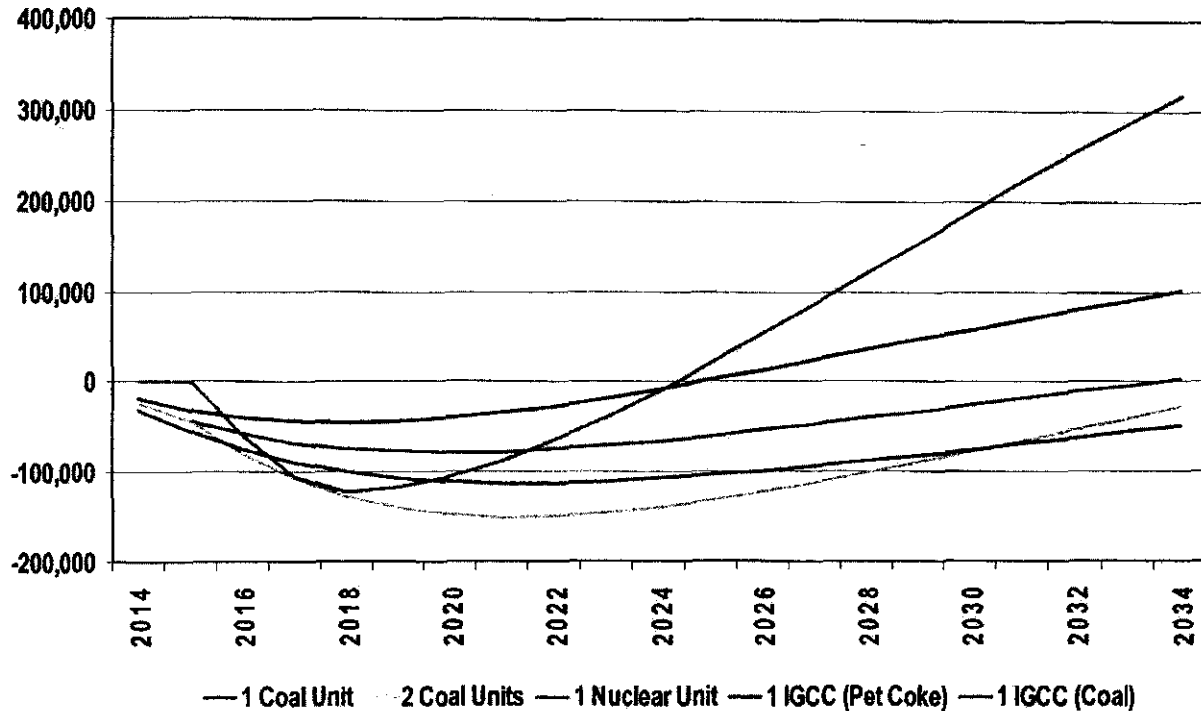
| Scenario                                      | CPVRR Savings (Cost) versus All Gas Base Case - \$millions | Break Even Year vs. All Gas Base Case |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| PEC Scenario 1: One Coal Unit                 | \$2.63   | 2034                                  |
| PEC Scenario 2: Two Coal Units                | (\$28.97)  | n/a                                   |
| <b>PEC Scenario 3: One Nuclear Unit</b>       | <b>\$316.94</b>  | <b>2025</b>                           |
| PEC Scenario 4: One IGCC Unit (Coal)          | (\$49.54)  | n/a                                   |
| PEC Scenario 5: One IGCC Unit (Petcoke)       | \$100.53   | 2025                                  |
| PEF Scenario 1: One Coal Unit                 | \$157.58   | 2018                                  |
| PEF Scenario 2: Two Coal Units                | \$275.61   | 2019                                  |
| <b>PEF Scenario 3: One Nuclear Unit</b>       | <b>\$515.55</b>  | <b>2020</b>                           |
| PEF Scenario 4: One Coal and One Nuclear Unit | \$610.83   | 2020                                  |
| PEF Scenario 5: One IGCC Unit (Coal)          | \$59.95  | 2027                                  |
| PEF Scenario 6: One IGCC Unit (Pet Coke)      | \$476.99   | 2015                                  |

### **1.5 Cashflow Graph**

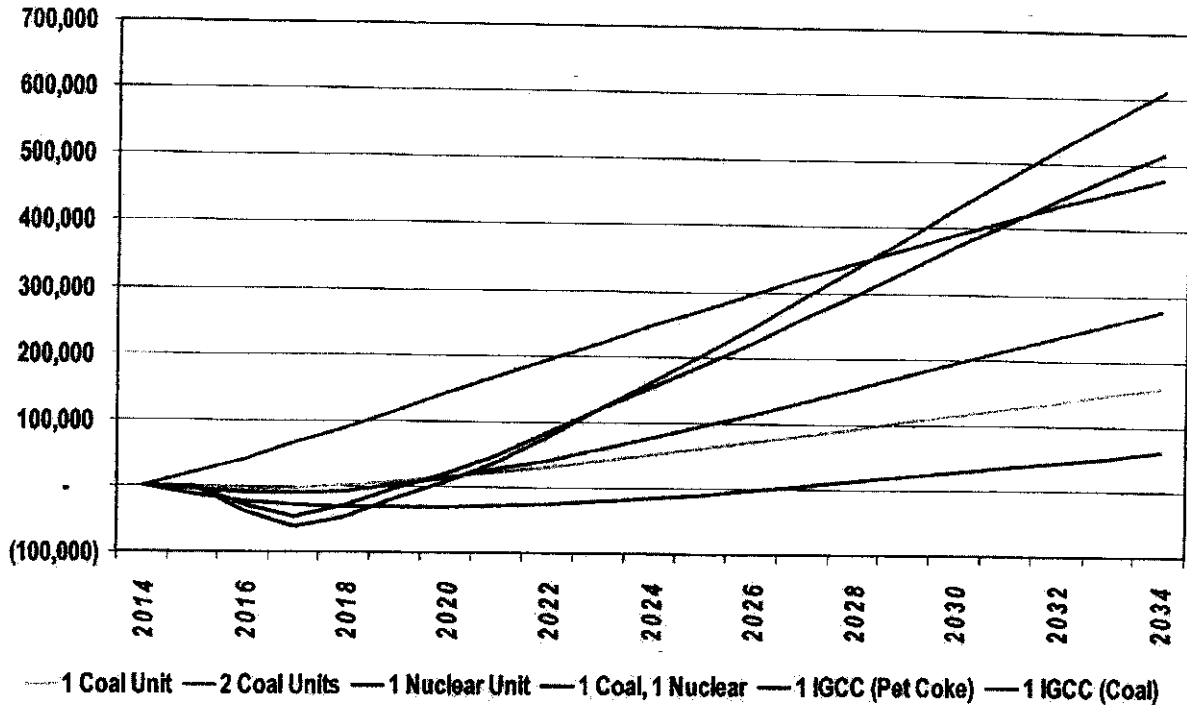
The two charts provided below show the cumulative present value of revenue requirement savings (cost) versus the all gas base case for the various baseload resource plan scenarios in both PEC and PEF. These results are based on the analysis performed in June 2005 using the April 2005 GFF data.

A more detailed description of the economic analysis approach and results can be found in the Economic Analysis Detail section of this document.

**Figure 1 - Cumulative Present Value of Revenue Requirement Savings (Cost) vs. All Gas Resource Plan, PEC**



**Figure 2 - Cumulative Present Value of Revenue Requirement Savings (Cost) Versus All Gas Resource Plan, PEF**



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## **Section 2 - Strategic Fit**

During the course of the integrated resource planning process, the Company examined the development timeframe for new nuclear generation and has identified a reliability and economic need for additional baseload capacity which will be needed in Florida in the 2016 - 2018 timeframe and in the Carolinas in the 2018 and 2020 timeframe. The final decision on generation type will not be made until a later date, but the current Integrated Resource Plan identifies nuclear generation as a recommended cost effective option to meet this demand. Investment is necessary for the nuclear option beginning in early 2006, to keep this choice of baseload generation available for future consideration. The timeline for nuclear deployment is ~ 10 years, while other technologies, such as pulverized coal is less (~ 7 years). This requires an earlier investment in nuclear. The company has communicated internally that "preparation for new baseload generation" and is a significant part of both the PEC and PEF Balanced Plan for 2007 - 2020.

Based on current assumptions such as load growth, the regulatory environment for nuclear, and the cost of various generation fuel types, it is Progress Energy's intent to construct a new nuclear plant. Having said that, COL development does not commit Progress Energy to building new nuclear plants should any of the current assumptions change or continuing to pursue construction should such construction no longer be cost effective or in the best interest of Progress and its customers.

This project does preserve the option for a deployment of new nuclear baseload generation.

## Section 3 - Key Risk Analysis

### 3.1 Market Risk

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#### Price risk:

The ultimate decision to construct a new nuclear plant will be heavily dependent on the final cost to build the plant, the costs of key commodity prices (gas and coal), costs for environmental compliance, and the availability of production tax credits. See discussion of sensitivity analysis in economic analysis section for information on how these key price risks affect the economics of nuclear versus other base load alternatives.

#### Interest Rate Risk:

Interest rate risk may be a critical element to the construction program and will be analyzed as a part of the business case requesting the funding of construction.

#### Hedges:

Before embarking on the construction program, it will be critical to determine if hedging of any key commodities that drive the cost of the project would be prudent. This could be accomplished through the contract with the vendor or could be done independently if the exposure was significant.

### 3.2 Credit Risk (Summarization of credit review)

#### Non-Performance:

The majority of the requested funds are for NRC review fees, land purchases, and the engineering/licensing services contract with the joint of venture team of Sargent & Lundy, Worley Parson, and CH2M Hill. This contract has provisions for termination and suspension for non-performance.

#### Default:

In the case of non-performance termination or default, Progress Energy would contract with another capable engineering/licensing firm to assume this work. Several firms are active in the industry, and based on standardization of the COLA documents, transition to a new vendor would be practical.

### 3.3 Business Risk

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**Economy:**

The ultimate decision to build any new baseload generation will be driven by the load growth in our service territories. An economic downturn in either jurisdiction may result in a deferral of the need to build new baseload generation. Transmission Planning & Operations will continue to monitor our resource plan needs based on the latest estimates of load growth and usage patterns throughout the COL process. Securing the COL's will provide Progress Energy the flexibility to pursue the option to build a nuclear plant if and when it is appropriate based on changes to current assumptions. Once approved, the COL is good for a period of 20 years to build the new nuclear plant.

**Weather:**

Not applicable

**Environment:**

Additional environmental regulations are most likely to impact fossil based generation in an unfavorable way, and therefore improve the relative economics of nuclear versus gas or coal. See the discussion of the carbon tax sensitivity in the Economic Analysis Details Section 6.

**Other:**

In addition to the business risks listed above, the following risks also apply and must be managed as part of this project:

- Potential for significant regulatory changes prior to COL application submittal (such as the pending changes in 10 CFR Part 52)
- Intervention and the resulting contested hearings (in addition to the mandatory hearings)
- Lack of local/state support for re-zoning, permits, licenses, right-of-ways, etc., necessary for the selected site
- Dependency on NuStart developed standardized COL sections (as required by the NRC for a reference plant submittal)

### 3.4 Operational

**Reliability:**

The modeled results assume that the units perform at expected availability factors.



### 3.5 Regulatory Risk

*Described in the Regulatory Impact Analysis Section 6.7.*

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## Section 4 - Key Assumptions

| Item                              | Assumption  | Owner    |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------|
| WACC                              | PEC – 8.2%<br>PEF – 8.1%  | Treasury |
| Tax Rates                         | PEC – 40.27%<br>PEF – 38.58%  | Treasury |
| Costs / kW for nuclear, coal, gas | See table for assumptions related to costs for baseload units, all other costs per April 2005 GFF | SPOD     |
| Operating costs assumed           | April 2005 GFF  | SPOD     |
| Fuel costs                        | April 2005 GFF  | SPOD     |
| Analysis Horizon                  | 20 Years  | SPOD     |

The current gas price forecast (March '06) to be used for long-term analyses shows substantially higher prices than the forecast used in the analyses presented in this document. An updated analysis of the nuclear option using the current forecast would be expected to show improved economics versus the all gas plan, all other factors remaining the same.

## Section 5 - Project Alternatives Analysis

### 5.1 Alternatives considered and basis of selection

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*Refer to the Economic Analysis Detail Section 6.*

### 5.2 Consequences of Non- Authorization and Deferral

If this BAP Revision is not authorized, the nuclear generation option will not be available for deployment in the timeframes stated in the current resource plans. Instead, the company would be limited to only coal (pulverized or IGCC) and/or natural gas as the only options for large scale generation. Based on the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) changes in SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> limits in the 2015 timeframe, the company's options would be limited. Further, potential future regulatory driven CO<sub>2</sub> "taxes" to reduce green house gas emissions (GHG) could also limit future baseload decision options without nuclear being available as an option.

In addition, under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), incentives for new nuclear plants such as Loan Guarantees, Standby Support (a type of risk insurance), and Production Tax Credits would become unavailable if new Progress Energy nuclear generation is not in the 1<sup>st</sup> wave of new nuclear plants across the industry. There are currently 8 utilities with active new nuclear plant programs that would instead reap the benefits of the EPACT. Thus a decision to not authorize this project disadvantages nuclear generation as a resource option and impairs Progress Energy's potential for certain incentives under the EPACT.

## Section 6 - Economic Analysis Detail

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### 6.1 Detailed Discussion of Results

At this time an update is not being incorporated to the Economic Section of this BAP revision. Currently, a new BAP is being developed and reviewed for New Nuclear Baseload Generation – Progress Energy Florida. Review of the most current economic analysis is ongoing and continues to factor in additional sensitivities for CO<sub>2</sub>. The economic analysis that supports this recommendation was performed by the System Planning and Operations Department. This analysis was prepared in support of the August 2005 Senior Management Retreat and further refined for the September 2005 PGN Board Meeting. The approach to the analysis is summarized below:

- Starting with a Base Case resource plan of all natural gas fired generation, alternate resource plans with different combinations of Gas, Coal, Nuclear and IGCC plants were developed to form Scenarios (See Appendix A – Alternative Resource Plans for PEC and PEF).
- For the Base Case and for each Scenario, the future annual revenue requirements of the resource plan were modeled. This included both production costs (i.e. fuel) and fixed costs (i.e. return on rate base and fixed O&M).
- The nominal difference between the annual revenue requirements in the Base Case and each Scenario was calculated as well as a present value of the revenue requirement savings (costs) for each Scenario. These results were summarized into cumulative present value of revenue requirement savings (CPVRR) versus the gas only case (See Figures 1 and 2).
- The CPVRR approach allows for an analysis of how the impact of higher capital costs for Coal, IGCC and Nuclear (versus Gas) initially result in higher revenue requirements versus the gas plan, and how the impact of fuel savings begins to offset the higher upfront costs (the slope of the CPVRR becomes positive and the CPVRR moves toward zero). Once the CPVRR curve for a Scenario crosses zero, this indicates that the Scenario is economically favorable to the Base Case.
- The final value of the CPVRR curve shows the total present value of the revenue requirement savings (if positive) or cost (if negative) of each Scenario versus the Base Case all gas plan. In addition to demonstrating whether a Scenario is favorable to the Base Case, this also allows for a comparison among Scenarios. For example, Figure 1 shows that the CPVRR of the 1 Nuclear Unit Scenario in PEC is favorable to the Base Case (gas only) by \$317 million. It also shows that the CPVRR of the 1 Nuclear Unit Scenario is favorable to the 2 Coal Unit scenario by \$346 million.

- The analysis was performed over a 20 year planning horizon. *(Note that the study period extended through 2034. The study reflected load growth for the first 20 years and held constant the last 10 years. Fuel prices escalated the entire study period.)* While the model is capable of evaluating end effects or performing the evaluation discretely for additional periods, the 20 year time horizon was chosen due to the fact that 20 years provided sufficient time to observe the full impact of the additional capital spending for the alternate Scenarios and to assess the relative fuel advantages of each. The end effects that were modeled in strategist indicated that the relative advantage of the nuclear scenarios would increase going forward. (End effects are a trending of costs and benefits beyond the end of the detailed system simulation, and are representative of how the economics of a given alternative might change through time. Because end effects are trended results, they should not provide the sole basis for decision making.)
- The CPVRR analysis assumed that the recovery of the investment for each of the various baseload resources would begin once the unit is placed in service.

Key assumptions

- Assumptions concerning the capital and operating costs for new baseload units - Used in Economic Analysis (in 2005\$) -

|   | PEC   | PEF   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Combined Cycle</b>                   |   |   |
| Rating, MW                              | 497   | 488   |
| Total Overnight Cost \$/kW              | 642   | 653   |
| Heat Rate, btu/kwhr                     | 6,831   | 6,835   |
| Fixed O&M \$/kW-yr*                     | 28.87   | 38.85   |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWhr                   | 3.24  | 3.29  |
| Construction Time, years                | 3   | 3   |
| <b>Pulverized Coal</b>                  | <i>Burns &amp; McDonnell Data<br/>Sub-critical coal</i>                     | <i>Burns &amp; McDonnell Data<br/>Sub-critical coal</i> |
| Rating, MW                              | 500   | 500   |
| Total Overnight Cost \$/kW              | 1,540   | 1,573   |
| Heat Rate, btu/kwhr                     | 9,100   | 9,100   |
| Fixed O&M \$/kW-yr                      | 18.18   | 18.18   |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWhr                   | 3.76  | 3.33  |
| Construction Time, years                | 5   | 5   |
| <b>Coal Gasification Combined Cycle</b> | <i>Conoco Phillips Data was used for IGCC (same data for PEC &amp; PEF)</i> |   |
| Rating, MW                              | 502   | 502   |
| Total Overnight Cost \$/kW              | 1,435   | 1,435   |
| Heat Rate, btu/kwhr                     | 8,822   | 8,822   |
| Fixed O&M \$/kW-yr                      | 60.57   | 60.57   |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWhr                   | 1.98  | 1.98  |
| Construction Time, years                | 3   | 3   |
| <b>Nuclear</b>                          |   |   |
| Rating, MW                              | 1100  | 1100  |
| Total Overnight Cost \$/kW              | 1,540   | 1,573   |
| Heat Rate, btu/kwhr                     | 10,760  | 10,300  |
| Fixed O&M \$/kW-yr                      | 77.63   | 77.63   |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWhr                   | 1.56  | 1.56  |
| Construction Time, years                | 11  | 11  |

\*Includes pipeline reservation fee

- Progress Energy is evaluating three potential designs for a new nuclear reactor. The intent is to select only one of the three competing designs for both of the proposed plants. The selection of the design will be based on site considerations/ constraints, transmission availability, costs, technical issues, and the system needs. The economic analysis presented in this Business Analysis Package was based on an 1100 MWe net nuclear, which is most closely linked to the

Westinghouse AP1000 design. However, the intent of the economic analysis was not to evaluate which reactor technology to choose for a nuclear plant deployment, but rather to compare the relative economics of various baseload generation options. The other reactor technologies are comparable to the AP1000 in terms of cost (when all system impact considerations are included).

Other Key Assumptions:

- Assumptions related to Prosym/ Strategist modeling – Emissions costs (SO2, NOx, ammonia, limestone) were included in dispatch decisions. PEF analysis included Bartow repowering. System dispatch was modified to meet expected SO2 and NOx limits.
- Assumptions for transmission upgrades and costs – Transmission upgrade costs were included as a sensitivity in the nuclear analysis. An additional cost of approximately \$600 million was assumed for nuclear siting in PEF. No additional cost was used in PEC.
- Assumptions related to Clean Air – Analysis was based on the environmental compliance strategy current at the time of the study. For PEC, this included retirement of small 5 (Weatherspoon 1-3, Lee 1-2) at the end of 2012.
- \$645 M was included in the analysis for decommissioning costs. This cost was based on a decommissioning study conducted for CR3. The cost was converted to an annual fixed cost for inclusion in the analysis.
- Assumptions for key fuel prices:

| <b>Commodity</b>     | <b>2015-2020</b>                                     | <b>2020-2025</b>                                     | <b>2025-2030</b>     | <b>2030-2035</b>     |
|----------------------|--|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Natural Gas (\$/MCF) | \$7.60-<br>\$8.40(PEC)<br>\$7.20-<br>\$8.00(PEF)     | \$8.57-<br>\$9.31(PEC)<br>\$7.35-<br>\$8.00(PEF)     | Escalated @<br>~2%   | Escalated @<br>~2%   |
| Coal (\$/ton)        | \$42.66-<br>\$48.62(PEC)<br>\$63.62-<br>\$71.92(PEF) | \$50.41-<br>\$56.44(PEC)<br>\$73.75-<br>\$83.40(PEF) | Escalated @<br>~2.5% | Escalated @<br>~2.5% |
| Nuclear (\$/MMBTu)   | \$0.40-<br>\$0.44(PEC)<br>\$0.43-<br>\$0.47(PEF)     | \$0.46-<br>\$0.50(PEC)<br>\$0.49-<br>\$0.52(PEF)     | Escalated @<br>~2.5% | Escalated @<br>~2.5% |

Note - Gas prices do not include transportation costs. Coal prices are delivered for a generic unit.

- **Results of NuStart Economic Analysis**

In addition to the analyses performed internally, Progress Energy is an active member of the NuStart consortium. As such, Progress has been involved in the discussions, analyses, and site evaluations surrounding NuStart Energy Development, LLC's efforts to obtain a combined Construction and Operating License (COL) for an advanced nuclear power plant, and eventually to complete the design engineering for the two selected reactor technologies. Progress is participating in NuStart, along with other electric generating companies (Constellation Energy, EDF, Exelon Corp, Entergy Nuclear, Duke Energy, FPL Group, and Southern Company) with assistance from nuclear reactor designers (GE Energy and Westinghouse Electric).

While the focus of NuStart's efforts have been primarily on obtaining the COL's and selecting sites that would meet the environmental, safety, and other NRC requirements for licensing, a market based financial analysis was performed to support the economics of pursuing new nuclear generation. These analyses, performed using inputs and assumptions developed by individuals from each of the eight NuStart members, produced a number of various cost and return based metrics. When compared to cost based metrics of other generation types and market based views of electric revenues, the results were very strongly in support of the nuclear generation alternative.

While there are a number of differences between the revenue requirements based analyses performed internally and the market and cost view economics presented by NuStart, (including differences in methodology, assumptions, sites identified, etc.), it is significant that the eventual results of both studies strongly support the merits of new nuclear generating capacity.

NuStart, in fact, is slightly ahead of Progress's own efforts to pursue and obtain COL's, in that NuStart has completed its site selection process and from a group of more than 35 potential sites selected two upon which to move forward with the COL process. These two sites, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station near Port Gibson, Mississippi and Bellefonte Nuclear Plant near Scottsboro, Alabama will be used on applications for NuStart's combined construction and operating licenses for new nuclear plants.

## 6.2 Scenario Analysis (recommended alternative)

### Expected:

The base case results shown in the table below are based on the assumptions discussed in earlier sections of this report. The results shown are the total cumulative present value of revenue requirements savings for scenarios with nuclear versus the all gas scenarios. In addition, the chart shows the total cumulative present value of revenue requirements savings for the scenarios with nuclear versus the next best resource plan.

### Likely Best:

Applies a \$20/ton carbon tax

### Likely Worst:

Assumes construction costs increase by 20% (for the nuclear plant only) and the natural gas prices decrease by 20%.

## 6.3 Summary of Financial Indicators

| Scenarios   | Expected Base Case<br>(\$ millions) | Likely Best - Include<br>carbon tax<br>(\$ millions) | Likely Worst - Gas<br>Prices decrease 20%<br>and initial cost<br>(\$ millions) |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>PEC</b>  |                                     |  |  |
| CPVRR of 1 Nuclear Plant<br>versus All Gas                              | \$317                               | \$744  | (\$230)  |
| CPVRR of 1 Nuclear Plant<br>versus 1 IGCC                               | \$216                               | \$707  | (\$196)  |
| <b>PEF</b>  |                                     |  |  |
| CPVRR of 1 Nuclear Plant<br>versus All Gas                              | \$516                               | \$814  | (\$172)  |
| CPVRR of 1 Nuclear Plant<br>versus 1 IGCC (petcoke)                     | \$39                                | \$472  | (\$449)  |
| CPVRR of 1 Nuclear Plant<br>and 1 Coal Plant Versus All<br>Gas          | \$611                               | \$738  | (\$261)  |
| CPVRR of 1 Nuclear Plant<br>and 1 Coal Plant versus 1<br>IGCC (petcoke) | \$133                               | \$397  | (\$538)  |

## 6.4 Modeling Tool Used/ Description of Changes/ Approval

Stratigist to evaluate the CPVRR for the Scenarios  
 Prosym for detailed production costs modeling  
 System Planning Excel based model for sensitivities on the CPVRR calculations



## **6.5 Sensitivity Analysis Detail (sample below)**

### **CO2 Tax Sensitivity**

A sensitivity analysis was performed to assess the impacts of a carbon tax on the economics of the scenario with 1 nuclear plant. The results of this sensitivity can be found in Appendix B. As shown in the charts, every \$10/ ton in CO2 tax improves the relative economics of the 1 Nuclear Plant plan versus the all gas plan by \$214 million in PEC and by \$149 million in PEF. In addition, a CO2 tax would hurt the economics of the Coal based resource plans, which would widen the gap between Coal and Nuclear even further. For example, a \$10/ton CO2 tax would cause the gap between the CPVRR savings of the PEC 1 nuclear plant scenario versus the PEC 1 coal plant scenario to increase from \$314 million to \$593 million.

### **Construction Cost Sensitivity**

A sensitivity analysis was performed to assess the impacts of increased construction costs on the economics of the scenario with 1 nuclear plant. The results of this sensitivity can be found in Appendix B. As shown in the charts, a 20% increase in construction costs degrades the relative economics of the 1 Nuclear Plant plan versus the all gas plan by about \$300 million in both PEC and in PEF.

### **Gas Price Sensitivity**

A sensitivity analysis was performed to assess the impacts of changes in the gas price forecast on the economics of the scenario with 1 nuclear plant. The gas price sensitivity is based on a change in the price forecast for gas only and does not factor in any change in the dispatch of the system based on the change in gas prices. The results of this sensitivity can be in Appendix B. As shown in the charts, a 20% decrease in the gas prices forecast degrades the relative economics of the 1 Nuclear Plant plan versus the all gas plan by about \$264 million in PEC and by \$404 million in PEF. As shown in the charts, the coal and IGCC relative economics would suffer similar declines in value relative the all gas plan for the same change in gas prices.

### **Production Tax Credit Sensitivity**

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 included provisions for production tax credits for the first 6000 MW of new nuclear power plants to be built. These credits would be valued at \$1.8 cents per Kwhr of output for the first eight years of operation and would be capped at \$125 million annually. The sensitivity shown in Appendix B assumes that these plants receive the full value of these credits. This sensitivity was performed for the PEC case only; however the relative increase in value would be identical for the PEF case.

## **6.6 Operational Analysis Detail**

*Refer to Section 1.1.1 of this document.*

## 6.7 Regulatory Impact Analysis

Progress Energy has an obligation to ensure that adequate electrical baseload capacity is installed in a timely manner to meet the customer electrical demand with necessary reserve margins. Based upon current information and forecast and detailed system planning it appears that baseload capacity is needed in the 2016 – 2018 timeframe in the Florida service territory and 2018 – 2020 timeframe in the Carolinas.

The various generation technologies have different total deployment times with nuclear being the longest at ~ 10 years, followed by pulverized coal at ~ 7 years. Natural gas (such as CTs) has an even shorter deployment period. In order to best serve Progress Energy customers, all generation technologies available to the market should be considered in baseload additions. As noted in earlier sections of this document CAIR impacts, and potential CO<sub>2</sub> taxes complicate the decision for extensive fossil deployment.

At this time, nuclear is competitive with other available generation technologies. Various analytical models and industry information presented in this document support this conclusion. This is particularly supported by advances in the reactor technology design that simplify the plant (i.e., reduce the number of components) and by use of a modular construction approach to add additional certainty to the construction process.

In order to best serve our customers, Progress Energy needs to invest the capital funds to start the nuclear licensing process which will allow a nuclear deployment if subsequent analysis demonstrates nuclear as the best choice. As the nuclear generation deployment process continues, there exists several decision points where nuclear must be re-evaluated and determined to be the best overall option for baseload generation addition. The future decision points include:

- o **NRC COLA Submittal** - Once the COL applications (COLA) are completed for each service territory (PEC and PEF), a decision to proceed with the submittal of the COLA to the NRC should be made by Senior Management. This period is referred to as Phase II of the COL process under Section 1.1.1. and represents the 2<sup>nd</sup> major spending period for the COL effort. *This is a decision point where the nuclear option should be re-evaluated and determined to be the best baseload generation choice going forward.*

- **Long Lead Equipment Ordering** – In advance of on-site construction of a new nuclear plant, several large components must be ordered to ensure their timely arrival to support the overall construction schedule. Based on limitations of industrial forging capacity in the world, particularly with ultra-large metal forgings (600 tons), these long lead orders will likely be placed several years prior to start of on-site construction (currently expected to be in 2008). *This is a decision point where the nuclear option should be re-evaluated and determined to be the best baseload generation choice going forward.*
  
- **Start of On-site Construction, including Module Fabrication** – Prior to receiving the approved COL by the NRC, it is expected that on-site module construction, site earthwork grading, and excavation will start. These are considered non-safety related activities, but represent a further capital financial investment. *This is a decision point where the nuclear option should be re-evaluated and determined to be the best baseload generation choice going forward.*
  
- **Start of Safety-Related Construction** – Upon receipt of the COL, safety-related construction can commence. This represents the nuclear deployment period where the largest financial commitments will be made by the company for new baseload generation. *This is a decision point where the nuclear option should be re-evaluated and determined to be the best baseload generation choice going forward.*

This Business Analysis Package (BAP) includes only the financial expenditures up through receipt of the approved COLs. But the informed decision making for continuing the nuclear deployment has several major milestones ahead as demonstrated above. This allows proceeding with an integral on-going re-evaluation and re-determination that a nuclear baseload generation addition is the best decision for our stakeholders.

Each of these future decision points will have to consider several factors, including the nuclear regulatory environment, anticipated fuel costs, refined installed capital cost of the various generation types, CAIR limitations, CO<sub>2</sub> taxes, load growth in the service territories, etc.

## **6.8 Market Analysis**

### **Customer Analysis**

NA

### **Competitor Analysis**

NA

## **6.9 Non-Financial Considerations / Intangibles / Un-quantified Financial Considerations, Others**

There are other relevant considerations in supporting this Business Analysis Package (BAP). Progress Energy needs to maintain a diverse generation portfolio as to not be too dependent on a particular generation fuel type. If diversity is not maintained, customer rates are subject to volatile changes as a particular fuel cost change dramatically with market conditions.

The Clear Air interstate Rules (CAIR) promulgated in 2005 yields considerable limitations on extensive fossil baseload generation deployment. This is further complicated by potential carbon "taxes" being assessed on fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For these reasons, a nuclear option which is not affected by CAIR and/or carbon taxes should remain a viable option.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 provides specific financial incentives for deployment of advanced new nuclear plants that include loan guarantees, standby support (a type of risk insurance) and production tax credits. These incentives are expected to be only available for the 1<sup>st</sup> wave of new nuclear plants constructed in the US. While the financial values of these incentives are not the principle basis for choosing nuclear generation, they are nonetheless relevant in the final decision of new baseload generation deployment, and contribute favorably to a nuclear decision.

## 6.10 Integration and Project Performance Assessment Plan

### 6.10.1 Organizational Requirements/ Integration Issues

This section details the role of the New Nuclear Deployment Organization which includes personnel dedicated to the COL development effort, and additional organizations that will provide institutional support for this project effort.

| Organization   | Roles, responsibilities and impacts   |
|--|---|
| <b>Nuclear Generation Group:</b>   |   |
| <b>New Nuclear Deployment Organization (new)</b>                             | Primary responsible organization for siting and COL development / licensing activities, engineering activities, and support of procurement activities to purchase long lead items |
| <b>Nuclear Engineering &amp; Services Department</b>                         | Engineering support for Fire Protection, PRA, Nuclear Fuels, and Procurement  |
| <b>Performance Evaluation Section and Regulatory Affairs Section (PERAS)</b> | NRC Regulatory affairs and QA support   |
| <b>Nuclear Projects &amp; Const.</b>   | Primary responsible organization for constructing plant site.   |
| <b>Nuclear Security</b>  | Nuclear specific security concerns, security plans, and Design Basis Threat (DBT) support   |
| <b>HNP, RNP, BNP , and CR3 Departments</b>                                   | Support specialized areas technical reviews   |
| <b>Energy Delivery</b>   | Community relations and public education support  |
| <b>Transmission Planning &amp; Operations</b>                                | Transmission system planning, System Integration, economic analysis support, regulatory support for siting generation and transmission, and design & construct system additions.  |
| <b>Operations Business Services</b>  | Budget and cost management support  |
| <b>Service Company:</b>  |   |
| <b>Accounting</b>  | Property Unit Accounting support  |
| <b>Tax</b>   | EPACT production tax credit regulatory support and financial analysis. Sales & Use Tax analysis, Property Tax analysis.   |
| <b>Treasury &amp; Risk Management</b>  | Financial analysis support  |
| <b>Corporate Services</b>  | Contracting, purchasing, including land acquisitions  |
| <b>Environmental Services</b>  | Siting and Environmental Report development support   |
| <b>Legal</b>   | Management of Regulatory Licensing & Certification activities, contract reviews.  |
| <b>State Public Affairs &amp; Economic Development</b>                       | Regulatory support and community support  |
| <b>Human Resources</b>   | Recruiting support for new organization   |
| <b>IT</b>  | IT & telecom services for new organization  |
| <b>Communications</b>  | Communication support with employees, community and media.  |
| <b>Project Assurance</b>   | Project Assurance Plan (Prudency)   |
| <b>Audit Services</b>  | Overall process compliance  |

### **6.10.2 Project Objectives/ Goals/ Expected Benefits**

The Company's overall mission is to plan for reliable and cost effective energy supply resources for our customers. Presently, the development of new nuclear generation represents both a reasonable and cost effective resource to serve customer needs in the 2016 timeframe and beyond.

The primary objective and goal of this BAP is to deliver NRC approved COLs for both a Carolinas new nuclear plant and a Florida new nuclear plant. With these COLs, Progress Energy will be in a firm position to make a final decision on the type of new baseload generation to be added to meet the growing baseload needs.

### **6.10.3 Benefits Assessment Methodology, Schedule and Responsibility for Assessment**

Methodology: The success of this project is based on the successful approval by the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of a Combined Operating License (COL) for both a Carolinas and Florida site.

Schedule: Success of this project will be demonstrated by successful acceptance of the COL applications by the NRC per the schedule in Section 1.1.4, followed by a successful COL issuance by the NRC 30 -42 months later.

Responsibility: The new nuclear plant deployment organization (currently under the Nuclear Engineering & Services Department) funded by the project is responsible for the successful completion of this COL project. The Nuclear Projects and Construction Department is responsible for construction, start up and turnover of the plant.

## **6.11 Wrap Up Conclusions and Recommendations**

*As repeated from Section 1.2:*

It is recommended to Senior Management, that this Business Analysis Package Revision be approved for the authorization of multi-year capital funding to complete the technology, siting and COL development activities for new nuclear generating units in the Carolinas and Florida as described in the prior section.

The purpose of this revision to the BAP is to increase the authorized amount from <sup>Redacted</sup> to <sup>Redacted</sup> an increase of <sup>Redacted</sup>.

- <sup>Redacted</sup> of the increase is driven by the projected cost of the Levy County land acquisition and adjacent land required for access roads, heavy haul route, and transmission access corridors. The Rayonier land purchase will cost approximately \$52.2M (\$45M for the purchases, \$2.7M for legal and closing fees, and \$4.5M due once Levy Nuclear Plant COLA is issued). The purchase of required adjacent land is estimated at \$<sup>Redacted</sup>. The original authorization was completed prior to site selection evaluations being completed and assumed the purchase of 2,500 acres @ \$10,000 per acre for a total cost of \$25M. The current projection includes more acreage at a higher cost.
- \$4.9M of the increase is associated with FEMA fees and Site Certification Application requirements.
  - In January 2007, Nuclear Plant Development (NPD) was informed that the Department of Homeland Security would require each new plant applicant be subject to an annual FEMA fee of \$300,000. This new fee was not included in the original BAP.
  - To meet the planned commercial operation date for Levy Nuclear Plant it is necessary to start the Site Certification Application process earlier than planned. The increase shown in this revision is not an increase to the total project costs. It is an acceleration of planned work from a future phase of the project.
- Other adjustments have been made across cost categories to better reflect the actual cost of the COLA and the resources required (higher than planned COLA preparation costs are offset by lower Westinghouse COLA support and internal Progress Energy labor). These adjustments do not impact the overall projection for the project.

This BAP revision represents the necessary capital investment to ensure that the nuclear option is available for senior management consideration. Approval of the BAP revision helps to ensure that the Company continues to preserve the ability to meet future generation needs with nuclear capacity. It is cost effective, and offers advantages in fuel diversity, stable energy prices, the ability to meet capacity requirements, reduces dependence on foreign fuel supply, and reduces greenhouse gas and other air emissions. In preparation for the Levy County Needs Determination testimony to be filed 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008, an economic analysis will be updated during 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007.

**Appendix A: Assumptions and Supporting Data**

**PEC Resource Plan Scenarios**

|      | Scenario: 1-1000 MW<br>April 2005 GFF<br>00205 | Scenario: 1-1000 MW<br>April 2005 GFF<br>00205 | Scenario: 2-1000 MW<br>April 2005 GFF<br>10205 | Scenario: 1-1000 MW<br>April 2005 GFF<br>00205 | Scenario: 1-1000 MW<br>April 2005 GFF<br>00205 |
|------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2006 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2008 | CT   | CT   | CT   | CT   | CT   |
| 2009 | 2 CIs<br>CC 1X1 West (Dec '09)                 | 2 CIs<br>CC 1X1 West (Dec '09)                 | 2 CIs<br>CC 1X1 West (Dec '09)                 | 2 CIs<br>CC 1X1 West (Dec '09)                 | 2 CIs<br>CC 1X1 West (Dec '09)                 |
| 2010 | CC   | CC   | CC   | CC   | CC   |
| 2011 | CT West (Dec '11)                              | CT West (Dec '11)                              | CT West (Dec '11)                              | CT West (Dec '11)                              | CT West (Dec '11)                              |
| 2012 | CC   | CC   | CC   | CC   | CC   |
| 2013 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2014 | CC   | CC   | CC   | CC   | CC   |
| 2015 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2016 | CC   | CC   | CC   | CC   | CC   |
| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2018 | 2 CIs<br>CC 1X1 West (Dec '18)                 | 2 CIs<br>CC 1X1 West (Dec '18)                 | 2 CIs<br>CC 1X1 West (Dec '18)                 | 2 CIs<br>CC 1X1 West (Dec '18)                 | 2 CIs<br>CC 1X1 West (Dec '18)                 |
| 2019 | 2 CIs  | 2 CIs  | 2 CIs  | 2 CIs  | 2 CIs  |
| 2020 | CT   | CT   | CT   | CT   | CT   |
| 2021 | CC   | CC   | CC   | CC   | CC   |
| 2022 | CT   | CT   | CT   | CT   | CT   |
| 2023 | CC   | CC   | CC   | CC   | CC   |
| 2024 | CT   | CT   | CT   | CT   | CT   |
| 2025 | CT   | CT   | CT   | CT   | CT   |



PEF Resource Plan Scenarios

|      | Scenario: May 2005 Recapture with Bartow   | Scenario: Gas Only May 2005 Recapture with Bartow  | Scenario: 1 Coal Unit May 2005 Recapture with Bartow   | Scenario: 2 Coal Units May 2005 Recapture with Bartow  |
|------|--|--|--|--|
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| 2013 | * CC (May '13)<br>CC   | * CC (May '13)<br>CC   | * CC (May '13)<br>CC   | * CC (May '13)<br>CC   |
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| 2016 | * Pur Coal (May 2016)  | * Pur Coal (May 2016)  | * Pur Coal (May 2016)  | * Pur Coal (May 2016)  |
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| 2014 | * CC (May '14)   | * CC (May '14)   | * CC (May '14)   |
| 2015 | * CC (May 2015)<br>CC  | * CC (May 2015)<br>Pur Coal<br>Nuclear (May 2015)  | * IGCC (May 2015)<br>CC  |
| 2016 | * Nuclear (May 2016)   | * Nuclear (May 2016)   | * CC (May 2016)  |
| 2017 |  |  |  |
| 2018 |  |  | * CC (May '18)   |
| 2019 |  |  |  |
| 2020 | * CC (May '20)   | * CC (May '20)   | * CC (May '20)   |
| 2021 |  |  |  |
| 2022 |  |  |  |
| 2023 | * CT (May '23)<br>CC   | * CT (May '23)<br>CC   | * CT (May '23)<br>CC   |

**Key Cost Data Used in the Analysis**

**Baseload Generation Study - June 2005  
 Technology Assumptions**

|   | EPRI TAG  |         | Burns & McDonnell |         | Conoco<br>Phillips | PE Nuclear |         |
|---|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|--------------------|------------|---------|
|   | Carolinas | Florida | Carolinas         | Florida |                    | Carolinas  | Florida |
| <b>Combined Cycle</b>                           |           |         |                   |         |                    |            |         |
| Rating, MW                                      | 521       | 512     | 497               | 488     |                    |            |         |
| Total Overnight Cost, \$/kW                     | 423       | 432     | 642               | 653     |                    |            |         |
| Heat Rate, Btu/kWh                              | 7,040     | 7,054   | 6,831             | 6,835   |                    |            |         |
| Fixed O&M (incl. pipeline reser. fee), \$/kW-Yr | 26.05     | 35.99   | 28.87             | 38.85   |                    |            |         |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWh                            | 1.60      | 1.63    | 3.24              | 3.29    |                    |            |         |
| Construction Time, Years                        | 4         | 4       | 3                 | 3       |                    |            |         |
| <b>Pulverized Coal (Sub)</b>                    |           |         |                   |         |                    |            |         |
| Rating, MW                                      | 500       | 500     | 500               | 500     |                    |            |         |
| Total Overnight Cost, \$/kW                     | 1,030     | 1,140   | 1,540             | 1,573   |                    |            |         |
| Heat Rate, Btu/kWh                              | 9,283     | 9,416   | 9,100             | 9,100   |                    |            |         |
| Fixed O&M, \$/kW-Yr                             | 30.30     | 30.30   | 18.18             | 18.18   |                    |            |         |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWh                            | 2.80      | 3.06    | 3.76              | 3.33    |                    |            |         |
| Construction Time, Years                        | 8         | 8       | 5                 | 5       |                    |            |         |
| <b>Coal Gasification Combined Cycle</b>         |           |         |                   |         |                    |            |         |
| Rating, MW                                      | 499       | 496     | 497               | 488     | 502                |            |         |
| Total Overnight Cost, \$/kW                     | 1,223     | 1,273   | 2,033             | 2,113   | 1,435              |            |         |
| Heat Rate, Btu/kWh                              | 8,623     | 8,637   | 8,942             | 8,950   | 8,822              |            |         |
| Fixed O&M, \$/kW-Yr                             | 35.54     | 36.38   | 24.66             | 25.08   | 60.57              |            |         |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWh                            | 1.12      | 1.15    | 5.98              | 5.94    | 1.98               |            |         |
| Construction Time, Years                        | 8         | 8       | 5                 | 5       | 3                  |            |         |
| <b>Nuclear</b>                                  |           |         |                   |         |                    |            |         |
| Rating, MW                                      | 1,100     | 1,100   |                   |         |                    | 1,100      | 1,100   |
| Total Overnight Cost, \$/kW                     | 1,512     | 1,559   |                   |         |                    | 1,540      | 1,573   |
| Heat Rate, Btu/kWh                              | 10,760    | 10,300  |                   |         |                    | 10,760     | 10,300  |
| Fixed O&M, \$/kW-Yr                             | 76.15     | 78.32   |                   |         |                    | 77.63      | 77.63   |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWh                            | 1.56      | 1.56    |                   |         |                    | 1.56       | 1.56    |
| Construction Time, Years                        | 11        | 11      |                   |         |                    | 11         | 11      |

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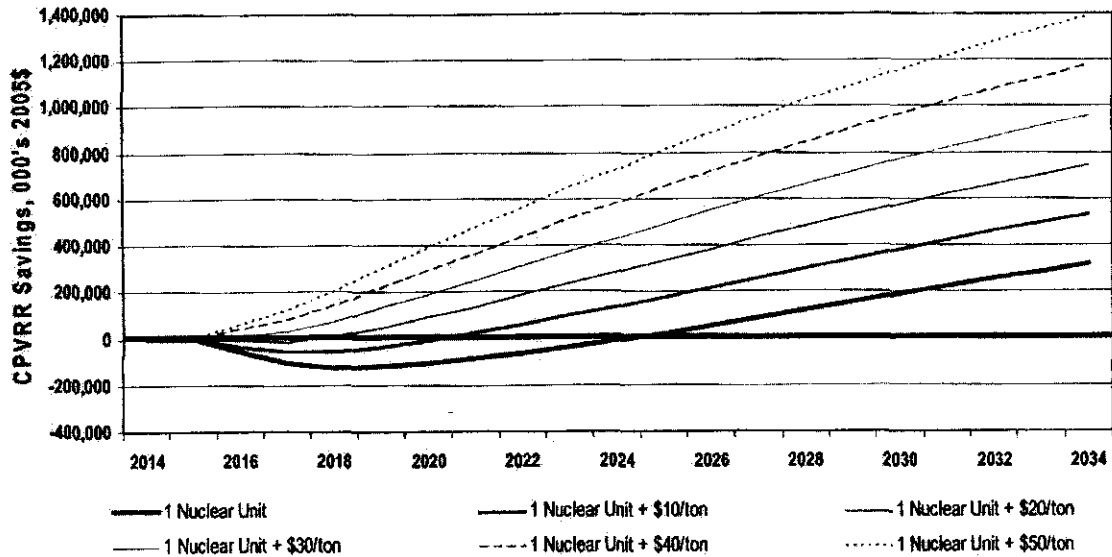
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PE Nuclear capital cost based on B&M PC capital cost.

**Appendix B: Sensitivity Tables and Other Results of Analysis**

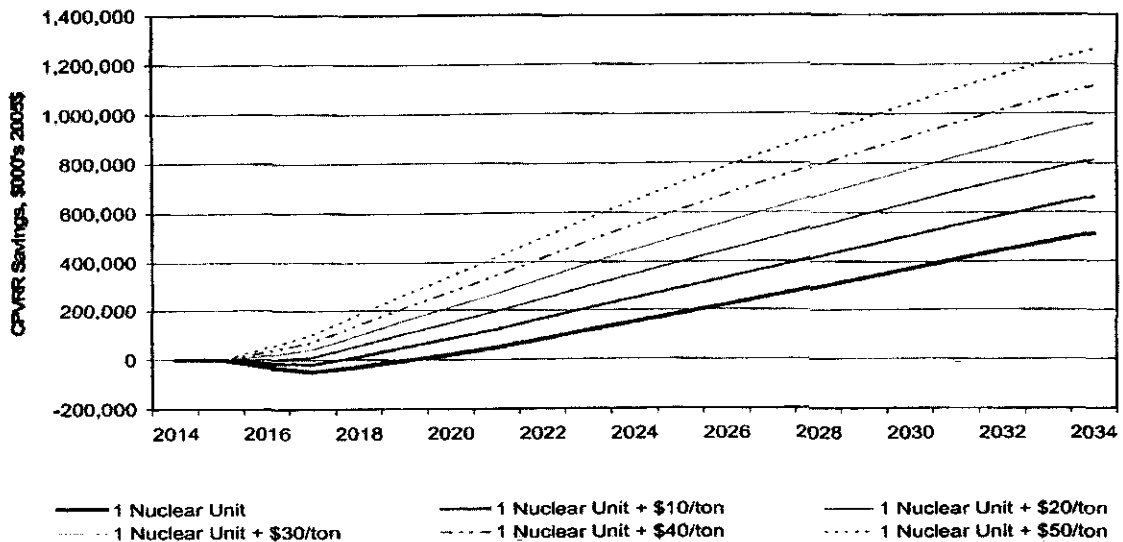
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Sensitivity of Nuclear Savings to CO2 Tax

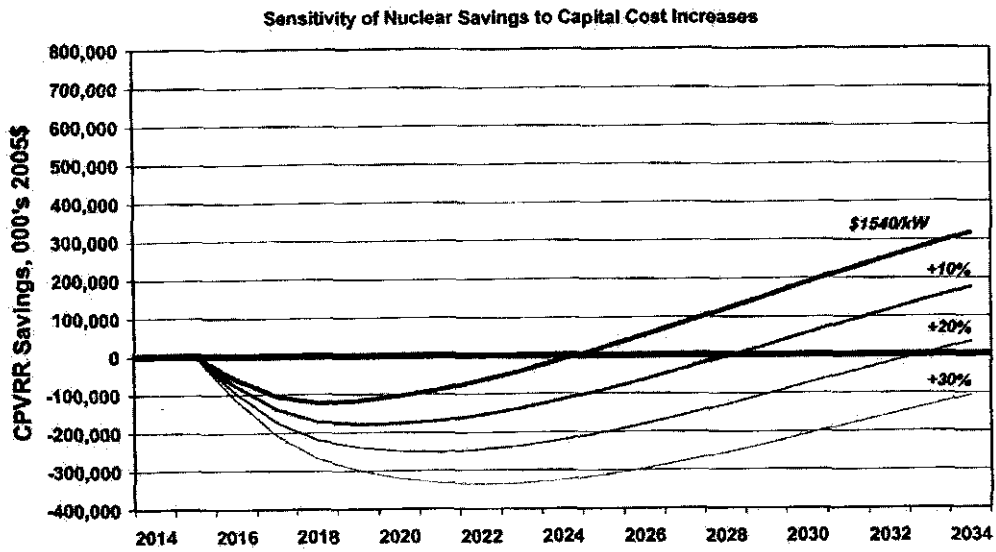


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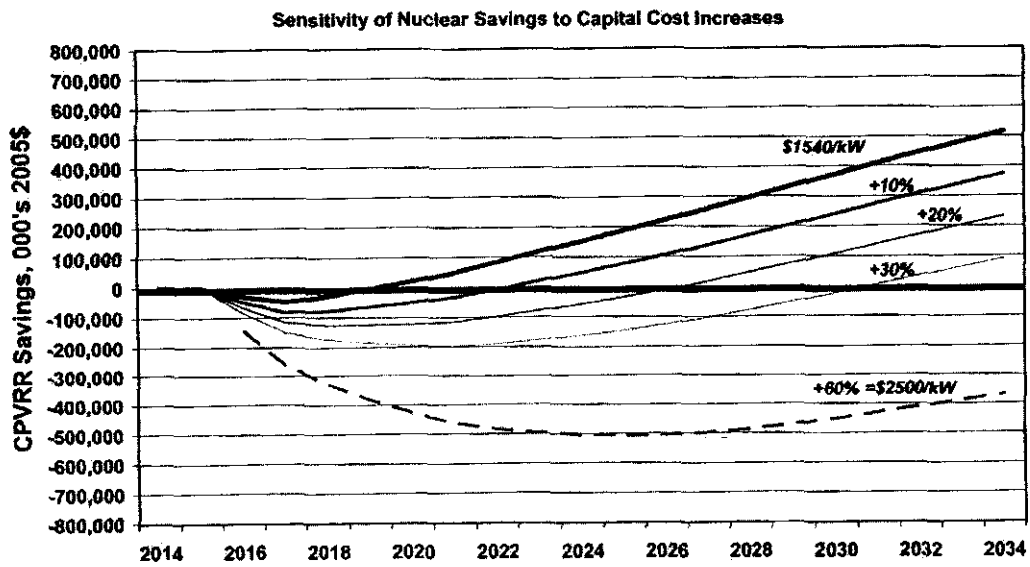
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**Sensitivity of Nuclear Results to Increases in Capital Cost – PEC**

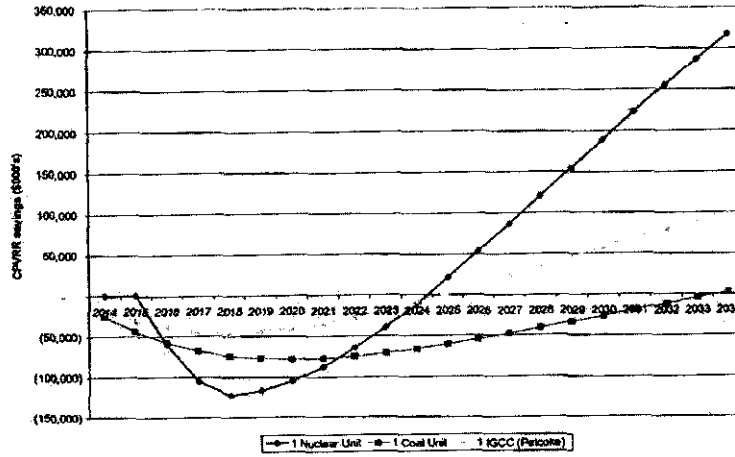


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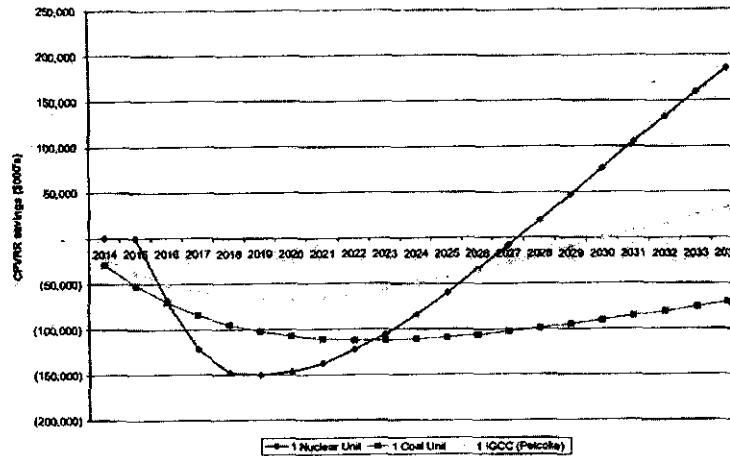
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Expected CPVRR of Savings versus All Gas Scenario



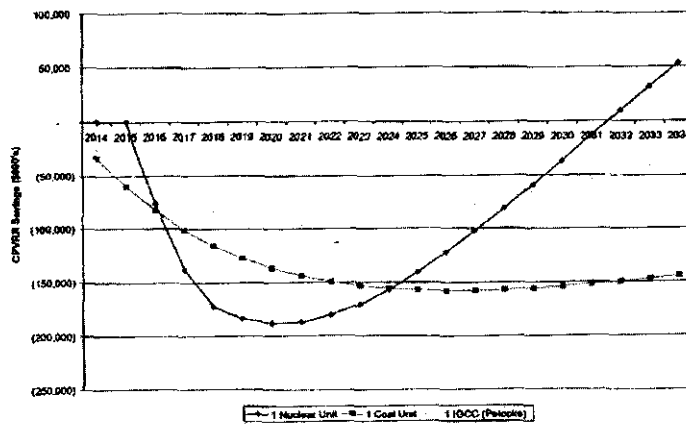
**Nuclear advantage over:**  
All Gas Plan = \$317 MM  
1 Coal Unit = \$315 MM  
1 IGCC = \$216 MM

Expected CPVRR of Savings versus All Gas Scenario (Gas prices decrease 10%)



**When gas prices decrease 10%, nuclear advantage over:**  
All Gas Plan = \$185 MM  
1 Coal Unit = \$256 MM  
1 IGCC = \$152 MM

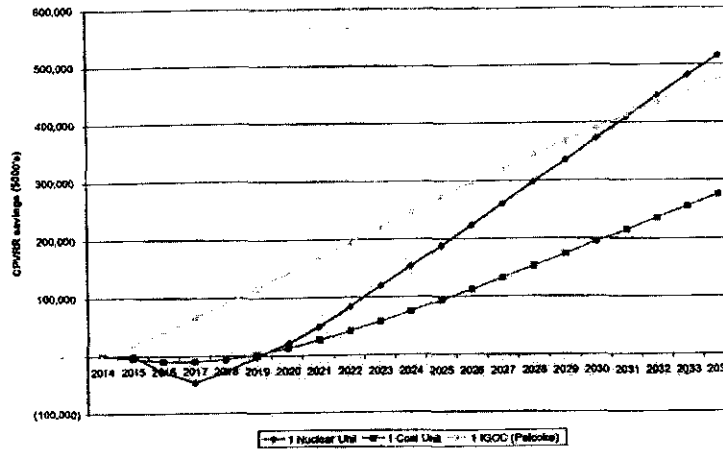
Expected CPVRR of Savings versus All Gas Scenario (Gas prices decrease 20%)



**When gas prices decrease 20%, nuclear advantage over:**  
All Gas Plan = \$53 MM  
1 Coal Unit = \$197 MM  
1 IGCC = \$87 MM

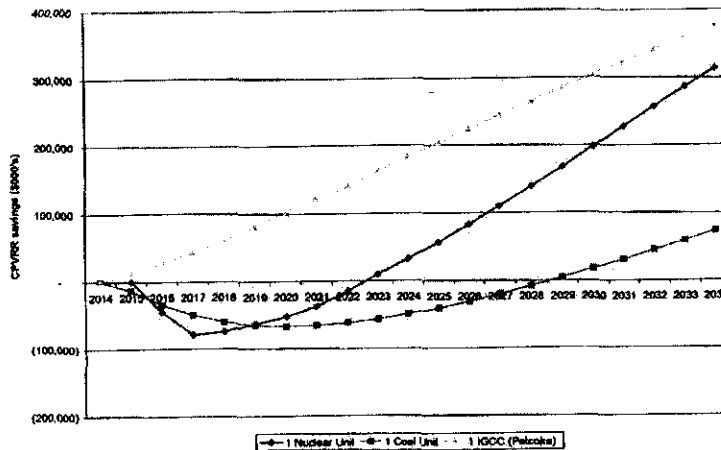
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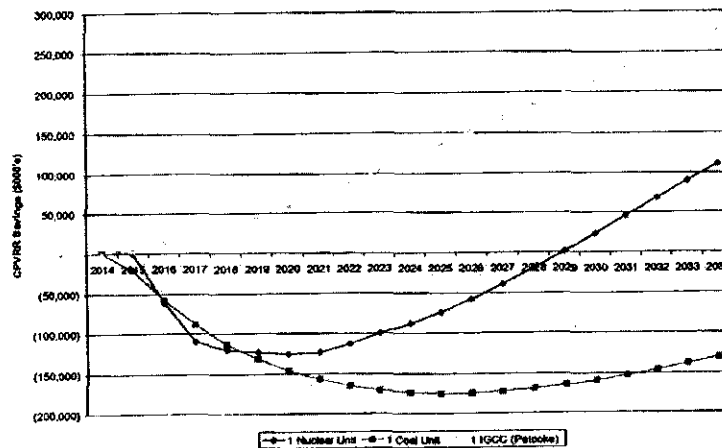
Nuclear advantage over:  
 All Gas Plan = \$516 MM  
 2 Coal Units = \$240 MM  
 1 IGCC = (\$64 MM)

Expected CPVRR of Savings versus All Gas Scenario (Gas prices decrease 10%)



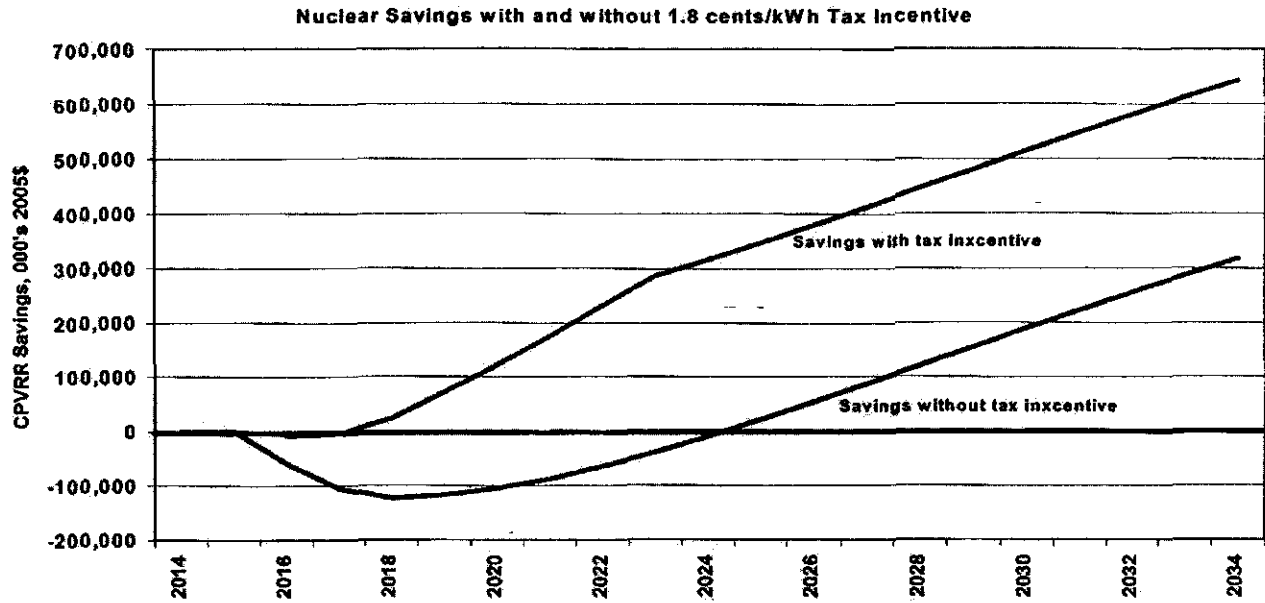
When gas prices decrease  
 10%, nuclear advantage  
 over:  
 All Gas Plan = \$313 MM  
 2 Coal Units = \$241 MM  
 1 IGCC = (\$64 MM)

Expected CPVRR of Savings versus All Gas Scenario (Gas prices decrease 20%)



When gas prices decrease  
 20%, nuclear advantage  
 over:  
 All Gas Plan = \$111 MM  
 2 Coal Units = \$242 MM  
 1 IGCC = (\$166 MM)

**Sensitivity of results to inclusion of the 1.8 cents/kWh tax credit – PEC case shown**



**The proposed tax incentive of 1.8 cents/kWh benefits the nuclear option, potentially even overcoming rate shock.**

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## Section 1 - Project Overview

### 1.1 Key Project Information

This Revision 2 to the March 2006 Business Analysis Package (BAP) provides the approval mechanism and the official documentation to continue moving forward with development of new nuclear generation at the Levy County Site and to specifically authorize funding above the amounts approved in the March 2006 BAP as modified by the September 2007 Revision 1 to the March 2006 BAP. In accordance with [the Major Capital Projects Integrated Project Plan (IPP) Policy ADM\_SUBS\_0080, going forward, the BAP process will be replaced by the Company's new Integrated Project Plan (IPP) process under which all future formal approvals will be documented. This BAP represents only the funding requirements necessary for generation and does not include funding for transmission. This BAP incorporates the cost associated with the Letter of Intent (LOI) dated March 28, 2008 authorizing WEC to start supply chain activities (i.e., Quality Assurance, project management, and engineering services as necessary to negotiate and establish manufacturing agreements, etc.) for a limited scope of long-lead equipment associated with the AP1000 reactor technology. limited Levv site specific development activities.

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As noted above in the March 2006 BAP, the company authorized the development of (1) the Combined Operation License Application (COLA), (2) selection of the preferred generation technology, (3) review and identification of suitable plant sites, (4) pursuit of required land use authorizations and subsequent preparations for acquisition of property. A BAP Revision 1 was completed in September 2007 to incorporate additional land costs, the need to start the Site Certification Application (SCA) process earlier than planned to support the 2016 commercial operation date, new FEMA fee requirements, and additional COLA scope items.

The purpose of this BAP revision is to segregate the authorization of Progress Energy Carolinas (PEC) and Progress Energy Florida (PEF) COLA costs and seek approval to fund additional PEF work scope items required to preserve the new nuclear option and preserve the 2016 commercial operation date. This BAP Revision 2 incorporates, among other things, the best available information known at this time on the ability to permit plants, load forecasts, projected plant cost, available power generation alternatives including renewable energy technologies, radioactive waste disposal status, projected costs of key commodities including generation fuel options, current and potential environmental compliance costs, viable non-generating conservation, renewable energy and demand-side management alternatives, and the adverse consequences that will result if the plants are not added in the 2016 to 2017 timeframe. The initial economic analysis of the nuclear generation option has been reviewed and in view of all of these factors, including those set forth in Florida statutes, the analysis supports the continuation of the project into its next key phases of development

to preserve the ability to meet the need for power beginning in 2016 with the nuclear generation option.

### 1.1.1 Nuclear COLA BAP – Establishing the Current Project Scope:

The following activities and accomplishments have moved the project forward to aid in defining the project scope and refining the Company's understanding of the timeframe and resources required to continue with development:

**(A) In support of pursuing new nuclear generation for PEF, a COLA is being developed for the Levy County Site in Florida.** The COLA will be developed per the requirements of 10 CFR Part 52, using the guidance of NEI 04-01, Industry Guideline for Combined License Applicants under 10 CFR Part 52. Under the new U.S. Nuclear Regulation Commission (NRC) licensing process, a single license is now issued for both the construction phase and operating phase of a new nuclear power reactor. The Levy COLA is scheduled to be submitted to the NRC July 31, 2008. The project scope for development of the COLA for Florida is encompassed in the work scope approved in the initial BAP (1) dated 3/10/06.

**(B) The work performed under the authorization of the 2006 COLA BAP identified suitable sites in both the Carolinas and Florida for new nuclear generation.** In Florida, NGG performed a detailed analysis of potentially viable sites within and near PEF's service area. NGG performed the analysis consistent with the requirements of the NRC. The site selection process included, among other things, detailed evaluations of various site technical parameters (geology, seismology, hydrology, cooling water, environmental, etc.), consideration of business strategic considerations (land acquisition and ownership, leveraging existing nuclear facilities and support systems, etc.), and a high-level evaluation of the likely transmission system upgrades required. The analysis resulted in the ultimate selection of an approximately 3,105 acre parcel in Levy County (the Rayonier Property) as the preferred site. In addition, PEF purchased an additional approximately 2,159 acre tract contiguous with the southern boundary of the Rayonier site, which secures necessary access to a gulf water supply, as well as transmission exits from the plant site.

**(C) Concurrently, under the COLA BAP, the Nuclear Plant Development (NPD) organization conducted a detailed review and analysis of potential advanced nuclear power reactor technologies.** The technologies evaluated included the Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC (WEC) Advanced Passive AP-1000, General Electric's (GE) Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR) and AREVA's European Power Reactor (EPR). In addition, the Company reviewed the viability and cost-effectiveness of the GE Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) design. The advanced nuclear power plant designs have been significantly improved by use of passive design safety features that reduce the total number of active components (pumps, motors, and valves, etc.) in the plant. This reduces the relative plant equipment costs, and correspondingly reduces future operating and maintenance costs.

After a thorough analysis, PEF has initially selected the Westinghouse AP1000 technology for the basis of the COL application. Progress Energy is currently negotiating the terms and conditions for an EPC contract for this technology.

**(D) The NPD organization is preparing a Site Certification Application for Levy.** The SCA is being prepared pursuant to the requirements established in FDEP Form 62-16.900. The need for the project, environmental impacts, construction impacts, and operational impacts are key components addressed in the SCA application.

**As a result of the work authorized and performed to date, the requirements for design and construction of a new nuclear generating facility in Florida have been more clearly defined.** The next phase of authorization, as outlined in this BAP revision, is to approve funding above the amounts approved in the March 2006 BAP as modified by the September 2007 Revision 1 to the March 2006 BAP. A new authorization request will be prepared upon successful completion of EPC negotiations to transition to the new Integrated Project Plan (IPP) Process to proceed further with design finalization, permitting, pre-construction, and construction requirements of the new facility.

#### **1.1.2 PEF Nuclear Project Total Project Scope:**

The current total project scope of the PEF Nuclear Project is defined as:

**WEC and Shaw Stone & Webster (SS&W) will provide services to PEF to design and construct a two unit Westinghouse Advanced Passive AP 1000 nuclear power generating station at a site selected in Levy County.**

**The scope also includes WEC design finalization, SS&W site specific engineering (make-up and blowdown systems, cooling towers, plant site preparations, etc.), and associated transmission line direct connections/upgrades.**

**All other owner costs and a staffing plan to fully staff the two unit station are also included in the project scope.**

The table below describes the overall project activity structure: A detailed project milestone schedule is currently being refined to encompass specific control points for key reviews and required approval decisions.

| <b>Level 1 Goals for Nuclear Plant - List of Key Work Activities</b>  |  |                            |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| <b>Key Activities</b>   | <b>Examples of Key Work Activities</b>   | <b>Estimated Timeframe</b> |
| <b>COLA Development &amp; Approval / Land Acquisition</b> (approved in the initial COLA BAP & COLA BAP Rev 1) | Reactor Technology Evaluation<br>Site Selection<br>COLA Preparation and Review by the NRC<br>EPC Contract Development<br>Site Certification<br>Project Cost Analysis (Price Certainty)<br>Conceptual Design to support COLA prep | 2005 – 2012                |
| <b>Design &amp; Site Engineering</b>  | Westinghouse Design Finalization<br>Site Specific Layout<br>Cooling Tower Design<br>Intake and Discharge Structure Design<br>Permanent Facility Design   | 2007 - 2011                |
| <b>Site Permitting</b>  | Site Certification Approval<br>Federal, State, & Local Permit Approval   | 2007 - 2017                |
| <b>Procurement of Long Lead Equipment</b>   | Procurement Planning<br>Order Long Lead Equipment<br>Manufacture & Ship Long Lead Equipment  | 2008 - 2012                |
| <b>Project Management</b>   | Construction Staffing<br>Project Oversight<br>Legal Services<br>NRC Inspections<br>Taxes & Insurance   | 2007 - 2017                |
| <b>Site Prep</b>  | Site Clearing & Grading<br>Site Access & Roads<br>Remedial Work for Plant Foundation   | 2009 - 2012                |
| <b>On-Site Construction Facilities</b>  | Warehouses & Fab Shops<br>Laydown & Module Fabrication Area<br>Temporary Power   | 2009 - 2011                |
| <b>Staffing/Training</b>  | Implement site staffing and training plan<br>Operational/Control Programs  | 2007 - 2017                |
| <b>Construction of AP-1000 Power Block</b>  | Containment Building<br>Auxiliary Building<br>Turbine Building<br>Diesel Generators  | 2012 - 2017                |
| <b>Construction of Site Infrastructure (Facilities, Rail, Cooling Tower)</b>                                  | Construct Cooling Towers<br>Construct Intake and Discharge structures<br>Construct Permanent Warehouses & Buildings<br>Construct Major Linear Facilities   | 2009 - 2016                |
| <b>Initial Core/Fuel Load</b>   | Initial Core<br>Complete Pre-Operations Testing<br>Power Ascension Testing   | 2015 (U1)<br>2016 (U2)     |
| <b>Transmission</b><br>(Currently under separate authorization)   | Route Selection<br>Survey & Appraisals<br>Transmission Facilities Design<br>Right of Way Acquisitions<br>Tower Fabrication & Installation<br>Substation Construction & Commissioning   | 2007 - 2015                |

In total, nuclear power plant licensing, construction, and start-up activities are estimated to require approximately 10 years for completion.

The construction duration for a new nuclear facility is longer than for the other generation alternatives being considered. PEF will continue to monitor the feasibility of the nuclear generation project. Since the approval and construction timeframes for conventional gas combined cycle and/or simple cycle combustion turbine power plants are shorter than the timeframe for nuclear generation, these options will remain viable alternatives for a period of time if conditions warrant reconsideration of continuation with nuclear construction.

### **1.1.3 PEF Nuclear Project Scope of This Authorization Request:**

**COLA Phase I Preparation** - Additional scope is necessary to complete the COL application development for Levy. This includes, but is not limited to, an alternative blowdown pipeline route, constructing and testing services for various concrete pads (used as engineering backfill), site foundation & sub-grade remediation work, and additional environmental evaluations.

**Site Certification Application** - Additional work has been identified as necessary to support the SCA submittal in June 2008. Part of this scope includes the preparation of the Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application package, development of a wetlands mitigation plan, and preparation of any Federal Permits required to support the SCA.

**Owner Engineer Support** – Owner Engineer support is needed to support ongoing EPC negotiations and site-specific engineering, as well as other potential licensing and engineering work that requires special technical expertise or supplements NPD resources.

**Limited Work Authorization** – The LWA will be developed and submitted concurrent to the NRC concurrent with the Levy COLA - An approved LWA will allow work to begin on specific items defined in the LWA such as installation of a permanent concrete diaphragm wall, roller compacted concrete placement under the nuclear island and installation of foundation pilings for the Annex, Radwaste, and Turbine Buildings.

**Price Certainty Update** - Price books were developed by the technology vendor to determine and document both nuclear island and site-specific project estimated costs. The price books also provide insight needed for EPC negotiations, and are a key input to the total project cost information update provided in the March 11, 2008 Need Determination filing.

**Letter of Intent (LOI) on Long Lead Equipment** - In order to maintain the nuclear option available to meet PEF's need in 2016, certain procurement and engineering activities must start in early 2008. Specifically, on March 28, 2008, PEF executed a letter of intent (LOI) with WEC and Shaw.

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**Detailed Design of Site Permanent Structures** – Identified site specific development and engineering activities not included in the LOI that need to proceed during 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarters in 2008 to ensure the 2016 COD remains viable. Examples of these activities include clearing, grading, excavation, subsurface preparation, and site building design and permitting.

## **1.2 Recommendation and High Level Discussion**

***It is recommended that this BAP Revision 2 be approved for the authorization of initial long lead AP-1000 equipment procurement per the terms of the WEC/SSW LOI, additional COLA funding, and other scope for the items provided in Section 1.1.3 of this BAP Revision and is also documented on the Project Authorization Revision (PAR). An additional authorization request will be prepared upon completion of EPC negotiations pursuant to the new IPP Process.***

Based upon current capacity and energy forecasts, PEF has identified that additional generation capacity will be needed in the 2016 to 2018 timeframe to meet the needs of the Company's customers in Florida. The planned nuclear capacity additions of 1092 MW in 2016 for Unit 1 and 1092 MW in 2017 for Unit 2 will meet the needs identified in the 2016 timeframe. To preserve the ability to meet this future generation need with nuclear capacity, PEF must commence the capital funding requested in this BAP at this time. If authorization is not provided, the nuclear generation option will not be available to PEF in the 2016 timeframe. Instead, PEF will be limited to natural gas based generation alternatives to meet the need for generation in that timeframe. Taking into account current environmental requirements for fossil fuel emissions, the potential for green house gas (GHG) regulations, and the federal legislative incentives for new nuclear generation, among other factors, new advanced nuclear generation is the most cost-effective, reasonable alternative to meet this need. At this time, additional advantages supporting the commitment to continue to pursue the nuclear generation option to meet PEF's future generation needs include:

- The need for continued fuel diversity and security
- The need for improved stability of energy prices
- The need for baseload generating capacity
- The need to reduce PEF's dependence on volatile fossil fuel supplies (particularly oil and natural gas)
- The need to reduce GHG and other air emissions, and
- The need to contribute to the long term stability and reliability of our electric grid



### 1.3 Funding Requirements and Source

This BAP Revision 2 includes funding for specific items necessary to ensure that the nuclear option remains open to PEF in the 2016-2017 timeframe.

**Table 1.3-1** lists the funding requirements identified in this BAP revision. The table includes actual cost incurred to date, as well as the projected spend for the remainder of 2008 required to preserve Levy’s position in the AP-1000 plant manufacturer’s U.S. queue, lock in 2007 price quotes on certain major components, and continue with limited Levy site development activities.

**Table 1.3-2** lists the total project cost estimate for Levy 1 and 2 as of February 2008, included with the Need Determination filing submitted March 11, 2008 to FPSC. A new authorization request will be required to further continue with the design, permitting, pre-construction, and construction requirements of the new facility, and will be prepared upon successful completion of EPC negotiations pursuant to the new IPP Process (ACT-SUBS-0080).

**Table 1.3-1**

| <i>Funding Requirements Included in This BAP Revision (Bridge to IPP)</i>            | <b>Estimated Amount (\$ M)</b> | <b>Applicable Spending Years</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| COLA, Technology and Site Selection & Land Exp (includes escalation & contingencies) | Redacted                       | 2005 - 2012                      |
| Letter of Intent (LOI) on Long Lead Equip.   |                                | 2008                             |
| Detailed Design of Site Permanent Structures   |                                | 2008                             |
| AFUDC (on items above)   |                                | 2005 - 2012                      |
| <b>Total</b>   |                                |                                  |

**Table 1.3-2**

| <i>Total Project Cost Estimate As of February 2008</i>                             | <b>Estimated Amount (\$ M)</b> | <b>Applicable Spending Years</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| COLA, Technology and Site Selection and Land Expenses                              | Redacted                       | 2005 - 2012                      |
| Construction of Westinghouse Shaw Stone & Webster AP1000 Power Block – Units 1 & 2 |                                | 2008 - 2017                      |
| Construction of Site Infrastructure (Facilities, Rail, Cooling Tower, etc)         |                                | 2008 - 2016                      |
| Staffing & Training  |                                | 2008 - 2017                      |
| Project Management   |                                | 2010 - 2017                      |
| Initial Core/Fuel Load   |                                | 2015 - 2017                      |
| Permits, Insurance, Fees, & Taxes  |                                | 2007 - 2017                      |
| Escalation & Contingencies   |                                | 2007 - 2017                      |
| AFUDC  |                                | 2007 - 2017                      |
| <i>Total Project Cost Estimate</i>   |                                |                                  |

|              | 2007<br>Project<br>to Date | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012+ | Total |
|--------------|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Costs (\$ M) | Redacted                   |      |      |      |      |       |       |

The previous project authorization did not include a projection for AFUDC. This authorization incorporates an estimate for AFUDC to better reflect the total anticipated cost for the project. This estimate is subject to change based on actual cash flows and the classification of costs as pre-construction versus construction. There is currently some outstanding questions which could impact cash flow and total project AFUDC, however, that total project estimate is consistent with the estimate provided for the Need Determination Filing on March 11, 2008.

### 1.3.1 Specific Project Cost Items and Clarifications

**Transmission Improvements:** Transmission costs of \$2.5 billion (excluding AFUDC) for the units are included in the economic analysis presented in this BAP based on project cost estimates provided by Transmission Department in February 2008. These costs reflect full ownership by PEF and support the system requirements for both new units at Levy County. As the transmission design and licensing efforts progress, more detailed cost estimates will be available for further refinement of the economic analysis. It is assumed that transmission work will be completed approximately one year prior to the commercial operation date of the plants.

**This BAP represents only the funding requirements necessary for the nuclear generating station, and does not include funding for transmission system upgrades beyond the Levy switchyard.**

**Non-Capital Expenses:** The following items/activities are considered non-capital expenses and are not included in this BAP:

- NuStart Energy Development, LLC related member company fees and associated expenses.
- Other non-capital expenses (e.g., standard attire, relocation, general training, etc.) for PGN personnel

**Internal Support Departmental Labor Costs:** Internal labor costs (*non-incremental*) for support groups such as Corporate Communications, Regulatory Affairs, System Planning, Accounting, etc., are not included in this BAP. NPD utilizes a Baseload Generation Charging Matrix, a detailed breakdown of work activities by organization which is appropriate to capture capital project costs. Property Plant Accounting, Material Accounting, Regulatory Accounting, and NGG Business Operations will periodically update this listing as appropriate.

**1.3.2 Project Cost Update Timeline:**

The schedule below based on the best information currently available, outlines the current timeline for establishing and updating project cost as the project progresses:

| <i>Levy County Nuclear Plant – Timeline for Project Cost Updates</i> |   |
|--|---|
| June 2005  | Initial CapEx from RFQ provided. Initial AP-1000 Business Plan submitted by WEC. <i>(Completed)</i>   |
| December 2006  | Update to CapEx from WEC, Levy Purchase Agreement finalized, initial total cost estimate completed (includes Sargent & Lundy estimate for site specific items) <i>(Completed)</i> |
| February 2007  | Update to Technology Evaluation completed, GFF input provided to System Planning <i>(Completed)</i>   |
| June 2007  | Updated cost estimate for total project cost at time of approval for BAP <i>(Completed)</i>   |
| December 2007  | Pricing update from WEC addressing the AP1000 Nuclear Island. <i>(Completed)</i>  |
| February 2008  | AP 1000 Price Book Levy Units 1 & 2. Includes indicative price for a two unit AP1000 Plant including site specific considerations. <i>(Completed)</i>                             |
| Mid 2008   | EPC projected to be signed.   |

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### 1.3.3 Cash Flow Charts:

The chart provided below shows the current estimated costs included in this BAP for a two unit WEC AP-1000 nuclear power generating station in Levy County Florida. The graph shows yearly annual estimates as well as the cumulative total cost of the units (excluding transmission costs). The charts below are consistent with costs supplied for the Mar 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Need Determination filing, but are adjusted for 2008 funding requirements necessary to preserve Levy's position in the AP1000 manufacturer's queue, lock in price quotes on certain major components, and continue with limited Levy site development activities.

Figure 1 – Cash Flow of Current Estimated Total Project Cost (by Year)

(Note: Transmission Costs are NOT Included)

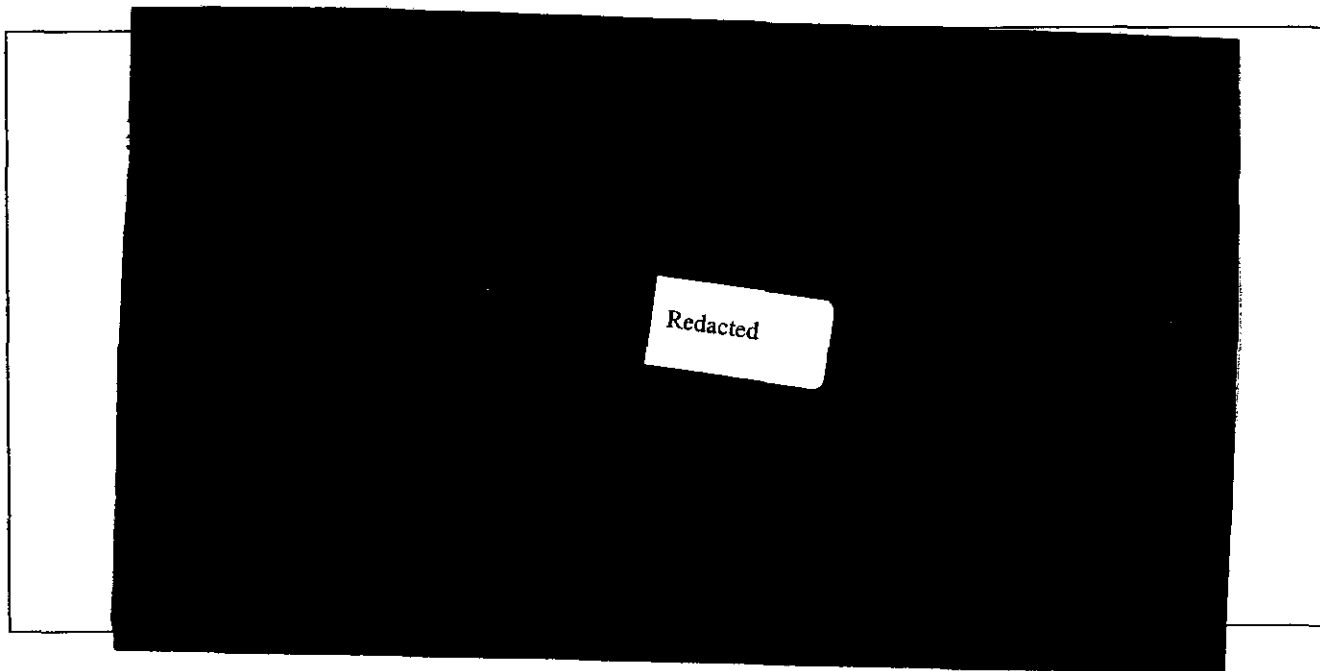
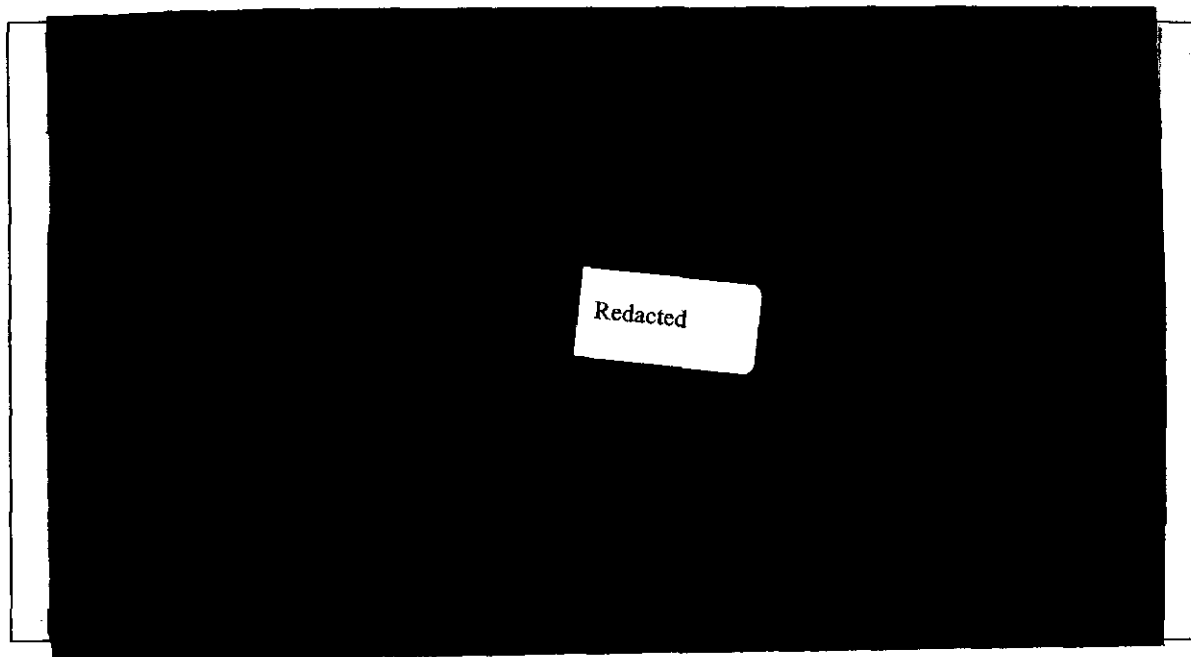


Figure 2 – Cash Flow of Cumulative Estimated Total Project Cost

(Note: Transmission Costs are Not Included)

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## 1.4 Project Scope & Schedule Details

### 1.4.1 Long Lead Equipment and Pre-Construction:

Prior to construction, procurement of large long lead equipment components is a key requirement to secure PEF's position in the queue for nuclear generation plant equipment necessary to complete the new generating units in Florida in the timeframe needed to meet PEF's need.

Based on limitations of industrial forging capacity in the world, particularly with ultra-large metal forgings (~600 tons), these long lead orders must be placed several years prior to construction commencement. The current purchasing assumptions require a significant cash commitment by PEF in 2008 through 2010.



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The long lead equipment items identified by WEC for the project include, but are not limited to

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Based on estimates developed in discussions with WEC, the cost of the second nuclear unit is projected to be substantially less on a \$/kW basis than the first unit if the second unit enters commercial service within 12 to 18 months of the first unit. The projected cost savings are based on anticipated efficiencies for concurrent manufacturing of large key components and continuous mobilization for on-site construction of both units. As a result, PEF is planning to procure the long lead equipment items for both nuclear units concurrently to gain these economies of scale and significantly lower the overall cost of the project. Senior Management will review and approve the actual terms and conditions for the funding of long lead equipment items.

#### **1.4.2 Sequence and Schedule - Levy County Site Development**

The Integrated Master Plan provides the timeline and the major milestones necessary to engineer, procure, and construct the new nuclear units. It is anticipated that the significant site pre-construction activities will start roughly 1.5 to 2 years before the COL is expected to be issued. Planning activities associated with the new Training Facility is also in progress. Certain non-safety related pre-construction activities may proceed following Florida Department of Environmental Protection and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approval prior to NRC authorization. These include activities such as clearing, earthwork grading, excavation, subsurface preparations, and on-site module construction. The pre-construction phase also includes site specific engineered items such as the intake, discharge, and cooling towers. Also included in this phase of the project is putting the staffing infrastructure in place to support construction activities for the site. As part of the price certainty work authorization, a Levy Integrated project schedule has been delivered by Westinghouse. The schedule integrates the AP1000 Engineering, Procurement, Construction, and includes Levy site specific activities. NPD is in the process of reviewing the schedule for updating the Integrated Master Plan. (Reference Appendix C for the current Integrated Master Plan).

**The planned start of safety related construction is expected to begin after NRC COL issuance.** Upon receipt of the COL, which is anticipated in early 2012, safety related construction can begin. This includes "1<sup>st</sup> concrete", and the modules that make up the Containment Building, Auxiliary Building, Turbine Building, Radwaste Building, and Diesel Generator Building. This starts the nuclear deployment period where the largest financial commitments are expected to be made. It is expected that Senior Management will review and give final approval prior to commencing safety related construction. NPD is in the process of preparing a Limited Work Authorization (LWA) that will be submitted to the NRC at the same time the Levy COLA is submitted. An approved LWA should allow work to begin on specific items defined in the LWA such as installation of a permanent concrete diaphragm wall, roller

compacted concrete placement under the nuclear island and installation of foundation pilings for the Annex, Radwaste, and Turbine Buildings. This LWA work would commence in advance of the COL issuance and allow the excavation and engineered backfill to be in place to support 1<sup>st</sup> concrete upon COL issuance.

**Following the completion of safety related construction, Start-Up activities will commence.** These activities include pre-operational testing, nuclear fuel load, and power ascension testing, which leads to commercial operation.

**Progress Energy is a member of NuStart Energy Development, LLC, a consortium formed to further develop and license nuclear technologies that will be the "next generation" of nuclear reactors.** This project will closely follow the activities of NuStart to promptly adopt lessons learned and industry determined best practices. In addition, PEF is dependent upon certain NuStart deliverables related to first-of-a-kind (FOKE) engineering on the advance reactor technologies that is ultimately necessary to complete the Progress Energy plant deployment in Florida.

### **1.4.3 Project and Plant Staffing, Training and Security:**

#### Staffing for Design and Construction Management

**The Nuclear Projects and Construction Department will have primary responsibility for development of the site and construction and commissioning of the new units.** Most of the current activities are being managed in the Nuclear Plant Development area, but plans are being developed to transition primary control to Nuclear Projects and Construction when the project management and support requirements for construction begin to ramp up. Project development and design activities will be performed in several locations, including the WEC and Shaw corporate headquarters, the supplier's locations, the Raleigh Corporate Headquarters, the Crystal River 3 site, and the Levy County site. As the project progresses, it is anticipated that a Florida Project Office will be established.

#### Staffing and Training for Commercial Operations

**The Levy Nuclear Plant Staffing & Training Plan will be developed prior to Commercial Operation.** The initial Operating Plant staffing and training plans for the Levy Nuclear Plant were developed within the AP1000 Builders Group (BG) for Plant Operations. The five utility members (Progress Energy, TVA, Duke, SCANA, and Southern) reviewed existing plant staffing plans, INPO ACAD training and accreditation requirements, NRC licensing requirements (10 CFR Parts 52 and 55), and AP1000 design and operation attributes to determine an appropriate plant staff size. Additionally, a phased staffing timeline was created which includes experience needs.

**Based on current estimates from the AP 1000 Builders Group, plant staffing requirements for a two unit site would nominally be approximately 700 utility personnel once the plant is in full commercial operation.** This staffing estimate does not include nuclear security since each site will be staffed per the site-specific security plan. It also does not include the personnel used for tasks such as housekeeping, painting, pipe coverers, and radwaste handling since each of the 5 utilities in the Builders Group manages these tasks differently.

There are minimal staffing needs for the period 2007 to 2010 to support training program development, site engineering and construction planning, long lead component procurement activities, and licensing actions. Appendix H includes details for the expected staffing requirements during this period. The more significant portion of the staffing build up will be in the 2010 to 2016 time period. The staffing timeline reflects training and qualification of personnel required to support the major milestones and plant commercial operations which are currently projected for June 2016 for Unit 1 and June 2017 for Unit 2.

**Training programs for the Levy Nuclear Plant are required to be in place and accredited prior to training commencing in 2011.** Both INPO and the NRC are using the current training programs as guides and expectations for the new plants' programs. The BG in conjunction with NEI and INPO has developed a template for simulator development, Operations Training program development and implementation, and Technical Training program development and implementation. These templates show the first Operator license class starting in January 2011 for the Levy Nuclear Plant.

### **Plant Security Requirements**

Site-specific security plans are being developed to address the construction timeframe and the operations timeframe.



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## Section 2 - Strategic Fit

Based upon current capacity and energy forecasts, PEF has identified through its integrated resource planning that additional generation capacity will be needed in the 2016 to 2018 timeframe and beyond to meet the needs of the Company's customers in Florida. The objectives of the Company's integrated resource planning approach are to:

- Maintain a diverse supply-side portfolio to help manage risk of fuel price volatility and minimize the potential for energy supply interruptions in Florida
- Establish a strong and reliable generation fleet to insure cost-effective energy supplies to support a strong and growing Florida economy
- Develop and support cost-effective and reliable renewable energy resources to meet demand
- Continue to support and pursue opportunities to increase energy conservation and demand side management programs
- Continue PEF's responsible environmental stewardship.

By 2025, current PEF projections show significant growth in participation in conservation, efficiency and demand side management programs. An additional 4,500 MW's of new generation capacity, however, is still needed to meet forecasted growth. This is based on the 2008 Ten Year Site Plan load forecast and Demand Side Management projections included in that study. The planned nuclear capacity additions of 1117 MW (nominal) in 2016 for Unit 1 and 1117 MW (nominal) in 2017 for Unit 2 will meet the needs identified in the 2016 timeframe and beyond. New nuclear generation is an integral element of PEF's plan to meet the objectives of its integrated resource planning approach. New advanced nuclear generation appears to be the most cost-effective, reasonable alternative taking into account:

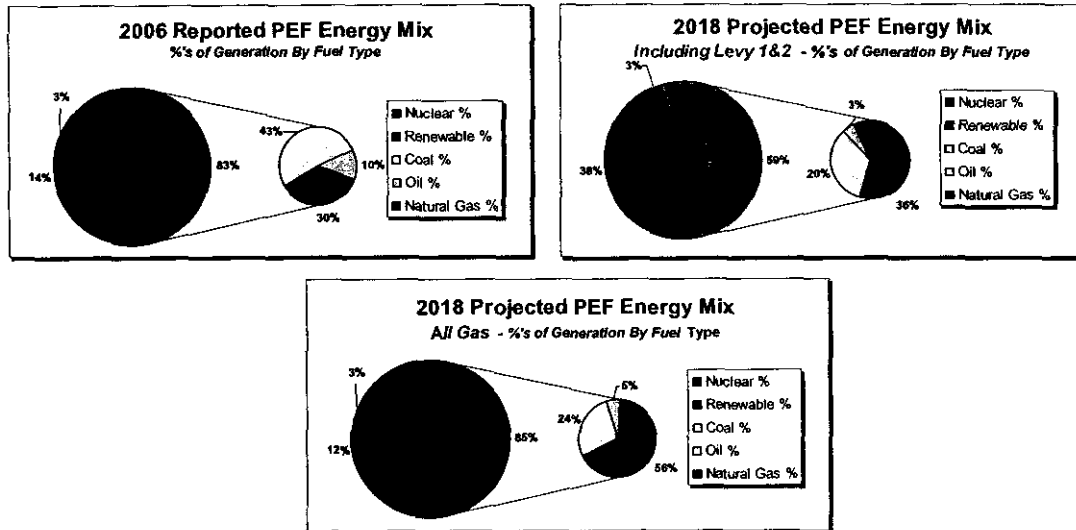
- The need for continued fuel diversity and security
- The need for improved stability of energy prices
- The need for baseload generating capacity
- The need to reduce PEF's dependence on volatile fuel supplies (particularly oil and natural gas)
- The need to reduce GHG and other air emissions
- The need to contribute to the long term stability and reliability of our electric grid.

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**PEF's Energy Mix:**

The PEF Energy Mix Charts below portray the actual reported sources of energy in PEF's resource portfolio in 2006 versus the projected mix in 2018, with and without new nuclear generation. In the case with new nuclear generation in 2016 and 2017, natural gas utilization for energy production is projected to increase from 30% in 2006 to roughly 36% of PEF's energy mix in 2018. **In a scenario without new nuclear generation in 2016 and 2017, the natural gas component in PEF's energy mix increases from roughly 30% in 2006 to over 55% by 2018, exposing PEF and its customers to considerably more energy price volatility and potentially higher costs related to regulated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.**

**Chart 2-1 Analysis of PEF's Energy Mix**



**2.1 Potential for Joint Ownership:**

At present, PEF has a retail need for the entire output of both units. The reliability need for the entire output may be particularly acute if PEF were to retire the Crystal River Unit 1 and 2 coal-fired plants within the planning horizon, which is currently being reviewed by the Company, or if renewable energy resources (~270 MW) currently under contract or development do not materialize. Co-ownership has, however, several potential benefits to PEF and its customers, including spreading the cost risk to non-PEF customers, reducing PEF's and /or Progress Energy's legal risk and if CR 1 & 2 continue operation, and avoiding too much large baseload addition to the system centralized in one area. Given these potential benefits, PEF continues to negotiate with potential joint owners, including municipal electric utilities, electric co-operatives, and other IOU's.

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***Monitoring Project Cost-Effectiveness:***

PEF will continue to review the Project's feasibility on an ongoing basis to determine whether it remains reasonable and prudent for the Company to continue with the project. Should any of the key risks materialize to a degree considered to be significant by the Company, and/or new risks or information come to light that, when evaluated against the benefits that the nuclear project offers, suggests a different course of action in the Company's deliberate, business judgment, a decision can be made to discontinue the project. Contracts and purchase orders will be developed to the extent reasonably possible with appropriate cancellation clauses and/or other exit strategies to support a decision, if made at some point in the future, to discontinue the project.

## Section 3 - Key Risk Analysis

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### 3.1 Market Risk

#### Price Risk:

A key risk factor in the ultimate decision to construct a new nuclear plant is the final cost to build the plant and the relative economics and viability of other generating and non-generating resource alternatives. The economics of generation resource selection are driven by the costs of key commodity prices (gas, coal and uranium), known and emerging costs for environmental compliance, emergence of new conservation and renewable technologies and resources and the feasibility and viability of those technologies and resources, and the availability of production tax credits for nuclear generation. A key driver which is common to all generating resource technologies (on a relative basis) is the cost of fabrication and construction materials and labor in the future. The sensitivity analysis in the Economic Analysis section provides more information on how these key price risks affect the economics of nuclear versus other generation supply alternatives. Hardware, engineering and construction duration will impart higher levels of price risk until Design Finalization is completed which is projected to be phased in over the next two years (2009). The NGG Project Team will finalize an exit strategy for long lead equipment if a decision is made, at some point in the future, to discontinue construction of the nuclear plant. The team will also develop a strategy to monitor key indices to track prices for critical resources such as concrete, steel, land, and labor cost and availability.

#### Interest Rate Risk:

Because the project will span nearly a decade, the Company is susceptible to an increase in interest rates, which could increase the project's overall cost. PEF and our Treasury Department will take reasonable steps to mitigate these risks to the extent possible. In addition, under the FPSC's recently approved rule on nuclear cost recovery, PEF will seek to collect AFUDC for the project on an annual basis. Interest rate risk will be analyzed again as a part of the business case requesting construction funding.

#### Hedges:

Before embarking on the construction program, PEF will determine if hedging of any key commodities that drive the cost of the project, including uranium, would be prudent and reasonably available. The first phase of project work includes the development of an overall strategy for hedging key commodities, which will be reviewed by the Treasury, Risk & Transaction MBR Subcommittee, and the PEF LINC. One strategy to hedge pricing has been approved. A Letter of Intent dated March 28, 2008 authorized supply chain, Quality Assurance, project management, and engineering services as necessary to negotiate and establish manufacturing agreements for a limited amount of equipment associated with the AP1000 reactor power islands. ;

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### **3.2 Credit Risk (Summarization of Credit Review)**

#### Non-Performance:

The majority of the requested funds are for WEC and Shaw to provide services to PEF to design and construct a two unit WEC AP 1000 nuclear power generating station at a site selected in Levy County. The scope includes items identified in Section 1.1 of the BAP. All contracts will have provisions for, among other things, termination and suspension for non-performance.

#### Default:

In the case of non-performance termination or default, PEF would re-evaluate the cost-effectiveness of continuing with the project with, for example, another engineering and construction firm, undertaking the work.

### **3.3 Business Risk**

#### Economy:

A significant economic downturn or regulatory changes in Florida could result in a deferral of the need to build new generation. System Planning will continue to monitor and analyze PEF's resource portfolio needs based on ongoing estimates of load growth and usage patterns as well as the state of development and availability of alternative generating and non-generating technologies. However, proceeding at this time with site engineering, supply chain and procurement activities is essential to provide PEF with the flexibility to continue to develop the option to build a nuclear plant when it is needed.

#### Weather:

Inclement weather could impact construction. PEF is experienced with large construction projects in Florida and will effectively manage project construction activities as it has in the past.

#### Environment:

Additional environmental regulations are most likely to impact current and future fossil based generation in an unfavorable way, and therefore improve the relative economics of nuclear versus gas or coal. See the discussion of the carbon emissions cost sensitivity in the Economic Analysis Details.

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Other:

In addition to the business risks listed above, the following risks also apply, and must be monitored and managed to the extent possible as part of this project, and which could warrant terminating the project:

- Disallowance of costs by the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC)
- Federal actions regarding the ultimate disposal of used nuclear fuel
- Ability to timely obtain all necessary permits, including land use comprehensive plan amendments and local zoning variances
- Ability to obtain financing on favorable terms
- Ability to site and construct necessary associated transmission facilities in a timely and cost-effective manner
- Delays associated with any project litigation, license or other conditions imposed by the NRC or other regulatory agencies that adversely impact the project
- Supply chain congestion for large forgings with a single major supplier
- Equipment and wall type module fabrication off-site in advance of the start of safety-related construction
- Shortfall in NuStart / DOE funding for Design Finalization activities
- ITAAC Process — “Operating plant” turnover with ITAAC completion results requires an early need for operators and maintenance craft
- Shortage of trained and skilled craftsmen in the construction workforce.
- Significant commodity price increases.
- Significant operational problems at existing nuclear facilities, which have the potential to impact public support for new nuclear power projects.
- Changes in state and federal executive administrations

### **3.4 Operational Risk**

**Reliability** - The modeled results assume that the units perform at expected availability factors.

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### **3.5 Regulatory Risks**

Regulatory risks exist in any project of this magnitude. Some of the significant risks include:

- Increase in NRC Fees. Part 170 fees are those for licensee-specific services such as license renewal, license amendments, new plants, and force-on-force exercises. Based on analysis of actual 2006 rates and 2007 rates, the hourly rate for part 170 services for 2007 has increased approximately 18%.
- Potential delays resulting from litigation in the NRC COL process, the FPSC Need Determination proceeding, the DEP Site Certification process and Local Comprehensive Plan Amendment proceedings.
- Delays in obtaining necessary permits and right-of-way acquisition for the associated transmission facilities.
- Potential challenges or delays in development and implementation of the new cost recovery process for nuclear generation projects with the FPSC.

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## Section 4 - Key Assumptions

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| WACC  | PEF – 8.1%                                    | Treasury   |
| Tax Rates   | PEF – 38.58%                                  | Treasury   |
| Capital and Operating Costs Estimates for the Levy County Plant | See Economic Analysis Section, and Appendix A | New Nuclear Plant Development Section  |
| Costs Estimates for New Gas Fired Generation Technology Options | See Economic Analysis Section, and Appendix A | Plant Construction Department  |
| Operating Costs Assumed   | See Economic Analysis Section, and Appendix A | Plant Construction Department  |
| Nuclear Fuel Projections  | See Economic Analysis Section, and Appendix A | Nuclear Fuel Management  |
| Fossil Fuel and Additive Cost Projections                       | See Economic Analysis Section, and Appendix A | Regulated Fuels  |
| Environmental Compliance Cost Projections                       | See Economic Analysis Section, and Appendix A | Regulated Fuels for SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , and Hg Strategic Planning and External Relations for CO <sub>2</sub> |
| Economic Analysis Horizon                                       | 60 Years.                                     | System Planning  |



## Section 5 - Project Alternatives Analysis

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### 5.1 Alternatives Considered and Basis of Selection

The economic assessment of generation alternatives being considered was performed using an economic scenario analysis model named "Strategist<sup>®</sup>".

To establish a detailed baseline in Strategist<sup>®</sup>, PEF incorporates its specific fuel forecasts, demand and energy forecasts (including effects of conservation and load management), emissions allowance cost forecasts, and corporate capital cost assumptions into the model. PEF also provides the model with estimates of capital costs, spending curves, fixed and variable O&M, and generation capacity and performance characteristics for each of the resource additions being considered. Within the model, PEF's existing generation resources are incorporated to ensure an accurate economic portrayal of portfolio performance over time. From the operations simulation and optimizations performed, revenue requirements forecast is developed for each portfolio under consideration. These results are then compared to establish relative economic performance and general cost-effectiveness for each scenario.

The approach to the analysis and a summary of the results of the analysis are presented in the Need Determination Study which is attached as Appendix B to this document. In addition, the following key summary points illustrate how System Planning used Strategist<sup>®</sup> to create the specific optimal alternative portfolios in this study:

- In this analysis, the generation resource mix was established to be the same in all cases up through the 2012 timeframe based on the resource mix in the Company's optimum planning base case. These assumptions include the completion of the Bartow Repowering Project and the CR 3 Uprate Projects, in addition to other plant and system enhancements.
- With the PEF planning baseline through 2012, Strategist<sup>®</sup> was employed to develop, assess and compare viable resource portfolio options to meet planning reserves from 2008 through 2066, the end of the Study Period. PEF's planning reserve obligation is to meet a 20% reserve margin for the firm seasonal peak loads projected across the forecast horizon.
- The Strategist<sup>®</sup> analysis portfolio was performed over a 60 year horizon to capture the long term effects of the large nuclear generating plants operating over the majority of their projected operating life.
- In order to construct the resource portfolios for evaluation, Strategist<sup>®</sup> was used to develop optimized resource plans supporting Full Ownership of Levy 1&2, 80% Ownership of Levy 1&2 and an All Gas Reference Case. These resource plans are summarized in Appendix C.

**CONFIDENTIAL****The All Gas (Reference) Plan:**

The All Gas Reference Plan was developed and has been used as a reference point for analysis in all of the evaluations to represent a scenario where solid fueled baseload plants (e.g. nuclear and coal) are not viable generation alternatives. Gas fired generation presents several underlying issues which detract from its desirability for satisfying future baseload generation needs, including, but not limited to:

- Gas fired combined cycle plants typically run most economically in an intermediate range due to the relative price of natural gas versus other fuels such as coal and nuclear. If, over the course of time, baseload energy is not introduced into the generating fleet, the natural gas fired plants are pressed more and more into baseload service, putting more demand on the natural gas supply infrastructure in Florida and creating even greater potential reliability issues if supplies are curtailed or interrupted.
- It is clear, based on most projections of generating resource additions in Florida, that natural gas fueled intermediate and peaking units are still going to be built to meet ever-increasing needs. This is demonstrated in PEF's resource plans for additions before baseload additions being proposed and in the plans of other Florida utilities.
- Prudent planning dictates an optimum blend of baseload, intermediate, peaking and DSM resources to most effectively meet the Company's and the State's needs. Further, as has been echoed in state and federal proceedings, it is essential that steps be taken to address energy supply and economic security through fuel diversity to present the widest range of secure supply alternatives and to help mitigate volatility in energy prices. It is also essential that the diverse new supplies of energy be developed to encompass the environmental needs and concerns of society that are rapidly evolving.
- Over time, the natural gas supplies in Florida are going to continue to tighten, causing more pressure on both the commodity and transportation costs and logistics. While potential relief is projected through the addition of multiple proposed LNG terminal and distribution locations, over time this will present another significant and growing opportunity for dependency on foreign suppliers and fuel market dynamics.
- These issues, and others, are discussed in more detail in the Need Determination Study, attached as Appendix B to this document.

**Note on Coal Plants:**

It should be noted that during the course of System Planning's development of updated alternatives and economic analysis, the FPSC denied FP&L's Need Petition for the Glades Coal Plant, which was a proposed 1,960 MW pulverized coal plant with ultra-super critical boilers and state of the art emission controls for NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, mercury and particulates.

The consortium pursuing the 800 MW pulverized coal plant in Taylor County withdrew their need petition in light of these developments in the Florida approval process. Tampa Electric submitted a Need Petition for their proposed Polk 6 IGCC unit on 7/20/07, subsequently withdrew their petition on 10/4/07, and have since embarked on an RFP for natural gas fired generation. Thus, although "Coal" has been addressed in previous PEF comparative studies, it has not been addressed in this study because it is unlikely that PEF could license a new coal plant in Florida until further certainty develops with regard to options to mitigate climate change concerns with coal.

**Transmission Cost Attributes:**

Each of the generation alternatives studied would have a significant impact on the electrical transmission grid. Fully developed, cost effective baseload generation sites for large baseload plants or power parks for several smaller intermediate plants like the Hines Energy Complex site, require significant parcels of land, substantial buffers, often rail, truck and potentially barge access, and significant water requirements. As a result of these substantial requirements, there are very limited site locations in Florida that would properly support operating plant sites of this magnitude and these sites tend to be in remote, rural areas, like PEF's proposed Levy County site. The cost of transmission supporting the two units at Levy County was attributed to those plants in the study.

The cost of electrical transmission facilities for the natural gas generation alternatives was modeled with a projected range of cost of \$100 to 200 Million for combined cycle plants and \$25 to \$40 Million for simple cycle peaking units, depending on the unit position in the construction cycle. These costs are represented as current year (2007) and would escalate appropriately over time. Over a long modeling time horizon like that used in this analysis, it is not possible to individually assess the transmission cost impacts for each of the potential unit additions. In the future, as each generation unit addition is assessed prior to construction commitment, these estimates will be refined. Since substantial new natural gas transmission facilities will also be required to support the projected needs in Florida, additional fixed gas transportation cost is included in the projected fixed O&M estimates for each of the combined cycle units.

**Key Modeling Assumptions:**

Appendix A to this report includes tables and charts listing the key assumptions used in the economic analysis. These include the capital, operating cost and performance projections for all generation options; transmission costs estimates, forecasted fuel prices and forecasts for potential costs of greenhouse gas emissions (primarily CO<sub>2</sub>). The detailed cost, schedule and performance estimates for new nuclear generation were provided to System Planning by the Nuclear Plant Section for the purpose of the economic evaluations performed. The cost, schedule and performance estimates for the natural gas based technology alternatives were developed by the Project Development Group in Power Operations, with assistance from System Planning and consulting support from Burns and McDonnell Engineering. The forecasts for fuel were provided by the Regulated Fuels and the forecasts for potential costs of CO<sub>2</sub> were developed with the assistance of External Relations and Strategic Planning.

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**Other Key Assumptions:**

- Assumptions related to Strategist® modeling – Emissions costs (SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, ammonia, and limestone, and CO<sub>2</sub>) were included in dispatch decisions.
- Assumptions related to Air Emissions Compliance – Analysis was based on the environmental compliance strategy current at the time of the study.
- The cost of the second nuclear unit is projected to be substantially lower on a \$/kW basis than the first unit if the second unit enters commercial service within 12 to 18 months of the first unit. This is based on projected cost efficiencies for concurrent manufacturing of large key components and a continuous mobilization for on-site construction of both units. If the gap between units increased beyond 12 months to 18 months, it is believed that construction demobilization would be required which, given the projected demand for nuclear construction specialties, could cause significant inefficiencies and cost increases.
- Joint ownership scenarios were evaluated based on PEF ownership of 874 MW (roughly 80%) of the full 1,092 MW output of each unit. This initial value was selected for inquiry and guidance in the analysis and does not represent a specific goal or planned objective. Further assessments will be performed to support discussions with potential joint owners in the future.
- Transmission costs for potential joint owners were assumed to be covered under current and future FERC OAT tariff rates. As such, the cost of transmission was fully attributed to the PEF ownership percentage of the plant in each scenario studied. As need dictates, this may be studied further under different assumptions in the future.
- In this long range Strategist® modeling study, load growth was projected through the first 30 years of the study period. Over the course of the full 60 year study period, operating expenses continue to follow their respective forecast assumptions and capacity is added to meet the specified reserve margin requirements
- Gas prices for generic CT/CC including zone basis differentials. Fixed gas transportation for generic CC's and CT's is included in Strategist® separately (Strategist uses an input for \$1.25/mmBtu for FGT fixed transportation escalating with inflation.

## 5.2 Consequences of Non- Authorization and Deferral

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If this project is not authorized, the nuclear generation option will not be available to PEF in the 2016 timeframe. In addition, given the number of companies that have announced plans to construct nuclear plants in the 2016 to 2020 horizon and the limited production capabilities of large component manufacturers, it is likely that the nuclear option would be unavailable until early in the 2020 decade, at the earliest. Instead, the company would be limited to pursue coal (pulverized or IGCC) and/or natural gas as the only options for large scale baseload generation. Based on the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) and Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR) changes in SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> limits in the 2015 timeframe, the company's options would be limited. Potential future green house gas (GHG) emissions regulations would likely limit or even eliminate future baseload alternatives if nuclear is not available as an option. Uncertainty surrounding all of these issues led to the Florida Public Service Commission's (FPSC) June 5, 2007 decision to deny Florida Power & Light's request for approval of their 1,960 MW Glades supercritical pulverized coal plant, effectively removing pulverized coal (supercritical and ultra supercritical) as a viable baseload option in Florida in this timeframe. The same concerns and uncertainties prompted Tampa Electric and the utility consortium that was developing the Taylor County coal plant to withdraw their need petition from the FPSC in early 2007.

Additionally, under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), incentives for new nuclear plants -- such as DOE Loan Guarantees, DOE Standby Support (a type of risk insurance), and IRS Production Tax Credits -- will only be available to PEF if PEF's nuclear generation is in the first wave of new nuclear plants in the industry. Therefore, these benefits will not be available if the Company does not authorize the project. Key milestones to be eligible for EPACT Tax Credits include:

- Submit a letter of intent to the NRC before 1/1/2007 (complete)
- COLA for a facility is filed with the NRC on or before the later of 12/31/2008
- Construction on the facility begins before 1/1/2014
- Plant In-Service by 1/1/2021 to be eligible for tax credits. Allocation is \$0.018/kWh for the first eight years of facilities operation. The credit is limited to the first 6000 MW's of nuclear generation.

There are also key incentives related to loan guarantees for innovative energy technologies and the Price Anderson Act is extended 20 years for nuclear liability protection.

## Section 6 - Economic Analysis

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### 6.1 Detailed Discussion of Results

The economic analysis that supports this recommendation was completed by the System Planning and Operations Department in February 2008 in support of PEF's Petition for the Determination of Need for Levy Units 1 and 2. The details of the results of this analysis are presented in Appendix A entitled the "Levy Nuclear Need Economic Analysis Update Report (3/8/08) and in the "Need Determination Study" attached as Appendix B.

A few key notes and observations on the analysis performed:

The detailed system simulations were performed with Strategist<sup>®</sup> over a 60 year study period from present day to a point roughly 50 years beyond the new nuclear generation additions in 2016 and 2017. As a result, the study period extended through 2066.

The Company considers both financial and non-financial factors and incorporates information gathered from the both the base Strategist<sup>®</sup> runs and the sensitivity analyses performed for guidance.

Fuel prices are escalated through the entire study period.

The CPVRR analysis assumed that the recovery of the investment for each of the various baseload generation resources would begin once the unit is placed in service. With early cost recovery for nuclear generation the pattern of the revenue requirements would be different; however the present value of the revenue requirements being addressed in the alternatives would be roughly the same.

### 6.2 Scenario Analysis

The scenario analysis results are included in the referenced appendices, as noted.

#### Favorable Impacts:

Factors favorable to nuclear economics include:

- Lower (relative) costs for nuclear construction
- Award of production tax credits
- Significant climate change legislation - addition of carbon tax or other requirement that increases the cost of coal, IGCC and gas.
- Increased natural gas prices

- Lower costs for transmission for nuclear generation would improve the economics of all nuclear alternatives versus the All Gas Reference Plan.

Unfavorable Impacts:

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Factors unfavorable to nuclear economics include:

- Increased (relative) costs for nuclear construction
- Limited climate change legislation - No carbon tax/ low carbon tax
- Lower natural gas prices
- Higher costs for transmission for baseload units would negatively impact the economics of all nuclear alternatives versus the All Gas Reference Plan.

**6.3 Summary of Financial Indicators**

The tables below summarizes the relative economics of each of the resource plan scenarios versus the All Gas Reference Plan. The results are presented and discussed in detail in the Updated Results Report (Appendix A) and the Need Determination Study (Appendix B).

Table 6.3.1

**Table 6.3-1 Economic Results for 100% Ownership**

*Levy 1&2 Nuclear Economic Benefits Assessment  
 Mid Reference Fuel and Fuel Sensitivities - Full Ownership  
 Comparison of Nuclear Expansion vs All Gas Reference Case  
 Base Year Cumulative PV Benefits (\$2007 in Millions)*

| <i>Base Capital Reference Case</i>          | <i>Low Fuel Reference</i> | <i>Mid Fuel Reference</i> | <i>High Fuel Reference</i> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>No CO<sub>2</sub></i>                    | <i>(\$6,416)</i>          | <i>(\$2,888)</i>          | <i>\$2,635</i>             |
| <i>Bingaman Specter CO<sub>2</sub> Case</i> | <i>(\$3,834)</i>          | <i>(\$343)</i>            | <i>\$5,212</i>             |
| <i>EPA No CCS CO<sub>2</sub> Case</i>       | <i>(\$2,684)</i>          | <i>\$793</i>              | <i>\$6,318</i>             |
| <i>MIT Mid Range CO<sub>2</sub> Case</i>    | <i>\$85</i>               | <i>\$3,614</i>            | <i>\$9,077</i>             |
| <i>Lieberman Warner CO<sub>2</sub> Case</i> | <i>\$2,930</i>            | <i>\$6,380</i>            | <i>\$11,892</i>            |

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**Table 6.3-2 Economic Results for 80% Ownership**

**Levy 1&2 Nuclear Economic Benefits Assessment  
 Mid Reference Fuel and Fuel Sensitivities - 80% Ownership  
 Comparison of Nuclear Expansion vs All Gas Reference Case  
 Base Year Cumulative PV Benefits (\$2007 in Millions)**

| <b>Base Capital Reference Case</b>          | <b>Low Fuel Reference</b> | <b>Mid Fuel Reference</b> | <b>High Fuel Reference</b> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>No CO<sub>2</sub></b>                    | <b>(\$5,566)</b>          | <b>(\$2,725)</b>          | <b>\$1,732</b>             |
| <b>Bingaman Specter CO<sub>2</sub> Case</b> | <b>(\$3,530)</b>          | <b>(\$733)</b>            | <b>\$3,756</b>             |
| <b>EPA No CCS CO<sub>2</sub> Case</b>       | <b>(\$2,619)</b>          | <b>\$171</b>              | <b>\$4,631</b>             |
| <b>MIT Mid Range CO<sub>2</sub> Case</b>    | <b>(\$448)</b>            | <b>\$2,403</b>            | <b>\$6,790</b>             |
| <b>Lieberman Warner CO<sub>2</sub> Case</b> | <b>\$1,799</b>            | <b>\$4,594</b>            | <b>\$9,018</b>             |

## **6.4 Modeling Tool Used/ Description of Changes/ Approval**

- 1) Strategist<sup>®</sup> was used to evaluate the CPVRR for each Scenario.
- 2) System Planning Excel based models for reporting and additional sensitivities on the CPVRR calculations.

## **6.5 Sensitivity Analysis**

Sensitivity results are presented and discussed in detail in the Updated Results Report (Appendix A) and the Need Determination Study (Appendix B). Sensitivities relating to fuel prices, CO2 emissions costs and capital cost were all addressed.

### **Production Tax Credit Sensitivity**

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 included provisions for production tax credits for the first 6000 MW of new nuclear power plants to be built. These credits would be valued at \$.018 per Kwh of output for the first eight years of operation and would be capped at \$125 million annually for the pool of participants. These values were not included in the initial presentation of economic results, but are discussed in the attached study as additional potential benefits. (Appendix B).



## 6.6 Operational Analysis

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*Not Applicable*

## 6.7 Regulatory Impact Analysis

PEF has an obligation to ensure that adequate electrical generation capacity is installed in a timely manner to meet customer demand while maintaining necessary reserve margins. Based upon current information, forecasts, and detailed system planning it appears that baseload capacity is needed in the 2016 – 2019 timeframe in the Florida service territory to meet the reliability and economic needs of the Company and its customers.

The various generation technologies evaluated to meet these needs have different total development timeline requirements with nuclear being the longest at roughly 10 years. Natural gas technologies including combined cycle and simple cycle units have the shortest development timelines. In addition to generating units lead times, the transmission design and construction timelines to support system additions can take as long or longer to complete than the plant site development and construction.

At this time, nuclear appears favorable when compared with other generation technology options, as already discussed. Various analytical models and industry information presented in this document support this conclusion. This is particularly supported by advances in the reactor technology design that simplify the plant (i.e., reduce the number of components) and by use of a modular construction approach to add additional certainty to the construction process.

In order to best serve its customers, PEF needs to invest capital funds to continue the nuclear licensing process, move forward with limited detailed engineering and design and initiate the procurement process for long lead materials, and continue pursuing the state and federal permitting and approvals required. These continued efforts will help ensure that development of new nuclear facilities at the Levy County Site will be viable to meet PEF's needs in the 2016 timeframe and beyond.

### Update on FPSC Rule 25-6.0423 for Nuclear Cost Recovery

Historically, the long construction period, high cost, and long gap between nuclear construction expenditures and prudency determinations subjected utilities building nuclear plants to extraordinarily high risks. On April 8, 2007 FPSC Rule 25-6.0423 took effect to establish a new Regulatory framework through which costs associated with new Nuclear Power Plants will be recovered by regulated IOU's in Florida. The rule was amended effective February 3, 2008 to include IGCC plants. Listed below are several key aspects which, among others, allow PEF

to manage the risk associated with new nuclear plant construction to be more in-line with the risk level of current ongoing operations:

- Provision for annual determinations of prudence with regard to expenditures once the Determination of Need is granted. Once a cost has been deemed prudent it is not subject to further scrutiny (except in cases of fraud, perjury or intentional withholding of key information). This aspect is critical in reducing the risk associated with new nuclear plants to a level more comparable to the risk of ongoing operations.
- Provision for recovery of some capital and all carrying costs as construction is performed. This aspect increases cash flow, serves to attract lower financing, and reduces the long-term impact on customer rates.
- Provision allowing recovery of past expenditures and current obligations associated with the nuclear plant if for some reason the Utility elects not to complete the plant. These costs will be recovered over 5 years or the period, over which they were incurred, whichever is longer.
- Establishment of an Annual Regulatory Filing Timeline:
  - March 1 – True-Up Filing for previous years
  - April 30 – Annual Report w/ budgeted and actual costs as compared to the estimated in-service costs
  - May 1 – True-Up and Projection for Current Year
  - May 1 – Projected Costs for Subsequent Years
  - May 1 – Detailed Analysis of the long-term feasibility of completing the nuclear plant
  - October 1 – Hearing and determination of prudence and reasonableness

As the nuclear generation project continues forward, PEF will continue to monitor and will be obligated to demonstrate the prudence of pursuing nuclear generation as opposed to other viable options to meet the reliability and economic needs of the Company's customers. Progress Energy has also established a Regulatory Assurance group to assist with the oversight requirements of this ongoing review process to ensure that proper consideration and documentation is maintained. At each of the Company's future decision points, the Company will carefully consider any of the key risks that materialize to a degree considered significant by the Company, and/or any new risks or information that come to light which, when evaluated against the benefits the nuclear generation project offers, suggests a course of action to proceed or not proceed further with the project in the Company's deliberate, business judgment.

## **6.8 Market Analysis**

### Customer Analysis

NA

### Competitor Analysis

NA

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## **6.9 Contracting and Procurement Summary**

Work is currently underway to negotiate the terms and scope of Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract with WEC and Shaw for the project. The EPC contract will incorporate an exit strategy for long lead equipment if a decision is made, at some point in the future, to discontinue construction of the nuclear plant. The team will also develop a strategy to monitor key indices to track prices for critical resources such as concrete, steel, land, and labor cost and availability. As the final EPC contract is developed, risk will be assessed and managed through careful application of either fixed price or time and materials terms to each of the significant areas of contract scope. WEC and Shaw delivered an updated total project cost estimates to PEF in February 2008. A strategy will also be defined during the first phase of site specific project design to establish the most effective way to contract for the site specific work.

## **6.10 Non-Financial Considerations / Intangibles / Un-quantified Financial Considerations, Others**

In addition to the results of the economic analysis, there are other relevant considerations in supporting this BAP Revision 2. As system requirements grow, fuel supply markets evolve and existing facilities age and require maintenance and enhancements, Progress Energy needs to take deliberate steps to maintain a diverse generation portfolio so it doesn't become too dependent on a particular generation fuel type or mode of transportation. If diversity is not maintained, customer rates can be unduly subjected to volatile changes as costs for a particular fuel type or fuel market segment change dramatically with market conditions. The State of Florida has considered the issues of fuel diversity and security at length, both in the Legislature and at the Public Service Commission. The Power Plant Siting Act and many aspects of the Commission rules on Need Petition review and cost recovery have been amended to reflect these changes and encourage development of diversity, and more specifically, nuclear generation.

Promulgation of the Clear Air interstate Rules (CAIR) and the Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR) added considerable limitations on both existing and potential new fossil generation resource in Florida. Substantial additional cost and complexity will be associated with potential new carbon emissions restrictions being considered to achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. While these factors are very complex and difficult to precisely quantify, it remains clear that a nuclear generation option, which is not affected by CAIR, CAMR and/or GHG limits should remain a viable option.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 provides specific financial incentives for development of advanced new nuclear plants that include loan guarantees, standby support (a type of risk insurance) and production tax credits. These incentives are expected to be only available for the 1<sup>st</sup> wave of new nuclear plants constructed in the US. While the financial values of these incentives are not the principle basis for choosing nuclear generation, they are nonetheless relevant in the final decision of new baseload generation deployment, and contribute favorably to a nuclear decision. While an attempt has been made to quantify only the potential production tax credit benefits, there are uncertainties relating to the number of nuclear projects that come to fruition within the proscribed timeframe and become eligible for these tax credits. The number of projects completed will affect the amount of credits each participant will ultimately be eligible for.

## 6.11 Integration and Project Performance Assessment Plan

### 6.11.1 Organizational Requirements and Integration Issues

This section details the roles and responsibilities of the New Nuclear Development Organization and the numerous supporting organizations that will provide institutional coordination and support for this project.

| Organizational Requirements and Integration Issues                           |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Nuclear Generation Group:</b>   |  |
| <b>New Nuclear Plant Development Organization</b>                            | Primary responsible organization for siting and COL development / licensing activities, engineering activities, and to support procurement activities related to purchasing long lead equipment. |
| <b>Nuclear Engineering &amp; Services Department (NESD)</b>                  | Engineering support for Fire Protection, PRA, Nuclear Fuels, and Procurement   |
| <b>Nuclear Projects &amp; Construction Department</b>                        | Primary responsible organization for constructing the plant site   |
| <b>Performance Evaluation Section and Regulatory Affairs Section (PERAS)</b> | NRC Regulatory affairs and QA support  |
| <b>Nuclear Security</b>  | Nuclear specific security concerns, security plans, and design basis threat (DBT) support  |
| <b>HNP, RNP, BNP , and CR3 Departments</b>                                   | Support specialized areas technical reviews  |
| <b>Energy Delivery</b>   |  |
| <b>Energy Delivery</b>   | Community relations and public education support   |

| Roles, Responsibilities and Impacts                    |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Transmission Planning and Operations</b>            | Transmission system planning, System Integration, Design and Construction of System Additions, Regulatory Support for Siting Generation and Transmission, Continued Economic Analytical Support   |
| <b>Operations Business Services</b>                    | Budget and Cost management support  |
| <b>Service Company:</b>                                |   |
| <b>Accounting</b>                                      | Property Unit Accounting support, Regulatory Accounting Support   |
| <b>Tax</b>   | EPACT production tax credit regulatory support and financial analysis. Sales and Use Tax Analysis, Property Tax Analysis  |
| <b>Treasury &amp; Risk Management</b>                  | Financial analysis support  |
| <b>Corporate Services</b>                              | Contracting, purchasing, including land acquisitions  |
| <b>Environmental Services</b>                          | Siting and Environmental Report development support   |
| <b>Legal</b>   | Management of Regulatory Licensing and Certification Activities, Contract reviews   |
| <b>State Public Affairs &amp; Economic Development</b> | Regulatory support and community support  |
| <b>Human Resources</b>                                 | Recruiting support for new organization   |
| <b>IT&amp;T</b>  | IT and telecom services for new organization  |
| <b>Communications</b>                                  | Communication support with employees, community and media.  |
| <b>Project Assurance</b>                               | Project Assurance Plan (Prudency)   |
| <b>Audit Services</b>                                  | Process compliance  |
| <b>Levy Integrated Nuclear Committee (LINC)</b>        | Coordinate the planning and execution of LNP by ensuring effective integration of project management functions and decisions necessary to the success of the project. The committee will serve as the single point for management oversight of all phases of the project. |

## **6.12 Wrap up Conclusions and Recommendations**

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It is recommended that this BAP Revision 2 be approved for the authorization of updated COLA funding requirements and for the items shown above that bridge additional known scope items identified through the end of 2008. An additional authorization request will be prepared upon completion of EPC negotiations and pursuant to the new IPP Process.

**Appendix A - Levy Nuclear Need Economic Analysis Update**

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**Levy Nuclear Need  
Economic Analysis Update Report**

**PEF System Planning and Regulatory Performance  
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## **System Planning Results Update Analysis Results - Basis for the Levy Need**

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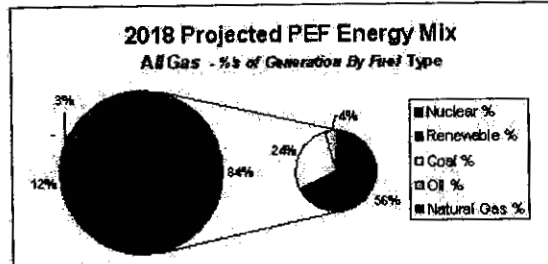
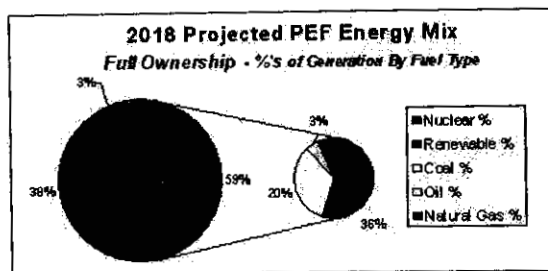
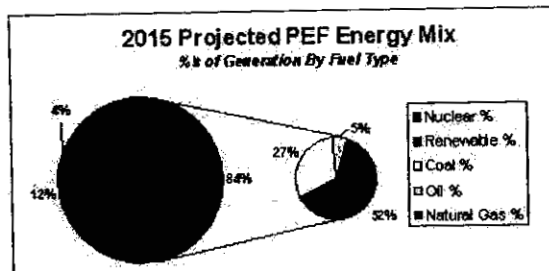
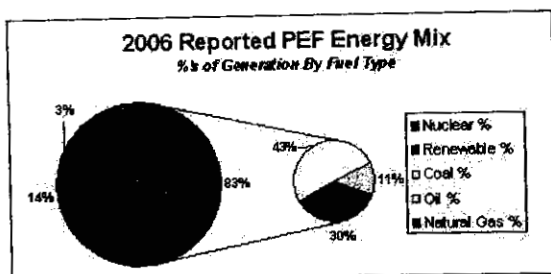
- **Resource Planning Baseline**
  - 2008 Draft Demand and Energy Forecast
  - November '07 GFF Fuel Forecast
  - Current Baseline for Resource Plan to 2012
- **Fuel Diversity Impacts – Energy Mix**
- **Key Assumptions and Updates**
  - Feb '08 CapEx Updates for Nuclear
  - Feb '08 CapEx Update for Baseload Transmission
  - Dec '07 CapEx Updates for Fossil Resources
  - Decisions on Appropriate Financial Parameters
- **Strategist® Results 2/21/08**



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**3/8/08 Results Review**  
**Updated PEF System Energy Mix**

The Energy Mix Analysis is based on the energy by fuel type from PEF's Generation combined with the fuels attributed to PEF's purchased power contracts ...



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**Strategist® 31 Year Optimization Results** **CONFIDENTIAL**  
 Optimized Resource Plans Selected for Economic Analysis

|              | Levy Need Analysis<br>Nuclear Plan<br>100% Ownership Case  | Levy Need Analysis<br>Nuclear Plan<br>80% Joint Ownership Case                                       | Levy Need Analysis<br>All Gas Reference Case   |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| 2007 to 2012 | PEF Baseline Assumptions<br>CC #1 1,150 MW (June '10)<br>201 MW Susannah Steam Retirement (June '10) | PEF Baseline Assumptions<br>CC #4 1,150 MW (June '13)<br>141 MW Susannah Steam Retirement (June '10) | PEF Baseline Assumptions<br>CC #1 1,150 MW (June '13)<br>141 MW Susannah Steam Retirement (June '10) |
| 2013         |  |  |  |
| 2014         |  |  |  |
| 2015         |  |  | Generic 2x1 CC   |
| 2016         | 100% Levy Unit 2 1,000 MW (June '16)<br>100 MW Peakier Retirements (June '10)                        | 80% Levy Unit 1 1,000 MW (June '16)<br>100 MW Peakier Retirements (June '10)                         | Generic Simple Cycle CT<br>100 MW Peakier Retirements (June '10)<br>Generic 2x1 CC                   |
| 2017         | 100% Levy Unit 2 1,000 MW (June '17)   | 80% Levy Unit 2 1,000 MW (June '17)  | Generic 2x1 CC   |
| 2018         |  |  |  |
| 2019         |  |  | Generic 2x1 CC   |
| 2020         |  |  |  |
| 2021         |  |  |  |
| 2022         |  | Generic Simple Cycle CT  |  |
| 2023         |  | Generic Simple Cycle CT  | Generic 2x1 CC   |
| 2024         |  | Generic Simple Cycle CT  | Generic 2x1 CC   |
| 2025         |  | Generic 2x1 CC   | Generic 2x1 CC   |
| 2026         |  | Generic 2x1 CC   | Generic 2x1 CC   |
| 2027         |  | Generic 2x1 CC   | Generic 2x1 CC   |
| 2028         |  | Generic Simple Cycle CT  | Generic Simple Cycle CT  |
| 2029         |  | Generic 2x1 CC   | Generic Simple Cycle CT  |
| 2030         |  | Generic 2x1 CC   | Generic 2x1 CC   |
| 2031         |  | Generic 2x1 CC   | Generic Simple Cycle CT  |
| 2032         |  | Generic Simple Cycle CT  | Generic 2x1 CC   |
| 2033         |  | Generic 2x1 CC   |  |
| 2034         |  | Generic Simple Cycle CT  | Generic 2x1 CC   |
| 2035         |  | Generic 2x1 CC   | Generic 2x1 CC   |
| 2036         |  | Generic 2x1 CC   | Generic 2x1 CC   |
| 2037         |  | Generic 2x1 CC   | Generic 2x1 CC   |

**NOTES:**

- 20% Reserve Margin with Draft 2008 TYSP Demand and Energy Forecast
- All Non-Renewable Contracts Expire
- Plans Selected from 31 Yr Optimization for Expansion into 60 Year Plans

## Current Resource Plan Parameters Resource Baseline – Resources and Reserves

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| GENERATION ADDITIONS        | Summer Full Ownership Case |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |         |       | Winter Full Ownership Case |       |         |         |  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|-------|----------------------------|-------|---------|---------|--|
|                             | 2013                       | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019    | 2020    | 2021    |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Unit Retirements/Deprecates | (175)                      |       |       | (198) |       |       |         |         |         |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Scenario Nuclear            |                            |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |         |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Reserve Margin              | 28.1%                      | 25.4% | 23.0% |       |       |       |         |         |         |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| MW Above/Below 20%          | 912                        | 571   | 321   | 509   | 1726  | 626   | (1,925) | (1,423) | (1,641) |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Unit Retirements/Deprecates | (175)                      |       |       | (198) |       |       |         |         |         |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Scenario Nuclear            |                            |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |         |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Reserve Margin              | 28.1%                      | 25.4% | 23.0% | 25.3% | 23.2% | 21.2% |         |         |         |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| MW Above/Below 20%          | 912                        | 571   | 321   | 587   | 756   | 124   | (199)   | (321)   | (648)   |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Unit Retirements/Deprecates | (175)                      |       |       | (198) |       |       |         |         |         |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Scenario Nuclear            |                            |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |         |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Reserve Margin              | 28.1%                      | 25.4% | 23.0% | 25.3% | 23.2% | 21.2% | 28.8%   | 26.6%   | 24.6%   |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| MW Above/Below 20%          | 912                        | 571   | 321   | 587   | 1,448 | 1,228 | 932     | 761     | 593     | (908) | (815)                      | (618) | (1,226) | (1,458) |  |
| Unit Retirements/Deprecates | (175)                      |       |       | (198) |       |       |         |         |         |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Scenario Nuclear            |                            |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |         |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Reserve Margin              | 27.5%                      | 25.7% | 21.1% | 21.0% | 26.9% | 21.6% |         |         |         |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| MW Above/Below 20%          | 288                        | 1,096 | 819   | 123   | 720   | 444   | 172     | (106)   | (273)   |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Unit Retirements/Deprecates | (175)                      |       |       | (198) |       |       |         |         |         |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Scenario Nuclear            |                            |       |       |       |       |       |         |         |         |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| Reserve Margin              | 27.5%                      | 25.7% | 21.1% | 21.0% | 26.0% | 22.8% | 30.4%   | 28.0%   | 25.8%   |       |                            |       |         |         |  |
| MW Above/Below 20%          | 288                        | 1,096 | 819   | 123   | 720   | 1,664 | 1,282   | 1,018   | 745     |       |                            |       |         |         |  |

- 20% Reserve Margin
- 2008 TYSP Demand and Energy Forecast
- All Non-Renewable Contracts Expire
- 2013 4x1 CC
- 2016 Summer Need 509 MW

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**Capital Cost Estimate for Stratigist Modeling**

**Levy County Units 1 and 2 (\$000's)**

|  | Unit 1    | Unit 2    | Current Total |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Land   |           |           |               |
| CDLA Development and Approval  |           |           |               |
| AP1000 Overnight Costs   |           |           |               |
| Initial Core Fuel  |           |           |               |
| Owner's Cost - PGN Construction Mgmt   |           |           |               |
| Owner's Cost - Site Perm Structures/Facilities                                       |           | Redacted  |               |
| Owner's Costs - Permanent Staffing & Training  |           |           |               |
| Owner's Costs - Permits, Fees, Insurance, Taxes, Misc. Contingencies (Owner's Costs) |           |           |               |
| Unit Overnight Total Cost  | 5,617,297 | 3,686,282 | 9,303,579     |
| Project Escalation @ 3%  | 883,980   | 655,386   | 1,539,367     |
| Escalated Construction Cost (Before AFUDC)   | 6,501,276 | 4,341,670 | 10,842,946    |
| Estimated Project AFUDC  | 1,814,733 | 1,432,029 | 3,246,762     |
| LNP Unit Total   | 8,316,010 | 5,773,698 | 14,089,708    |
| Winter Capacity Rating (MW)  | 1,120     | 1,120     | 2,240         |
| Summer Capacity Rating (MW)  | 1,092     | 1,092     | 2,184         |
| Estimated Overnight Cost - Winter Basis (\$/kW)                                      | 5,015     | 3,291     | 4,153         |
| Estimated Overnight Cost - Summer Basis (\$/kW)                                      | 5,144     | 3,376     | 4,260         |
| Estimated In-Service Cost - Winter Basis (\$/kW)                                     | 7,425     | 5,155     | 6,290         |
| Estimated In-Service Cost - Summer Basis (\$/kW)                                     | 7,615     | 5,287     | 6,451         |

**Strategist® CapEx for Baseload Transmission**  
 Cost Estimate Updates Used in the Modeling

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**2008-2015 High Level Project Cost Update**

|                      | 2008      | 2009       | 2010       | 2011       | 2012       | 2013       | 2014       | 2015      | 2/Y 2008     |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Site Selection       | 14        |            |            |            |            |            |            |           | 14           |
| Pre-construction     | 33        | 28         | 102        | 28         | 52         | 24         | 4          |           | 270          |
| Construction         | 5         | 86         | 177        | 248        | 360        | 268        | 180        | 25        | 1,351        |
| Land                 | 31        | 256        | 263        | 126        | 89         | 20         | 13         | 13        | 812          |
| <b>Project Total</b> | <b>83</b> | <b>370</b> | <b>542</b> | <b>403</b> | <b>501</b> | <b>313</b> | <b>197</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>2,447</b> |

**2008-2015 Transmission Assumptions**

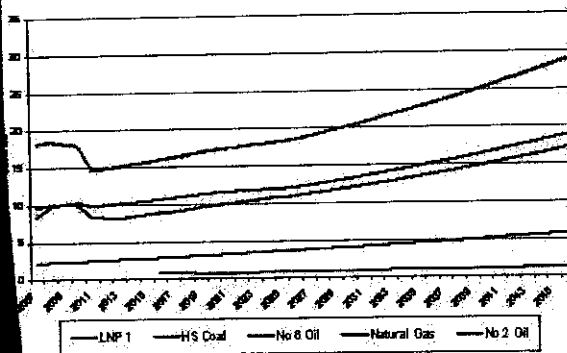
- Land Cost Not Depreciated (Approx. \$800 M In-Service Cost)
- Assumed 100% of Transmission Cost for Full and Joint Ownership
- Adjusted the Property Tax Insurance Rates for Transmission Assets

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 Key assumptions Used in the Modeling

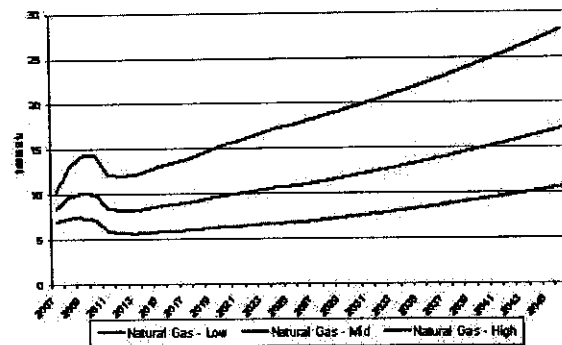
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**Fuel Forecasts ... Based on the November 2007 GFF ...**

**Figure XX LNP Need Fuel Forecast**  
 Reference Mid Level Forecast



**LNP Need Fuel Forecast**  
 Fuel Forecast Sensitivity for Natural Gas (\$ Normal)



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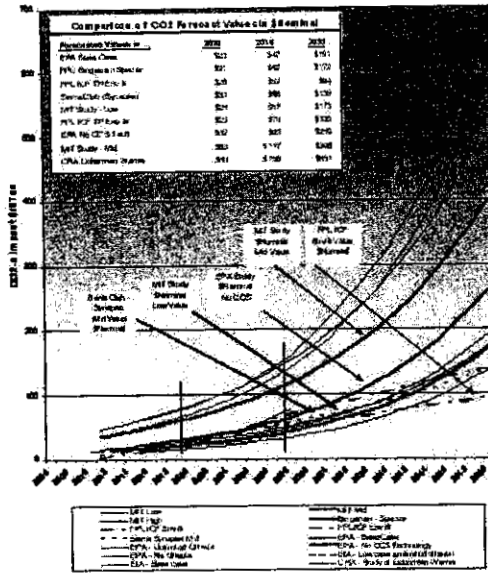
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CO<sub>2</sub> is a Key Driver In the Nuclear Analysis ...

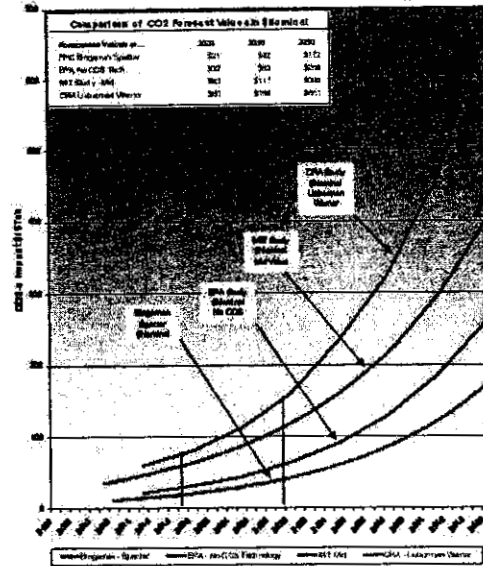
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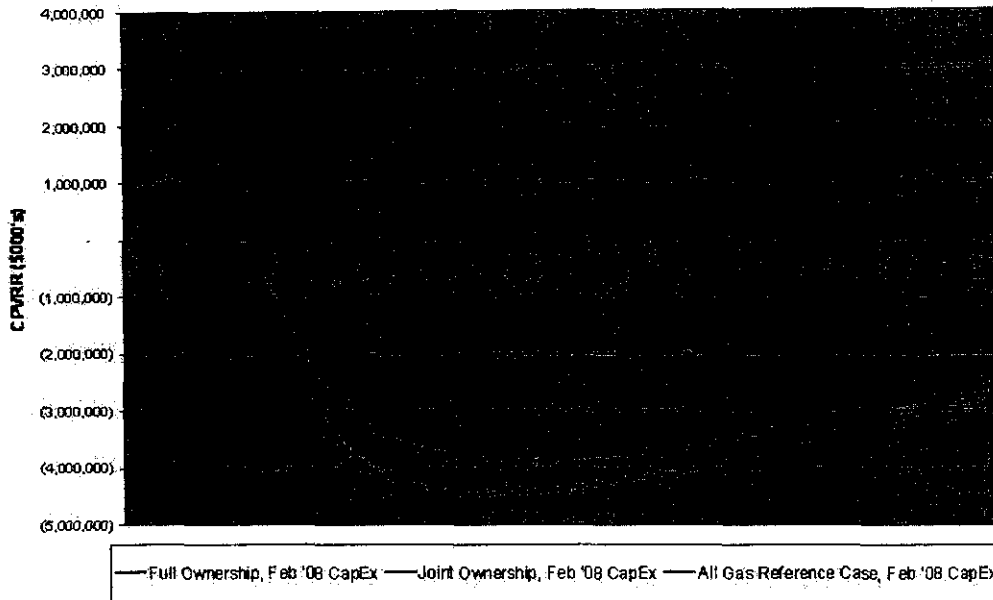
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### Levy Economic Analysis Revised with CapEx Updates ...

- February '08 Westinghouse/Shaw Plant Update
- February '08 Baseload Transmission Cost Update and Joint Ownership Assumption
- Initial Assessment – This Chart based on Mid Reference Fuel, No CO<sub>2</sub> Impact



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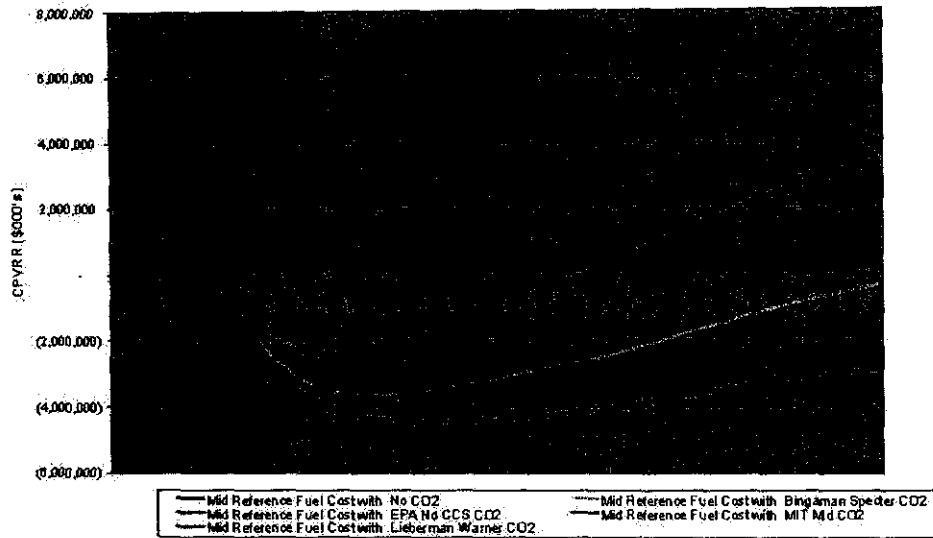
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### Full Ownership Mid Reference Fuel with CO<sub>2</sub> Sensitivities ...

Levy Economic Analysis - Cumulative PV of Revenue Requirements  
LNP Full Ownership Mid Reference Fuel, CO<sub>2</sub> Sensitivities  
Levy Need Results Update 2/22/08



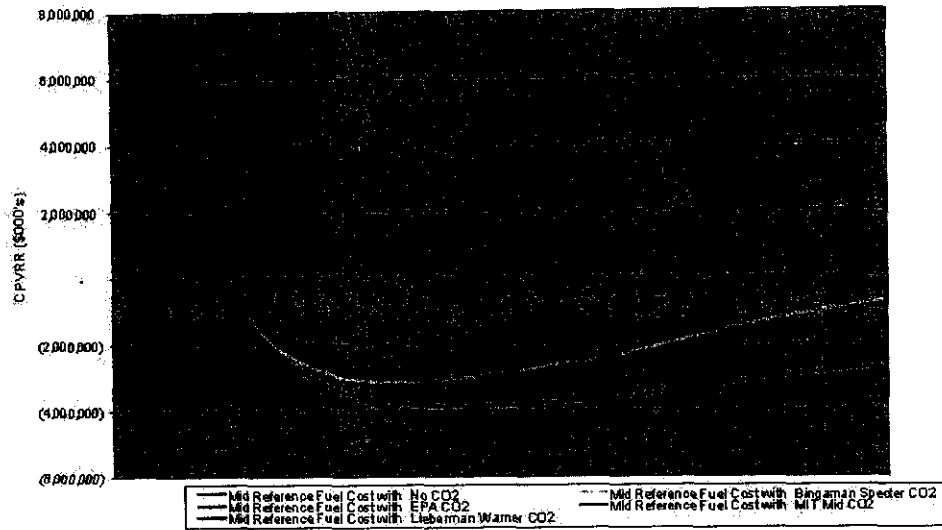
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**80% Joint Ownership Mid Reference Fuel with CO<sub>2</sub> Sensitivities ...**

Levy Economic Analysis - Cumulative PV of Revenue Requirements  
 LNP 80% Joint Ownership Mid Reference Fuel, CO<sub>2</sub> Sensitivities  
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**Note: 2066 CPVRR values are used in the following tables ...**

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**Full Ownership - Full Sensitivities Summary ...**

Levy 1&2 Nuclear Economic Benefits Assessment  
 Mid Reference Fuel and Fuel Sensitivities - Full Ownership  
 Comparison of Nuclear Expansion vs All Gas Reference Case  
 Base Year Cumulative PV Benefits (\$2007 in Millions)

| Base Capital Reference Case           | Low Fuel Reference | Mid Fuel Reference | High Fuel Reference |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| No CO <sub>2</sub>                    | (\$6,416)          | (\$2,888)          | \$2,635             |
| Bergman Specter CO <sub>2</sub> Case  | (\$3,834)          | (\$343)            | \$5,212             |
| EPA No CCS CO <sub>2</sub> Case       | (\$2,684)          | \$793              | \$6,318             |
| MIT Mid Range CO <sub>2</sub> Case    | \$85               | \$3,614            | \$8,077             |
| Lieberman Warner CO <sub>2</sub> Case | \$2,930            | \$6,380            | \$11,892            |

| Capital Sensitivities Reference Case  | LNP CapEx (5%) | Mid Fuel Reference | LNP CapEx 5% | LNP CapEx 15% | LNP CapEx 25% |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| No CO <sub>2</sub>                    | (\$2,365)      | (\$2,888)          | (\$3,400)    | (\$4,434)     | (\$5,468)     |
| Bergman Specter CO <sub>2</sub> Case  | \$109          | (\$343)            | (\$926)      | (\$1,960)     | (\$2,995)     |
| EPA No CCS CO <sub>2</sub> Case       | \$1,287        | \$793              | \$172        | (\$862)       | (\$1,897)     |
| MIT Mid Range CO <sub>2</sub> Case    | \$3,975        | \$3,614            | \$2,940      | \$1,906       | \$871         |
| Lieberman Warner CO <sub>2</sub> Case | \$6,674        | \$6,380            | \$5,640      | \$4,605       | \$3,571       |

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**80% Joint Ownership Full Sensitivities Summary ...**

Levy 1&2 Nuclear Economic Benefits Assessment  
 Mid Reference Fuel and Fuel Sensitivities - 80% Ownership  
 Comparison of Nuclear Expansion vs All Gas Reference Case  
 Base Year Cumulative PV Benefits (\$2007 in Millions)

| Base Capital Reference Case           | Low Fuel Reference | Mid Fuel Reference | High Fuel Reference |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| No CO <sub>2</sub>                    | (\$5,566)          | (\$2,725)          | \$1,732             |
| Bingaman Specter CO <sub>2</sub> Case | (\$3,530)          | (\$733)            | \$3,756             |
| EPA No CCS CO <sub>2</sub> Case       | (\$2,619)          | \$171              | \$4,631             |
| NET Mid Range CO <sub>2</sub> Case    | (\$448)            | \$2,403            | \$6,790             |
| Lieberman Warner CO <sub>2</sub> Case | \$1,799            | \$4,594            | \$9,018             |

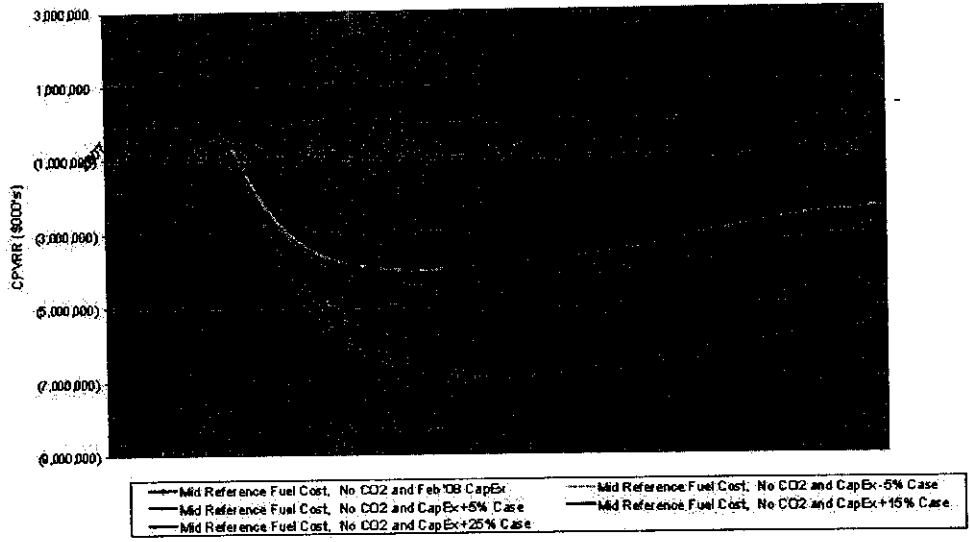
| Capital Sensitivity Reference Case    | LNP CapEx (5%) | Mid Fuel Reference | LNP CapEx 9% | LNP CapEx 15% | LNP CapEx 25% |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| No CO <sub>2</sub>                    | (\$2,284)      | (\$2,725)          | (\$3,154)    | (\$4,023)     | (\$4,892)     |
| Bingaman Specter CO <sub>2</sub> Case | (\$364)        | (\$733)            | (\$1,234)    | (\$2,103)     | (\$2,972)     |
| EPA No CCS CO <sub>2</sub> Case       | \$502          | \$171              | (\$367)      | (\$1,236)     | (\$2,106)     |
| NET Mid Range CO <sub>2</sub> Case    | \$2,681        | \$2,403            | \$1,812      | \$942         | \$73          |
| Lieberman Warner CO <sub>2</sub> Case | \$4,895        | \$4,594            | \$3,936      | \$3,067       | \$2,197       |

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**Full Ownership CapEx Sensitivity Based on No CO<sub>2</sub> Case ...**

Levy Economic Analysis - Cumulative PV of Revenue Requirements  
 LNP Full Ownership - Mid Reference Fuel, NO CO<sub>2</sub>, CapEx Sensitivity  
 Levy Need Results Update 2/21/08



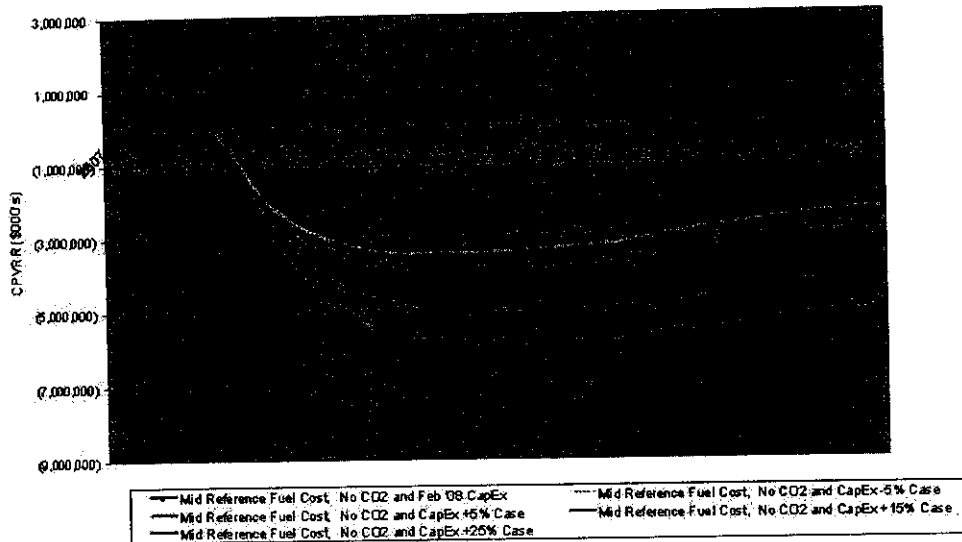
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**80% Joint Ownership CapEx Sensitivity Based on No CO<sub>2</sub> Case ...**

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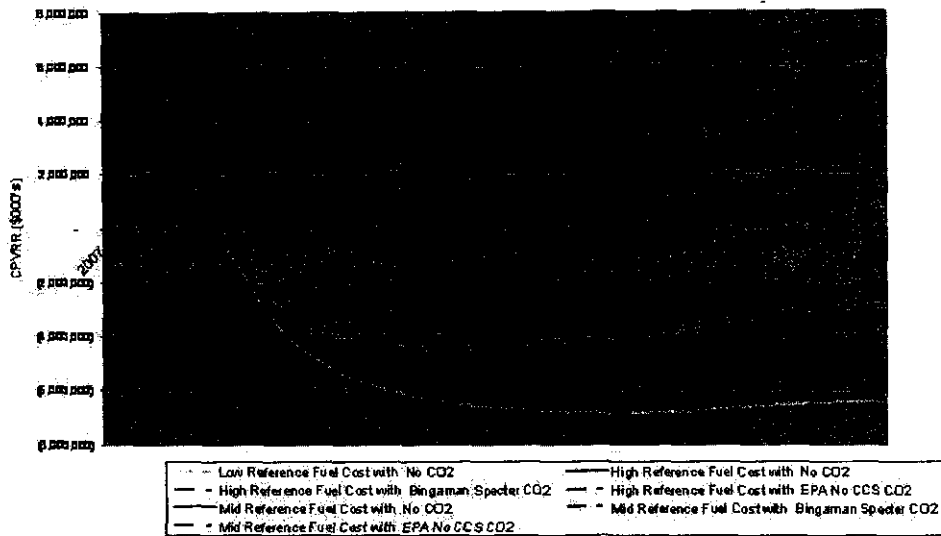


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**Full Ownership - Sensitivities with Fuels and CO2 Combined ...**

Levy Economic Analysis - Cumulative PV of Revenue Requirements  
 LNP Full Ownership Fuel Sensitivities with CO2 Ranges  
 Levy Need Results Update 2/24/08

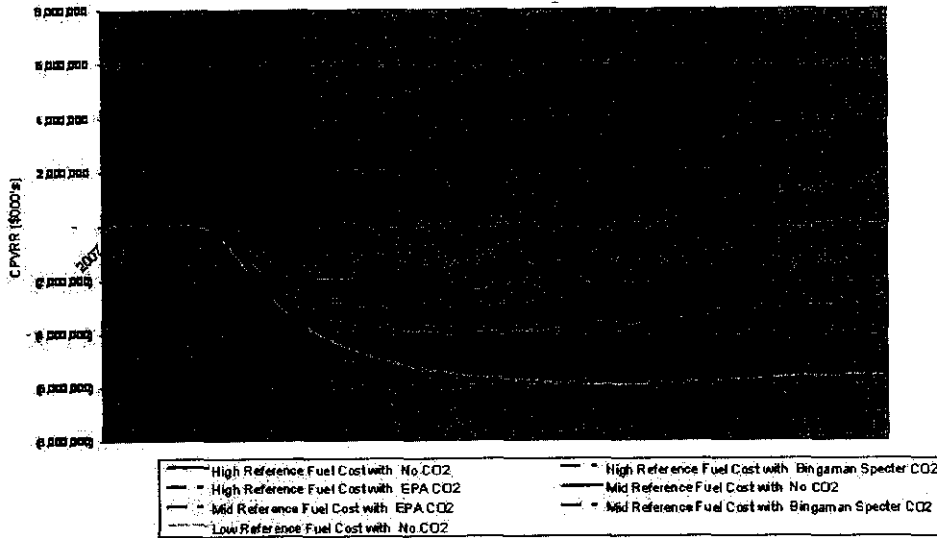


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**80% Joint Ownership - Sensitivities with Fuels and CO2 Combined ...**

Levy Economic Analysis - Cumulative PV of Revenue Requirements  
 LNP 80% Joint Ownership NO CO2 Case, Fuel Sensitivities  
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**System Planning Results Update  
Analysis Results - Basis for the Levy Need**

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**Tables and Charts – Key Assumptions**

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**Operating Cost Estimates for Levy Units 1&2 – Full Ownership Basis ...**

**Operating Cost Estimate for Strategist Modeling  
 Levy County Units 1 and 2**

|  | Unit 1 | Unit 2 |
|--|--------|--------|
| Fixed O&M (\$000/yr)   | 58,000 | 40,600 |
| Fixed O&M (\$/kW-yr) Summer Basis  | 51.79  | 36.25  |
| Fixed O&M (\$/kW-yr) Winter Basis  | 53.11  | 37.18  |
| <i>Basis - \$2007, Escalating Annually at 2.25%</i>                            |        |        |
| Variable O&M (\$/MWh)  | 1.82   | 1.82   |
| <i>Basis - \$2007, Escalating Annually at 2.25%</i>                            |        |        |
| Back End Costs (mill/MWh) for Federal Spent Fuel Disposal Fees                 | 1.00   | 1.00   |
| <i>Basis - \$2007, Remains Constant</i>  |        |        |
| Decommissioning and Dismantlement (D&D) Funding (\$000/yr)                     | 18,638 | 18,638 |
| Decommissioning and Dismantlement (D&D) Funding (\$/kW-yr) Summer Basis        | 16.64  | 16.64  |
| Decommissioning and Dismantlement (D&D) Funding (\$/kW-yr) Winter Basis        | 17.07  | 17.07  |
| <i>Basis - \$2007, Remains Constant</i>  |        |        |
| Annualized Capital Replacement (\$000/yr)                                      | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Annualized Capital Replacement (\$/kW-yr) Summer Basis                         | 8.93   | 8.93   |
| Annualized Capital Replacement (\$/kW-yr) Winter Basis                         | 9.16   | 9.16   |
| <i>Basis - \$2007, Escalating Annually at 2.25%, Starting 10 yrs After COD</i> |        |        |
| Winter Capacity Rating (MW)  | 1,120  | 1,120  |
| Summer Capacity Rating (MW)  | 1,092  | 1,092  |

**Strategist® Economic Assessment**  
 Key assumptions Used in the Modeling

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**Planning Baseline Assumptions for PEF's Resources 2008-2017**

PLANNED AND PROSPECTIVE GENERATING FACILITY ADDITIONS AND CHANGES  
 AS OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017

| PLANT NAME     | UNIT NO. | LOCATION (COUNTY) | UNIT TYPE | FUEL | CONST. START | COML IN-SERVICE | EXPECTED RETIREMENT | GEN. MAX. NAMEPLATE (MW) | NET CAPABILITY |         |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------|
|                |          |                   |           |      |              |                 |                     |                          | MO./YR.        | MO./YR. |
| TIGER BAY      | 1        | POLK              | CC        |      |              | 5/2008          |                     |                          | 10             | 10      |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 5        | CITRUS            | ST        |      |              | 5/2009          |                     |                          | (30)           | (30)    |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 5        | CITRUS            | ST        |      |              | 5/2009          |                     |                          | 14             | 14      |
| BAR TOW        | 1-3      | PINELLAS          | ST        |      |              |                 | 8/2009              |                          | (444)          | (464)   |
| BAR TOW        | 4        | PINELLAS          | CC        | NG   | DFD 01/2007  | 8/2009          |                     |                          | 1,159          | 1,279   |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 3        | CITRUS            | NP        |      |              | 12/2008         |                     |                          | 40             | 40      |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 4        | CITRUS            | ST        |      |              | 4/2010          |                     |                          | (30)           | (30)    |
| ANCLOTE        | 2        | PASCO             | ST        |      |              | 5/2010          |                     |                          | 10             | 10      |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 4        | CITRUS            | ST        |      |              | 5/2010          |                     |                          | 14             | 14      |
| ANCLOTE        | 1        | PASCO             | ST        |      |              | 5/2011          |                     |                          | 10             | 10      |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 3        | CITRUS            | NP        |      |              | 12/2011         |                     |                          | 140            | 140     |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 1        | CITRUS            | ST        |      |              | 3/2012          |                     |                          | 7              | 7       |
| SUWANNEE RIVER | 1-3      | SUWANNEE          | ST        |      |              |                 | 8/2013              |                          | (129)          | (146)   |
| SUWANNEE RIVER | 4        | SUWANNEE          | CC        | NG   | DFD 12/2010  | 8/2013          |                     |                          | 1,159          | 1,279   |
| RIO PINAR      | P1       | ORANGE            | CT        |      |              |                 | 8/2016              |                          | (12)           | (16)    |
| TURNER         | P1-P2    | VOLUSIA           | CT        |      |              |                 | 8/2016              |                          | (22)           | (32)    |
| AVON PARK      | P1-P2    | HIGHLANDS         | CT        |      |              |                 | 8/2016              |                          | (48)           | (70)    |
| HIGGINS        | P1-P4    | PINELLAS          | CT        |      |              |                 | 8/2016              |                          | (113)          | (133)   |
| LEVY           | 1        | LEVY              | NP        | NUC  | --           | 01/2010         | 8/2016              |                          | 1,092          | 1,120   |
| LEVY           | 2        | LEVY              | NP        | NUC  | --           | 01/2011         | 8/2017              |                          | 1,092          | 1,120   |

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**Strategist® Economic Assessment**  
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**Cost Estimates for Generic Natural Gas Fired 2x1 Combined Cycle Units ...**

| Generic 2x1 Combined Cycle Plants   | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit |
|---|----------|----------|
| <i>Reference COD: 2011</i>  |          |          |
| Unit Overnight Total Estimate (\$2007)  | 560,251  | 458,470  |
| Estimated Project Escalation  | 56,896   | 46,560   |
| Escalated Construction Cost (Before AFUDC)  | 617,147  | 505,030  |
| Adjusted Model Plant Cost Input (\$2007)  | 575,659  | 471,078  |
| Estimated Transmission Cost (\$2007)  | 100,000  | 200,000  |
| Winter Capacity Rating (MW)   | 620      | 620      |
| Summer Capacity Rating (MW)   | 570      | 570      |
| Estimated Overnight Cost - Winter Basis (\$/kW)   | 904      | 739      |
| Estimated Overnight Cost - Summer Basis (\$/kW)   | 983      | 804      |
| Strategist Base Year CapEx Input (\$/MW Winter)   | 1,090    | 1,082    |
| Fixed O&M (\$/000/yr)   | 3,993    | 527      |
| Fixed O&M (\$/MW-yr) Winter Basis<br><i>Base - \$2007, Escalating Annually at 2.25%</i> | 6.44     | 0.85     |
| Variable O&M (\$/MWh)<br><i>Base - \$2007, Escalating Annually at 2.25%</i>             | 3.81     | 3.81     |
| Gas Pipeline Reservation Charges (\$/000/yr)<br><i>Base - \$2007, Remains Constant</i>  | 31,676   | 31,676   |
| Nature Forced Outage Rate   | 6.36%    | 6.36%    |
| Planned Outage Rate   | 12.77%   | 12.77%   |
| Minimum Capacity (MW)   | 179      | 179      |
| Average Heat Rate at Maximum (Btu/MWh)  | 6,918    | 6,918    |
| Average Heat Rate at Minimum (Btu/MWh)  | 7,660    | 7,660    |

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 Key assumptions Used in the Modeling

**Cost Estimates for Generic Natural Gas Fired 4x1 Combined Cycle Units ...**

| Generic 4x1 Combined Cycle Plants   | 1st Unit |
|---|----------|
| Reference COD: 2011   |          |
| Unit Overnight Total Estimate (\$2007)  | 809,106  |
| Estimated Project Escalation  | 82,206   |
| Escalated Construction Cost (Before AFUDC)  | 891,311  |
| Adjusted Model Plant Cost Input (\$2007)  | 783,664  |
| Estimated Transmission Cost (\$2007)  | 200,000  |
| Winter Capacity Rating (MW)   | 1,279    |
| Summer Capacity Rating (MW)   | 1,159    |
| Estimated Overnight Cost - Winter Basis (\$/kW)                                   | 633      |
| Estimated Overnight Cost - Summer Basis (\$/kW)                                   | 698      |
| Strategist Base Year CapEx Input (\$/kW Winter)                                   | 769      |
| Fixed O&M (\$/000/yr)   | 4,796    |
| Fixed O&M (\$/kW-yr) Winter Basis<br>Basis - \$2697, Escalating Annually at 2.25% | 3.75     |
| Variable O&M (\$/MWh)   | 2.68     |
| Variable O&M (\$/MWh)<br>Basis - \$2697, Escalating Annually at 2.25%             |          |
| Gas Pipeline Reservation Charges (\$/000/yr)<br>Basis - \$2697, Remains Constant  | 73,085   |
| Mature Forced Outage Rate   | 4.60%    |
| Planned Outage Rate   | 7.00%    |
| Minimum Capacity (MW)   | 145      |
| Average Heat Rate at Maximum (Btu/kWh)  | 7,200    |
| Average Heat Rate at Minimum (Btu/kWh)  | 8,300    |

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**Cost Estimates for Generic Natural Gas Fired Simple Cycle CT's ...**

| Generic Simple Cycle Peaking Plants             | 1st Unit | 2nd Unit |
|---|----------|----------|
| Reference COD: 2008                             |          |          |
| Unit Overnight Total Estimate (\$2007)          | 93,460   | 84,508   |
| Estimated Project Escalation                    |          |          |
| Escalated Construction Cost (Before AFUDC)      | 93,460   | 84,508   |
| Adjusted Model Plant Cost Input (\$2007)        | 93,460   | 84,508   |
| Estimated Transmission Cost (\$2007)            | 40,000   | 25,000   |
| Winter Capacity Rating (MW)                     | 201      | 201      |
| Summer Capacity Rating (MW)                     | 175      | 175      |
| Estimated Overnight Cost - Winter Basis (\$/kW) | 465      | 420      |
| Estimated Overnight Cost - Summer Basis (\$/kW) | 534      | 483      |
| Strategist Base Year CapEx Input (\$/kW Winter) | 664      | 545      |
| Fixed O&M (\$/000/yr)                           | 1,463    | 251      |
| Fixed O&M (\$/000/yr) Winter Basis              | 7.28     | 1.25     |
| Basis - \$2007, Escalating Annually at 2.25%    |          |          |
| Variable O&M (\$/MWh)                           | 10.24    | 10.24    |
| Basis - \$2007, Escalating Annually at 2.25%    |          |          |
| Gas Pipeline Reservation Charges (\$/000/yr)    | 10,700   | 10,700   |
| Basis - \$2007, Remains Constant                |          |          |
| Nature Forced Outage Rate                       | 2.95%    | 2.95%    |
| Planned Outage Rate                             | 3.97%    | 3.97%    |
| Minimum Capacity (MW)                           | 115      | 115      |
| Average Heat Rate at Maximum (Btu/kWh)          | 10,350   | 10,350   |
| Average Heat Rate at Minimum (Btu/kWh)          | 12,160   | 12,160   |

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**Key PEF Financial Assumptions Used in the Analysis ...**

**Levy Nuclear Need Filing**  
 Financial and Economic Assumptions

1. PEF Capitalization Ratios and Projected Cost of Capital

| Component | Ratio | Cost   |
|-----------|-------|--------|
| Debt      | 45%   | 5.9%   |
| Preferred | 0%    | na     |
| Equity    | 55%   | 11.75% |

2. Projected Discount Rate: 8.093%

3. Projected AFUDC Rate: 8.848%

4. Tax Assumptions

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| a) Composite Effective Income Tax Rate   | 38.575%  |
| b) Combined Cycle Book Life              | 25 Years |
| Combined Cycle Tax Depreciation Life     | 20 Years |
| c) Simple Cycle CT Book Life             | 20 Years |
| Simple Cycle CT Tax Depreciation Life    | 15 Years |
| d) Nuclear Generation Book Life          | 40 Years |
| Nuclear Generation Tax Depreciation Life | 15 Years |
| e) Transmission Book Life                | 40 Years |
| Transmission Tax Depreciation Life       | 15 Years |

5. General Inflation Rate: 2.25%

6. General Escalation Rate: 3.0%

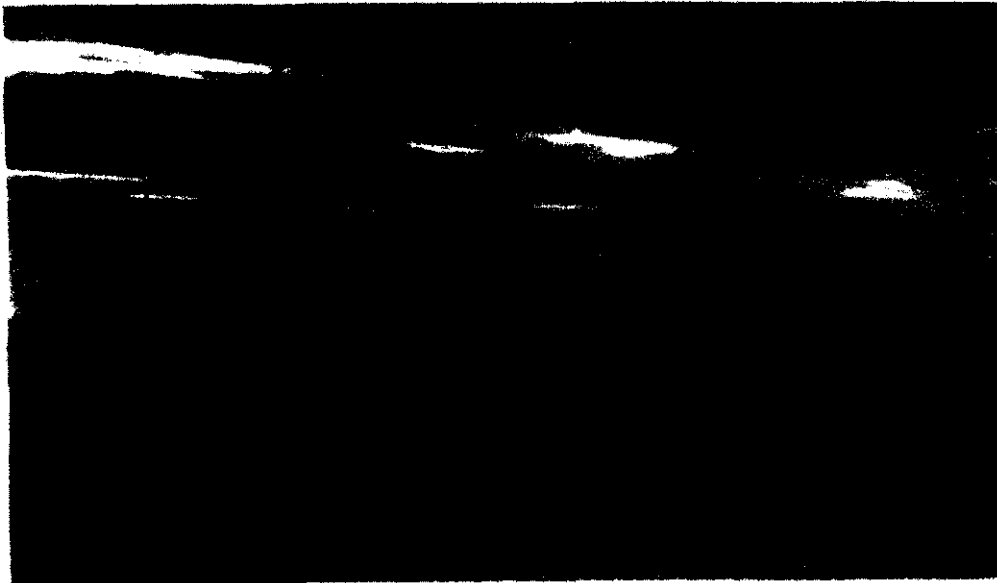
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Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_ (JBC-1)

# **Need Determination Study**

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Additionally, PEF and its customers will face greater exposure to (1) existing CAIR and future mercury and other fossil emission regulatory costs applicable to alternative, fossil fuel generation resources and (2) potential GHG regulation at a potentially greater cost to PEF and its customers from those same alternative fossil fuel generation resources.

Finally, a denial of or delay in the need determination for Levy Units 1 and 2 may have an impact on the Company's evaluation of nuclear generation as a potential future generation resource. *A delay in approval of these units inevitably means higher costs if the Company proceeds with them but even more than that, the Company may lose its current place in the queue for the material and equipment necessary to place nuclear generation units in commercial operation in the time frame contemplated for Levy Units 1 and 2. The result may be a delay up to a decade or more beyond 2016 and 2017 before new nuclear generation can be added to the Company's generation system.*

There is considerable interest and thus demand in future nuclear generation in the United States and around the world but there are limited resources available to supply the material and equipment necessary to develop all planned future nuclear generation units. A utility with nuclear generation plans must therefore reserve and preserve its place in line for the necessary material and equipment. A denial of PEF's need determination for Levy Units 1 and 2, or a delay in that need determination, may therefore displace PEF from being in position to place these units in operation in the time frame currently contemplated. This may delay new nuclear generation units for PEF up to or for more than a decade beyond 2016 and 2017.

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### **IN SUPPORT OF PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.'S PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR LEVY UNITS 1 AND 2 NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS**

#### **I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Progress Energy Florida, Inc. (“PEF” or the “Company”) plans to add 1,092 megawatts (“MW”) of electrical generating resources to its system in the summer of 2016, and 1,092 MW of electrical generating resources to its system in the summer of 2017, in order to continue to provide reliable, adequate, cost-effective, environmentally beneficial, and diverse fuel service to its customers. The most cost-effective way for PEF to meet this need, taking into account the need to improve fuel diversity, reduce Florida’s dependence on fuel oil and natural gas, reduce current and potentially future air emission compliance costs, and contribute to the long-term stability and reliability of the electric grid, is to construct two state-of-the-art, advanced passive light water nuclear power plants in Levy County, Florida. These units are called Levy Unit 1 and Levy Unit 2.

The Company selected Levy Units 1 and 2 to meet its generation capacity needs in the period 2016 to 2019 and beyond after carefully evaluating planning options through the Company’s on-going Integrated Resource Planning (“IRP”) process. PEF examined key planning forecasts and assumptions, including forecasts of customer growth, energy consumption, and peak demand, to determine the Company’s future capacity needs. Through this process the Company identified a need for additional capacity beginning in the summer of 2016 to (1) maintain system reliability and integrity and continue to satisfy the Company’s 20

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percent Reserve Margin commitment, (2) continue to provide adequate electricity at a reasonable cost, and (3) ensure appropriate fuel diversity and reduce PEF's and the State of Florida's dependence on fuel oil and natural gas.

After identifying a need for capacity beginning in the summer of 2016, the Company analyzed a wide range of demand-side and supply-side alternatives to address this need. Last year, the Company expanded significantly its already robust demand-side management ("DSM") plan to obtain additional peak load demand and energy efficiency reductions in load and estimated that these new, aggressive load reduction targets would be met in the timeframe that additional capacity is needed. Even with the revised DSM Plan, however, PEF still needs additional supply-side reserves in the 2016 to 2019 timeframe and beyond. To address this need for supply-side generation, the Company evaluated conventional, advanced, and renewable generation resources. The Company increased its renewable generation resources beyond its already utility leading commitments in Florida with additional energy crop and waste-wood purchase power contracts. Such additional renewable generation resources, however, are insufficient to meet customer capacity and energy needs without the addition of other generation resources to PEF's system. After carefully evaluating conventional, advanced fossil fuel generation resources, and in particular, natural-gas fired generation, against the addition of nuclear generation resources, PEF selected Levy Units 1 and 2 to meet its generation capacity and energy needs.

Levy Units 1 and 2 are expected to be state-of-the-art, advanced passive light water nuclear power plants. They will be highly efficient, base load generation units fueled by the most stable and lowest cost fuel available to the Company for energy generation. Levy Units 1 and 2 offer a number of benefits that PEF cannot obtain with other generation alternatives.

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They will provide the Company with needed, new advanced technology, base load generation. They will provide the Company the opportunity to take advantage of economies of scale and other cost efficiencies by bringing successive nuclear units on line, resulting in lower cost nuclear generation than could otherwise be obtained if the units were not consecutively placed in operation. Energy generation from Levy Units 1 and 2 also will produce no sulfur dioxide ("SO<sub>2</sub>"), nitrogen oxide ("NO<sub>x</sub>"), mercury, or greenhouse gas emissions ("GHG") such as carbon dioxide ("CO<sub>2</sub>"), thus, they offer a clean source of electric power. Finally, Levy Units 1 and 2 will increase fuel diversity on PEF's system and in the State of Florida and reduce reliance on fossil fuels, including fuels from foreign sources. For all of these reasons, the Company ultimately determined that Levy Units 1 and 2 were superior to all other supply-side generation alternatives to meet the Company's need in 2016 to 2019 and beyond.

The Company is concurrently filing its petition for determination of need with the Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC" or the "Commission") for approval to proceed with Levy Units 1 and 2 pursuant to Sections 403.519(4), Fla. Stats. and Rules 25-22.080-081, F.A.C. This Need Study is being submitted in support of PEF's petition for a determination of need.

## **II. INTRODUCTION**

### **A. PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW OF THE NEED STUDY.**

This introduction provides background information on PEF and its generation, transmission and distribution facilities, as well as the purchased power contracts, including the contracts for renewable generation, and demand-side management programs. This introduction will further provide an overview of past growth in Florida and the reasons both



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customer and load growth can be expected during the period of time addressed in the Company's need petition and Need Study.

The next section of the Need Study provides a description of the proposed Levy Units, Levy Unit 1 and Levy Unit 2. The non-binding cost estimates for Levy Units 1 and 2 are discussed, and the transmission requirements, fuel supply, fuel diversity and reliability, and environmental considerations are also explained.

The following section describes PEF's need for resources and the identification of the type of resources needed. The section starts with a discussion of the Company's reliability criteria and the criteria for nuclear generation under recent federal and state legislation and state regulation. This provides the framework for the Company's evaluation of nuclear generation as a potential supply-side generation alternative to meet its future needs. Using this framework, the Company explains why Levy Units 1 and 2 meet the Company's need for additional generation and led to the Company's decision to seek a need determination from the Commission for Levy Units 1 and 2.

Next, the Company explains why Levy Units 1 and 2 are the most cost-effective source of power taking into account the need to improve the balance of fuel diversity, reduce Florida's dependence on fuel oil and natural gas, reduce current and future (and future potential) air emission compliance costs, and contribute to the long-term stability and reliability of the electric grid, as required by Section 403.519(4)(b), Fla. Stats. The Company further explains, consistent with the legislative requirements, how Levy Units 1 and 2 provide needed base load capacity and how they improve fuel diversity and reduce Florida's dependence on fuel oil and natural gas.

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The Company will further explain in the next section of the Need Study the adverse consequences if Levy Units 1 and 2 are not added in the time period that is planned.

Next, the Company will provide a summary of discussions with other electric utilities regarding ownership of a portion of Levy Unit 1, Levy Unit 2, or both units by such electric utilities, as required by Rule 25-22.081(2), F.A.C.

The final section of the Need Study, the Conclusion, summarizes the entire document and provides a summary of the grounds for the need for Levy Units 1 and 2.

**B. DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY.**

PEF is an investor-owned public utility, regulated by the PSC, and it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Progress Energy, Inc. PEF has an obligation to provide electric service to approximately 1.7 million customers in its service area. PEF's service area covers approximately 20,000 square miles, encompassing the cities of St. Petersburg and Clearwater, the densely populated areas surrounding Orlando, Ocala, and Tallahassee, and approximately 350 communities. More than five (5) million people live in PEF's service area. This service area is visually depicted on the map in Appendix A to the Need Study. PEF further serves about 21 Florida municipalities, utilities, and power agencies in the State of Florida with wholesale power.

**C. EXISTING FACILITIES.**

PEF currently owns and operates a diverse mix of supply-side resources, consisting of generation from nuclear, coal, oil, and gas, along with purchases from other utilities and purchases from cogenerators and renewable fuel generators. The existing generation capacity,

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shown in Table 1 to the Need Study (based on summer ratings), includes one 769 MW nuclear steam unit, Crystal River Unit 3 (“CR3”), using PEF’s 91.5% ownership percentage of CR3. By the end of 2011, through planned power uprates at CR3, this unit will increase to 934 MW, again using PEF’s ownership percentage of the unit. The other current, existing generating units on PEF’s system include five combined cycle units with a total summer capacity of 2,134 MW, twelve (12) fossil steam units totaling 3,889 MW in summer capacity, and 2,501 MW of summer capacity in 47 combustion turbine units. PEF’s existing summer net generating capability is 9,293 MW and its existing winter net generating capability is 10,285 MW.

**Table 1: PEF Existing Generating Facilities**

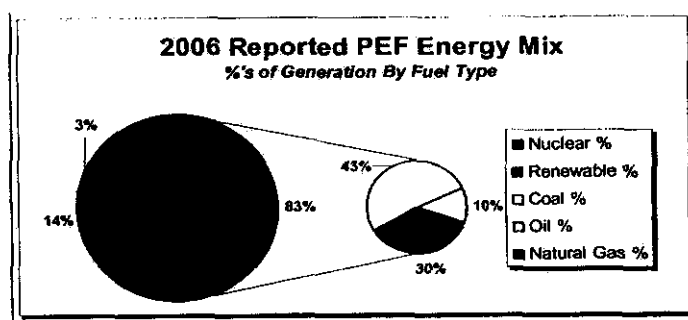
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.  
 TOTAL CAPACITY RESOURCES OF  
 POWER PLANTS AND PURCHASED POWER CONTRACTS  
 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

| PLANTS   | NUMBER OF UNITS | SUMMER NET DEPENDABLE CAPABILITY (MW) |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Nuclear Steam</b>   |                 |                                       |
| Crystal River  | 1               | 769 (1)                               |
| <b>Total Nuclear Steam</b>   | 1               | 769                                   |
| <b>Fossil Steam</b>  |                 |                                       |
| Crystal River  | 4               | 2,310                                 |
| Auclele  | 2               | 1,006                                 |
| Barlow   | 3               | 444                                   |
| Sewanee River  | 3               | 122                                   |
| <b>Total Fossil Steam</b>  | 12              | 3,889                                 |
| <b>Combined Cycle</b>  |                 |                                       |
| Edison Energy Complex  | 4               | 1,910                                 |
| Tiger Bay  | 1               | 225                                   |
| <b>Total Combined cycle</b>  | 5               | 2,134                                 |
| <b>Combustion Turbine</b>  |                 |                                       |
| DeBarry  | 10              | 642                                   |
| Intercession City  | 14              | 984 (2)                               |
| Bayboro  | 4               | 178                                   |
| Barrow   | 4               | 176                                   |
| Sewanee  | 3               | 153                                   |
| Turkey   | 4               | 149                                   |
| Higgins  | 4               | 113                                   |
| Avon Park  | 2               | 99                                    |
| University of Florida  | 1               | 46                                    |
| Rio Pine   | 1               | 12                                    |
| <b>Total Combustion Turbine</b>                                      | 47              | 2,501                                 |
| <b>Total Units</b>   | 65              |                                       |
| <b>Total Net Generating Capability</b>                               |                 | 9,293                                 |
| <i>(1) Adjusted for sale of approximately 8.2% of total capacity</i> |                 |                                       |
| <i>(2) Includes 143 MW owned by Georgia Power Company (Jan/Sep)</i>  |                 |                                       |
| <b>Purchased Power</b>   |                 |                                       |
| Qualifying Facility Contracts  | 16              | 802                                   |
| Investor Owned Utilities   | 2               | 454                                   |
| Independent Power Producers  | 2               | 636                                   |
| <b>TOTAL CAPACITY RESOURCES</b>                                      |                 | 11,215                                |

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Together with PEF's purchased power discussed below, PEF's generation capacity is fueled by nuclear fuel, natural gas, coal, oil, and renewable fuels. Currently, these fuel sources account for the following percentages of PEF's energy generation: Nuclear -- fourteen (14) percent; Natural Gas -- thirty (30) percent; Coal -- forty three (43) percent, Oil -- eleven (11) percent; and Renewable Fuels -- three (3) percent. This fuel resource mix of PEF's energy generation is graphically depicted in Figure 1 in this Need Study. PEF currently operates the most diverse mix of power plants in Florida to meet the electrical power needs of its customers.

Figure 1: PEF's Current Energy Generation Mix (2006 Reported Basis)



**D. PURCHASED POWER.**

PEF currently purchases 1,922 MW of summer capacity from cogeneration and renewable fuel generation facilities, two investor-owned utilities, and two independent power producers. Fuel sources for the cogeneration and renewable fuel generation facilities include

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natural gas (with waste heat used to generate steam for other productive uses), wood waste, and municipal solid waste. A listing of the Company’s qualifying facility purchased power contracts is provided in Table 2 to the Need Study. Altogether, the cogeneration and renewable fuel generation account for about three (3) percent of PEF’s current generation resources, providing additional diversity in fuel supply.

**Table 2: PEF Existing Qualifying Facility Purchase Power Contracts**

| <b>PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA</b>                         |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <b>PURCHASED POWER CONTRACTS</b>                       |                               |
| <b>AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007</b>                         |                               |
| <i>Qualifying Facility Contracts<br/>Facility Name</i> | <i>Firm Capacity<br/>(MW)</i> |
| Cargill  | 15.0                          |
| Dade County Resource Recovery                          | 43.0                          |
| El Dorado  | 114.2                         |
| Lake Cogen   | 110.0                         |
| Lake County Resource Recovery                          | 12.8                          |
| LFC Jefferson  | 8.5                           |
| LFC Madison  | 8.5                           |
| Mulberry   | 79.2                          |
| Orange Cogen (CFR-Biogen)                              | 74.0                          |
| Orlando Cogen  | 79.2                          |
| Pasco Cogen  | 109.0                         |
| Pasco County Resource Recovery                         | 23.0                          |
| Pinellas County Resource Recovery 1                    | 40.0                          |
| Pinellas County Resource Recovery 2                    | 14.8                          |
| Ridge Generating Station                               | 39.6                          |
| Royster  | 30.8                          |
| <b>Total QF Purchases</b>                              | <b>801.6 MW</b>               |

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**E. DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT.**

The Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (“FEECA”) was enacted in 1980 to reduce the growth rate of weather-sensitive peak demand, reduce the growth rate of electrical power consumption, and reduce the consumption of expensive resources such as petroleum fuels. FEECA directed the Commission to adopt rules requiring utilities to implement cost-effective conservation and DSM programs. In 1980, the Commission adopted Rules 25-17.001 through 25-17.015, F.A.C, implementing FEECA, which the Commission revised in 1993 to establish numeric DSM goals for summer and winter demand and annual energy sales. The Commission now reviews DSM goals for each utility at least once every five years and sets numeric goals which extend ten years into the future.

PEF’s current DSM goals were approved on August 9, 2004 in FPSC Order No. PSC-04-0769-PAA-EG, issued in Docket No. 040031-EG, with the Consummating Order No. 04-0852-CO-EG issued on September 1, 2004. Copies of both orders are included in Appendix B to the Need Study. The goals set for PEF were slightly below its previous DSM goals because more stringent energy codes, particularly on residential air conditioning systems, and decreased participation in certain, existing DSM programs due to saturation reflected reduced DSM goals. PEF met or exceeded these DSM goals through the end of 2006.

In 2006, after continuous research and development of additional or revised DSM programs, PEF petitioned the Commission to expand its DSM Plan consistent with the Commission’s regulatory guidelines for DSM programs. PEF analyzed over 200 possible measures before filing a revised DSM Plan that included thirty-nine (39) additional DSM measures and two additional residential programs. On January 5, 2007, the Commission issued PAA Order No. PSC-06-1018-TRF-EG, approving PEF’s expanded DSM Plan in

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Docket No. 060647, which will serve to increase the demand and energy savings available through PEF's DSM Plan. Consummating Order No. PSC-07-0017-CO-EG was later issued making PAA Order No. PSC-06-1018-TRF-EG effective. Both orders are included in Appendix C to the Need Study.

As a result, PEF's current DSM Plan includes sixteen (16) individual programs, including seven (7) residential programs, seven (7) commercial or industrial programs, a qualifying facilities (cogeneration and small power producer) program, and a research and development program. These changes result in over 100 measures available to PEF customers under PEF's expanded DSM Plan. PEF expects to reduce the need for an additional 527 winter MW ("WMW") of peak demand load from direct load control and 418 WMW from energy efficiency, for a total of 945 WMW load reduction. When this expected MW reduction from PEF's expanded DSM programs is added to the existing programs, the total MW load reduction is over 2,400 MW. A copy of PEF's current, Commission-approved DSM Plan is included in Appendix D to the Need Study.

PEF has been a leader in DSM and implementing energy efficiency programs in the State of Florida since 1981 when FEECA became effective. PEF has consistently met or exceeded the DSM goals set for it by the Commission. For example, for the most recent completed reporting period (2006), PEF exceeded its cumulative residential DSM reduction goals as well as all commercial and industrial Commission-established goals by more than fifteen (15) percent. Likewise, at the end of 2006, approximately 389,000 customers participated in PEF's DSM programs and contributed about 750,000 kW of winter peak-shaving capacity for use during peak periods. Over the more than two decades that PEF has implemented its energy efficiency and peak load reduction programs, PEF's DSM programs

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have saved PEF's customers ten (10) billion kilowatt hours, and they have resulted in a total demand reduction of over 1,500 MW. The success of PEF's DSM programs has avoided the need for three new 500 MW electrical power plants. Further, PEF's DSM programs have avoided substantial emissions into the air that would have otherwise occurred had the equivalent power been generated by fossil fuel generation. PEF's DSM programs avoided, for example, over 7,500,000 tons of carbon dioxide ("CO<sub>2</sub>"). By using the Commission-approved cost-effective methodology, these beneficial impacts for customers have been achieved without penalizing customers not participating in DSM programs.

PEF is ranked third in the nation for load management peak demand reduction with a reduction of 17 percent of peak load, and PEF is ranked fourth in the nation for energy efficiency mega-watt hour ("MWh") saved, for utilities with 1.5M customers or higher, based on the Department of Energy's 2006 data. PEF ranks third in the nation for energy efficiency MWh saved at \$18.63 per MWh, roughly 100 percent more efficient than California utilities' costs. PEF's consistent efforts to identify and implement cost-effective peak load reduction and energy efficiency measures have placed PEF well ahead of other utilities in the country relative to the number of customers PEF serves.

**F. COMMITTED RESOURCES.**

The Company has one committed capacity addition prior to the planned in-service dates for Levy Units 1 and 2. This is the re-powering of the Bartow steam generation units with natural gas-fired combined cycle units, which is under construction and planned for commercial operation in 2009. In addition, because of the significant length of time necessary to site, permit, design, construct, and put into operation a nuclear generation unit,



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estimated at ten (10) years, there are additional, planned generation units ahead of Levy Units 1 and 2 in the current generation resource plan. This plan is a slight variation from the 2007 Ten Year Site Plan, taking into account additional information and additional analysis since that plan was filed with the Commission. These are (1) planned uprates totaling 180 MW (about 162 MW for the Company's customers under the joint ownership agreement), at the Company's existing nuclear unit, CR3; and (2) a natural-gas fired, combined cycle unit in 2013. The plan including the current planned additions, however, may be subject to further change over time with the on-going analysis of additional information or changes in regulatory, environmental, or economic conditions.

**G. RETIREMENTS.**

PEF uses maintenance programs to keep its generating units in the best operating condition that is economically reasonable and practicable. These maintenance programs have allowed the Company to operate some of its units longer than their thirty- (30) to forty- (40) year expected lives. The Suwannee facility, however, is over fifty (50) years old and is nearing the end of its operational life. The current Company generation resource plan, therefore, reflects the retirement of the three Suwannee River oil-fired steam generation units by 2013, the year the Company currently plans to add a natural gas-fired, combined cycle unit to meet the Company's resource commitment for its customers. The planned Suwannee River facility retirement, however, may be reviewed again through the Company's planning process and is subject to change based on future load requirements, the timing of replacement generation, and available supply alternatives.

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In addition to the Suwannee facility planned retirement, the Company is also retiring Bartow Units 1, 2 and 3, which, together, total 464 MW of oil-fired steam generation, as part of the Company's planned re-powering project at the Bartow facility. This re-powering conversion project will result in a net increase of 815 MW at the Bartow facility once the re-powering project is complete.

Other generation unit retirements are contemplated at the time of the planned commercial operation of Levy Unit 1 in 2016. These are some of the Company's oldest peaking generation units. They are Avon Park peaking units 1 and 2, Rio Pinar peaking unit 1, Turner peaking units 1 and 2, and Higgins peaking units 1, 2, 3, and 4. These peaking unit retirements total 196 MW (summer). As with the planned retirement of the Suwannee River facility, these peaking retirements may be reviewed again and the current planned retirement of the peaking units is subject to change based on changes in future load requirements, economic conditions, and operational considerations.

The current generation resource plan also recognizes anticipated de-rates at the Company's coal-fired, steam generation units, Crystal River Unit 4 and Crystal River Unit 5, as a result of the installation of flue-gas desulphurization ("FGD"), or scrubbers, on the units. When the units are scrubbed they will require additional electrical power to run the scrubbers which will mean less power for customers or, in effect, a de-rate of the units. For both units these de-rates will total about 60 MW (or about 30 MW each).

#### **H. TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES.**

The Company is part of a nationwide interconnected power network that enables interconnected utilities to exchange power. PEF's transmission system includes

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approximately 5,000 circuit miles of transmission lines. The Company's distribution system includes approximately 18,000 circuit miles of overhead distribution conductors and approximately 13,000 miles of underground cable.

### **III. DESCRIPTION OF LEVY UNITS 1 AND 2**

Levy Units 1 and 2 are expected to be state-of-the-art, advanced passive light water nuclear power plants. They will have a beneficial heat rate, high availability operating nearly year-round, and they will be an emission-free source of electrical power. Upon construction and operation, they will add new, advanced generation technology to PEF's fleet of generation facilities, providing the Company and its customers with base load generation from the lowest cost, most stable fuel source available. This section outlines the technical characteristics and benefits of these proposed new nuclear facilities.

#### **A. THE LEVY COUNTY SITE**

The preferred site selected for Levy Units 1 and 2 is in Levy County, Florida and consists of approximately 3,100 acres. It is about ten miles north of the Company's Crystal River Energy Complex, and eight miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico on the west coast of Florida. Levy Units 1 and 2 will draw their cooling water makeup from and discharge the blowdown to the Gulf. Levy Units 1 and 2, together with the necessary associated site facilities, will occupy approximately ten (10) percent of the 3,100 acre site and the remaining acreage will be preserved as an exclusionary boundary around the developed plant site and a buffer preserve. In addition, PEF purchased an additional 2,100 acre tract contiguous with the southern boundary of the Levy site that secures access to a water supply for the site as well as

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transmission exits from the Levy site itself. The property for many years has been used for silviculture so it is not pristine land.

The Levy County location was chosen based on an assessment following the Electric Power Research Institute (“EPRI”) Siting Guide. The EPRI Siting Guide is widely accepted in the electric utility industry for evaluating new nuclear power plant sites. The Company also followed applicable NRC regulations and guidance in reviewing and evaluating potential sites. To this end, the Company retained two nationally recognized environmental consulting firms to assist in the site evaluation process.

The EPRI Siting Guide, as adopted and applied by PEF, provided four steps in the site selection process. First, PEF identified “regions of interest,” which were initially subjected to exclusionary considerations, resulting in the identification of “potential sites.” Second, PEF further analyzed the “potential sites” against avoidance considerations, reducing that list to a smaller number of “candidate sites.” Third, PEF performed a suitability evaluation of specific criteria on the “candidate sites” and then determined the highest ranked “alternative sites” best suited for a nuclear plant. Finally, PEF evaluated the “alternative sites” against various strategic considerations to determine the “preferred site.”

PEF analyzed potential sites within PEF’s 35 county service territory, plus counties bordering PEF’s service territory. Within that area, PEF identified 20 potential sites. PEF reviewed each site through successive layers of analysis including, among other screening measures, health and safety criteria, population density restrictions, geotechnical and seismological suitability, water supply and rail/barge access, wetlands impact, important species and habitats, and high-level transmission system impacts. The screening resulted in a short list of eight candidate sites.

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Continued screening evaluation of the candidate sites included an increased level of detail associated with water management, population profiles, reconnaissance level information, which resulted in the identification of five alternative sites in Levy, Dixie, Putnam, Highlands, and Citrus Counties. PEF then completed on-site analyses (environmental and geotechnical drilling) at the Levy, Dixie, Putnam, and Highlands sites. Based on the on-site analyses, the prior screening analyses, and based on weighing strategic and transmission considerations, PEF ultimately concluded that the Levy County site presented the best overall site, and therefore was the preferred site for potential new nuclear generating facilities.

The current Levy County site rated the highest for several reasons. First, the Levy County site had access to an adequate water supply. Second, the site is at a relatively high elevation, which provides additional protection from wind damage and flooding. Third, unlike a number of other sites considered, the Levy site has more favorable geotechnical qualities, which are critical to siting a nuclear power plant. This determination was made after months of on-site geotechnical analysis that included multiple soil borings, geophysical logging, and detailed examination of soil and rock core samples. Fourth, although the Crystal River Energy Complex site has many favorable qualities, adding new nuclear generating capacity to the Crystal River Energy Complex at this time would result in a significant concentration of PEF's generating assets in one geographical location. This increases the likelihood of a significant generation loss from a single event and a potential large scale impact on the PEF system.

Finally, the Levy site ranked the highest from a transmission deliverability perspective. PEF retained Navigant Consulting, a well-respected international engineering

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firm, to analyze the potential transmission upgrades necessary for each alternative site and the estimated costs associated with each alternative site. Both the Levy and Crystal River sites scored the best due to lower estimated direct connect and upgrade costs. Levy, however, offered a significant advantage by not co-locating transmission lines in the same corridor with the Crystal River Energy Complex, thereby avoiding loss from a single event and a resulting large scale impact on the PEF system. Considering the collective results of all these reviews and analyses, PEF selected the Levy site as the preferred location for new reactor technology deployment in Florida.

PEF's assessment of the Levy County site addressed whether any threatened and endangered species or archeological and cultural resources would be adversely impacted by the development of the site for nuclear generation units and related facilities. No significant issues were identified in PEF's evaluations of the property.

The proximity of the Levy County site to the Company's existing nuclear plant provides opportunities for efficiencies in shared support functions. The two Levy units will be located on a Greenfield site so site and transmission infrastructure must be constructed along with the buildings necessary for the power units. The site will include cooling towers, intake and discharge structures, containment buildings, auxiliary buildings, turbine buildings, diesel generators, warehouses, related site work and infrastructure, including roads, transmission lines, and a transmission switchyard. The Company will submit a Site Certification Application ("SCA") to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") for the entire site, including plants and associated facilities for the units.

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**B. THE NUCLEAR DESIGN FOR LEVY UNITS 1 AND 2**

The Westinghouse Advanced Passive (“AP”) 1000 light water nuclear reactor design was initially selected and is being considered for Levy Units 1 and 2. Westinghouse is the nuclear industry leader with nearly fifty (50) percent of the world’s current nuclear plants based on Westinghouse technology. The expected summer and winter capacity ratings of the Westinghouse AP1000 Levy Units 1 and 2 are 1,092 MW and 1,120 MW, respectively. The nominal 1,100 MW capacity class unit represents the most cost-effective, efficient capacity design selected by Westinghouse for this generation of nuclear power. The Westinghouse AP1000 reactor design is among the safest nuclear power plant designs available in the worldwide commercial market place. It has also received Design Certification from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“NRC”). A representative picture of two Westinghouse AP100 nuclear reactors is included on the cover page of the Need Study. A representative cutaway scheme of a Westinghouse AP1000 nuclear reactor is included in Appendix E.

**C. PROJECTED, NON-BINDING COST ESTIMATE FOR LEVY UNITS 1 AND 2**

**1. CAPITAL COSTS.**

The Company is necessarily working with preliminary, non-binding cost estimates from its vendors that do not fully reflect all site-specific cost adjustments. PEF has been in negotiations with Westinghouse and its construction partner, Shaw Stone & Webster (collectively referred to as the “Consortium”), for more than a year on pricing and the terms and conditions of an Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (“EPC”) contract. Although the Consortium has provided PEF with site specific pricing for the project, Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (“EPC”) contract negotiations continue. PEF

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expects that a portion of the power plant costs will be based on firm prices. Even with these firm prices, however, the total cost will still represent a non-binding cost estimate that is subject to change over the course of time leading up to commercial operation of Levy Units 1 and 2.

The current, non-binding, project cost for Levy Units 1 and 2 is estimated to be \$9,303 M (in 2007 dollars), excluding transmission facilities. With escalation and an estimated \$3,245M for Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (“AFUDC”), the total, non-binding cost estimate of the facility is \$14,090M (in service costs). The current, non-binding cost estimate for Levy Units 1 and 2, excluding transmission facility costs, is set forth in Table 3 below. This cost estimate includes all land acquisition, site development, major equipment, construction including labor and materials, training and staffing, start-up and testing, and initial fuel core load costs.

**Table 3: Capital Cost Estimate**

**Capital Cost Estimate for Strategist Modeling**

| <i>Levy County Units 1 and 2 (\$000's)</i>       | <b>Unit 1</b>    | <b>Unit 2</b>    | <b>Current Total</b> |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Unit Overnight Total Cost                        | 5,617,297        | 3,686,282        | 9,303,579            |
| Project Escalation @ 3%                          | 883,980          | 655,388          | 1,539,367            |
| Escalated Construction Cost (Before AFUDC)       | 6,501,276        | 4,341,670        | 10,842,946           |
| Estimated Project AFUDC                          | 1,814,733        | 1,432,029        | 3,246,762            |
| <b>LNP Unit Total</b>                            | <b>8,316,010</b> | <b>5,773,698</b> | <b>14,089,708</b>    |
| Winter Capacity Rating (MW)                      | 1,120            | 1,120            | 2,240                |
| Summer Capacity Rating (MW)                      | 1,092            | 1,092            | 2,184                |
| Estimated Overnight Cost - Winter Basis (\$/kW)  | 5,015            | 3,291            | 4,153                |
| Estimated Overnight Cost - Summer Basis (\$/kW)  | 5,144            | 3,376            | 4,260                |
| Estimated In-Service Cost - Winter Basis (\$/kW) | 7,425            | 5,155            | 6,290                |
| Estimated In-Service Cost - Summer Basis (\$/kW) | 7,615            | 5,287            | 6,451                |



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2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (“O&M”) COSTS.

The estimated operating and maintenance costs for the new nuclear units are summarized below in Table 4. The estimated incremental annual fixed operation and maintenance (“O&M”) expense for Levy Unit 1 is \$51.79/kW-yr (Summer Basis, \$2007) and the estimated non-maintenance variable O&M is \$1.82/MWh (Summer Basis \$2007). The largest fixed costs are wages and wage-related overheads for the permanent plant staff, as well as expenses for unplanned equipment maintenance. Approximately 800 full-time employees are expected to be employed to staff the operations at Levy Unit 1 and Levy Unit 2. Another 1,000 to 2,000 indirect jobs will be generated by operation of the nuclear generation units. Variable O&M costs, which vary as a function of plant generation, include consumables, chemicals, lubricants, water, and major maintenance costs such as planned equipment inspections and overhauls.

Table 4: Operating Cost Estimates

**Operating Cost Estimate for Strategist Modeling  
 Levy County Units 1 and 2**

|   | Unit 1 | Unit 2 |
|---|--------|--------|
| Fixed O&M (\$/kW-yr) Summer Basis<br>Basis - \$2007, Escalating Annually at 2.25%   | 51.79  | 36.25  |
| Variable O&M (\$/MWh)<br>Basis - \$2007, Escalating Annually at 2.25%   | 1.82   | 1.82   |
| Back End Costs (mill/kWh) for Federal Spent Fuel Disposal Fees<br>Basis - \$2007, Remains Constant                                | 1.00   | 1.00   |
| Decommissioning and Dismantlement (D&D) Funding (\$/kW-yr) Summer Basis<br>Basis - \$2007, Remains Constant                       | 16.64  | 16.64  |
| Annualized Capital Replacement (\$/kW-yr) Summer Basis<br>Basis - \$2007, Escalating Annually at 2.25%, Starting 10 yrs After COD | 8.93   | 8.93   |
| Winter Capacity Rating (MW)   | 1,120  | 1,120  |
| Summer Capacity Rating (MW)   | 1,092  | 1,092  |

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**3. PROJECTED COST SAVINGS.**

Substantial cost savings in the form of a reduced price are expected for the second nuclear unit if the second unit is constructed within twelve (12) to eighteen (18) months of the first nuclear unit. The projected price reduction yielding cost savings to PEF and its customers results from expected efficiencies for concurrent manufacturing of key components and continuous mobilization for on-site construction of both units. Additional efficiencies in engineering and construction are expected from experience gained from the construction of one unit to the next. These economies of scale and engineering and construction efficiencies significantly lower the overall cost for Levy Units 1 and 2 with the resulting cost savings benefiting PEF and its customers. The expected cost of the second nuclear unit, Levy Unit 2, is \$3,376/ kW (summer basis, \$2007), which is significantly less than the cost of Levy Unit 1 on a per-kW (summer) cost basis at \$5,144/kW. Similarly, the estimated fixed O&M cost for Levy Unit 2, \$36.25/kW-yr (\$2007), is lower than the estimated fixed O&M cost for Levy Unit 1 by \$15.54/kW-yr (\$2007). These cost savings from the concurrent design and construction of Levy Units 1 and 2 and the operation and maintenance synergies of a dual unit site are substantial and present a significant economic benefit to PEF's customers.

**D. PROJECTED PERFORMANCE FOR LEVY UNITS 1 AND 2.**

Levy Units 1 and 2 will be highly efficient, base load nuclear power plants with expected low forced outage and planned outage rates. The projected annual capacity factor would average roughly 90 percent over time, dependant on the outage cycles as they are ultimately integrated into fleet maintenance cycles. Essentially, these units are designed and expected to operate year-round. The average net operating heat rate for the units is expected

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to be 9,715 BTU/kWh. Processed uranium will be the fuel for the two units. Nuclear fuel is currently the most stable and lowest cost fuel available to the Company for energy generation. Levy Units 1 and 2 will therefore provide needed capacity and energy in a reliable, low-fuel cost manner.

**E. FUEL SUPPLY**

Nuclear power generation uses the lowest cost fuel source (uranium used in processed nuclear fuel) currently available to the Company. Processed uranium fuel is an abundant and stable fuel source relative to other fuels. As a result, adding additional nuclear generation to PEF's future generation system results in more stable energy prices relative to other (fossil fuel) generation resources. Further, additional nuclear power generation reduces PEF's dependence on volatile fossil fuel supplies, particularly oil and natural gas, from typically foreign fuel supply sources. Without Levy Units 1 and 2, natural gas and oil will comprise 61 percent, and all fossil fuel sources will comprise 85 percent of PEF's energy mix on its system by 2018. Nuclear fuel will account for only 12 percent of the energy generated. With Levy Units 1 and 2, however, nuclear generation contributes 38 percent of the total system energy by 2018, reducing PEF's dependence on fossil fuel generation sources, including natural gas and oil. This additional nuclear generation, therefore, will improve PEF's fuel diversity and fuel supply security.

**F. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Nuclear power is a clean source of electric power generation. Electric power generation from nuclear fuel produces no SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, GHG, or other emissions. In light of the

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current environmental requirements, including the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and DEP Clean Air Interstate Rule (“CAIR”) and current and expected mercury regulation affecting fossil fuel generation, and potential new legislative and regulatory limitations on GHG emissions, nuclear energy appears to be a more economically viable future generation alternative to fossil fuel (oil, gas, or coal) electric power generation.

**G. TRANSMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Additional transmission system upgrades will be necessary to accommodate the large new base load units on PEF’s system and to reliably deliver power from the site through PEF’s transmission and distribution systems. At this time, the Company estimates that these transmission upgrades will include the construction of new 500kV and/or 230kV lines and new substations. An initial non-binding in-service cost estimate for transmission facilities to support both Levy Units 1 and 2 is in the range of \$2,450M excluding AFUDC. More detailed cost estimates will be available as the transmission design and licensing efforts progress. Current schedule estimates call for the transmission work to be completed approximately one year prior to commercial operation of the units.

**IV. RESOURCE NEED AND IDENTIFICATION**

**A. RELIABILITY CRITERIA**

Utilities require a margin of generating capacity above the firm demands of their customers in order to provide reliable service. At any given time during the year, some generation plants will be out of service and unavailable due to forced outages or to repair failed equipment. Generating systems also requires periodic scheduled outages to perform

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planned maintenance and, in the case of nuclear plants, replenish fuel. Adequate reserves must be available to provide for this unavailable capacity and for higher than projected peak demand due to forecast uncertainty and abnormal weather. In addition, some capacity must be available for operating reserves to maintain the balance between supply and demand on a moment-to-moment basis.

PEF plans its resources in a manner consistent with utility industry planning practices, utilizing dual reliability criteria: a minimum Reserve Margin planning criterion and a maximum Loss of Load Probability (LOLP) criterion. The Reserve Margin planning criterion is deterministic and measures PEF's ability to meet its forecasted seasonal peak load with firm capacity. PEF's current minimum Reserve Margin commitment is twenty (20) percent, based upon the Commission-approved joint proposal from the investor-owned utilities in Florida to increase their minimum Reserve Margin levels to at least twenty (20) percent by the summer of 2004 and maintain a twenty (20) percent Reserve Margin thereafter. See Order No. PSC-99-2507-S-EU, in Docket No. 981890-EU, included in Appendix E to this Need Study. LOLP is a probabilistic criterion that measures the probability that a utility will be unable to meet its load throughout the year. LOLP studies take into account potential unit failures, unit maintenance, and assistance from other utilities. A standard probabilistic reliability threshold commonly used in the electric utility industry, and the criterion employed by PEF, is a maximum of one day in ten years loss of load probability.

PEF has based its resource planning on the use of dual reliability criteria since the early 1990's, a practice that has been accepted by the PSC. By using both a Reserve Margin and LOLP planning criteria, PEF's overall system is designed to have sufficient capacity for peak load conditions, and the generating units are selected to provide reliable service under all

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expected load conditions. PEF has found that resource additions are typically triggered to meet Reserve Margin thresholds before LOLP becomes a factor, and that is the case with respect to Levy Units 1 and 2 in the summer period of 2016 to 2017 too. Therefore, PEF did not consider LOLP a meaningful reliability analysis in this case because the Reserve Margin analysis had already identified a need in the 2016 time frame.

**B. LEGISLATION, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATION SUPPORTING AND ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR ADVANCED NUCLEAR GENERATION FACILITIES**

*Federal Legislation.*

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT) established the first comprehensive federal energy legislation in over a decade. Among EPACT's goals was the diversification of America's energy supply to reduce reliance on foreign sources of energy, in particular fossil fuels. EPACT considered the diversification of America's energy supply a matter of national security in the event of growing world-wide competition for fossil fuel resources to support the global increase in energy consumption. Among the key strategies for the diversification of America's energy supply under EPACT was encouraging the expansion of nuclear energy in a safe and secure manner.

The United States has not licensed a new nuclear plant in over thirty (30) years. Nuclear power, however, is the only mature technology with significant potential to supply large amounts of power without emissions of pollutants or carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases (GHG). Nuclear power further does not rely on foreign fossil fuels and therefore provides the opportunity to reduce the country's dependence on foreign fossil fuel resources for energy. EPACT, accordingly, contained important provisions to encourage the development of new nuclear power generation in the United States.

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EPACT provided several incentives for new nuclear power generation plants. EPACT authorized the Department of Energy (“DOE”) to provide up to two billion dollars in standby support agreements, which is a type of federal risk insurance for utility companies building the next six nuclear power plants. The standby support agreements provided coverage for losses occasioned by delays associated with regulatory reviews by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“NRC”), among other covered events. This incentive reduced the level of uncertainty associated with licensing new nuclear power plants in the United States.

Similarly, EPACT authorized the DOE to provide loan guarantees for the development of new nuclear generation. The intent was that the DOE loan guarantees might help to mitigate some degree of the risk involved in developing and operating new nuclear power generators. Additionally, EPACT provided a financial incentive to develop nuclear generation in the form of production tax credits. The production tax credit is \$0.018/kWh for the first eight years of the nuclear facility’s commercial operation, if the nuclear generation facility meets certain eligibility requirements and deadlines and is in service by January 1, 2021.

With EPACT, and subsequent executive orders and DOE actions, the Congress and Executive Branch of the United States Government have expressed their view that the development of new nuclear generation plants in the United States is central to meeting the future energy needs of the country and therefore the economic well-being and security interests of its citizens. This national policy, and the underlying incentives behind it, was included in the Company’s Resource Planning process to address the future capacity and energy needs of the Company’s customers.

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*Florida Executive Order No. 05-241 and the Florida Energy Plan.*

EPACT was followed in Florida first by Executive Order Number 05-241 issued on November 10, 2005. The Order was subsequent to the catastrophic hurricane seasons in 2004 and 2005, which underscored Florida's vulnerability to fuel supply disruptions and reminded all Floridians of their reliance on fossil fuels, including a dependence on natural gas, to generate electricity. The Governor's Executive Order, among other things, required the Secretary of DEP to develop a comprehensive energy plan. Among the topics to be addressed in the State's energy plan were Florida's current and projected generating capacity and infrastructure needs for nuclear power and the diversification of Florida's electric power supply.

DEP issued Florida's Energy Plan on January 17, 2006. The Florida Energy Plan recognized that Florida is the fourth most populous state in the country, ranks third nationally in total energy consumption, and continues to grow, adding nearly 1,000 new residents a day. The Plan further acknowledges that Florida relies on fossil fuels for 86 percent of Florida's total generating capacity, that less than 10 percent of its generating capacity is derived from cleaner nuclear fuel and renewable fuels, and that no new nuclear plants have entered commercial service in Florida since 1983. The Plan also recognized Florida's vulnerability to energy supply disruptions and increases in natural gas and oil prices during the hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005. The Plan explained that 95 percent of daily oil production and 88 percent of daily gas production was shut down when Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005. Five months later, a quarter of the oil production and nearly twenty percent of the gas production remained shut down, and full recovery was not expected for nearly a year. The resulting



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impact was continued upward pressure on natural gas and oil prices to the detriment of Florida consumers.

Among the recommendations in the Florida Energy Plan was the diversification of Florida's fuel sources and the increase in fuel supply reliability. To this end, DEP recommended as part of the Florida Energy Plan, legislation in the 2006 regular Legislative session to, among other things, amend the Power Plant Siting Act to reduce regulatory barriers and streamline permitting and amend the need determination provision of the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act ("FEECA") to require the Commission to consider fuel diversity and fuel reliability as factors when determining the need for new electric generation plants.

DEP also recommended as part of the Florida Energy Plan that the Florida legislature establish an energy council to provide energy policy advice to the Governor, Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate. The goal was to provide state government with ideals and solutions from knowledgeable individuals to address energy needs and concerns.

*The Florida Renewable Energy Technologies and Energy Efficiency Act of 2006.*

The Florida Legislature did take up energy legislation in 2006 and passed the Florida Renewable Energy Technologies and Energy Efficiency Act of 2006 ("2006 Florida Energy Act"). This Act became effective on June 19, 2006. Among the provisions of this legislation was the creation of the Florida Energy Commission with the directive to develop recommendations for legislation to establish a state energy policy that was based on the guiding principles of reliability, efficiency, affordability, and diversity.

In other relevant parts, the 2006 Florida Energy Act amended the statutory provision requiring utility Ten Year Site Plans to include a requirement that fuel diversity be

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considered. Additionally, the need determination provision was amended, requiring the consideration of fuel diversity and reliability in need determinations for all future generation plants, including nuclear generation plants.

With respect to nuclear generation plants in particular, the Florida legislature included specific need determination provisions that, among other things, (1) required the Commission to determine need based not only on electric system reliability and integrity but also fuel diversity, the need for base load generation, and the need for adequate electricity at a reasonable cost; and (2) required the Commission to consider the cost-effectiveness of nuclear power generation taking into account the need to improve the balance of fuel diversity, reduce Florida's dependence on fuel oil and natural gas, reduce air emission compliance costs, and contribute to the long-term stability and reliability of the electric grid.

Finally, the 2006 Florida legislation further established provisions for cost recovery for the siting, design, licensing, and construction of nuclear power plants. This legislation directed the Commission to implement rules related to nuclear power plant cost recovery, for example, the recovery of preconstruction costs and carrying costs through the capacity cost recovery clause and the allowance in base rates of the annual revenue requirements associated with the nuclear power plant when that plant is placed in commercial service. Consistent with this legislative directive, the Commission subsequently enacted the nuclear power plant cost recovery rule to implement the 2006 Florida legislation.

The apparent goal of the Florida Energy Plan and subsequent 2006 Florida legislation and Commission regulation implementing that legislation was to encourage the development of nuclear generation in Florida. The Commission Staff agreed in its recommendation regarding the Commission implementation of the nuclear cost recovery rule as directed by the

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Florida legislature, explaining that the “clear intent of the 2006 Florida Legislation is to promote new nuclear generation in Florida by providing Florida utilities the incentives to overcome these obstacles [including federal regulatory review, the “extremely long” permitting and construction period, and public perception]; the Legislature was clearly concerned that without these incentives, Florida utilities will continue to build natural gas and coal fired generation to meet Florida’s growing energy needs.” Staff Recommendation dated February 1, 2007, Docket No. 060508-EI.

Even more than EPACT, the Florida executive and legislative action has influenced the Company’s Resource Planning process. In particular, as directed by the Florida legislation, fuel diversity is given more prominence in the Company’s assessment of the need for electric system reliability and integrity. Further, as directed by the Florida legislature, the Company increased its focus on renewable energy sources and technologies in addition to conservation measures as a means of offsetting the need for additional, conventional generation resources to meet customer demand for energy. Finally, in determining the cost-effectiveness of future nuclear power generation, the Company has specifically taken into account (1) the need to improve the balance of fuel diversity, (2) the need to reduce Florida’s dependence on fuel oil and natural gas, (3) the need to reduce current and potentially future air emission compliance costs, and (4) the contribution of nuclear generation to the long-term stability and reliability of the electric grid, as directed by the Florida Legislature in the 2006 Florida Energy Act. The 2006 Florida Energy Act, therefore, established a new utility paradigm for its integrated resource planning and resulting need determinations involving potential nuclear power generation, one that required electric utilities like the Company to move beyond the traditional reliability and economic analyses by placing emphasis on the fuel

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diversity, environmental, and fuel supply reliability benefits nuclear power generation provides.

*2007 Executive Orders.*

In 2007, the Governor of Florida issued a series of executive orders that impacted the Company's Resource Planning process. These executive orders, Nos. 07-126, 07-127, and 07-128, addressed growing concerns over global warming and the potential impact on Florida's environment and economy. Executive Order No. 07-126 addressed immediate actions the Florida State Government could take to reduce GHG emissions. In Executive Order No. 07-128, the Governor noted that "more than 70 percent of Florida's electricity is generated by fossil fuels which contribute to the state's carbon emissions." The Governor then established the Governor's "Action Team on Energy and Climate Change" to, among other things, develop strategies "to diversify Florida's electric generation fuels to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect Florida's consumers from fuel price volatility."

Executive Order No. 07-127, "establishing immediate actions to reduce GHG emissions within Florida," among other aspects, set GHG emission reduction targets for the utility sector and directed DEP to develop rules to achieve those targets. These GHG emission reduction targets are extremely aggressive, representing some of the deepest GHG emission reductions proposed for electric utilities in the country. They include, by 2017, emissions not greater than year 2000 utility sector emissions; by 2025, emissions not greater than year 1990 utility sector emissions; and by 2050, emissions not greater than 20 percent of year 1990 utility sector emissions (i.e., 80 percent reduction of 1990 emissions by 2050).

The Executive Orders focused on the development of additional renewable energy sources as a means of reducing GHG emissions. Nuclear generation, however, emits no GHG

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and can be developed in large blocks of capacity and energy, far exceeding the capacity capabilities of current renewable energy resources. Realistically, then, any attempt to meet the aggressive GHG emission reduction targets set by the Governor for the utility sector in Florida must include the development of additional nuclear capacity and energy generation.

*Florida Energy Commission.*

The Florida Energy Commission (“FEC”) was charged by the Florida Legislature with developing recommendations for legislation to establish a state energy policy. The FEC issued its report and recommendations to the Florida Legislature on December 31, 2007.

In its report, the FEC noted that Florida is the third largest state in the country, it leads all other states in growth, and it ranks third in total energy consumption. Florida differed from other states in that residential customers accounted for a majority of the electric energy purchased, followed by commercial customers, with industrial customers accounting only for ten (10) percent of the electric energy purchased. High residential demand, the FEC noted, was further driven by Florida’s hot and humid weather, which was another factor that distinguishes Florida from other states.

The FEC also noted that Florida was unique in that the state was a peninsula with no fossil-based natural resources and vastly different renewable energy resource potential from other states. The FEC explained that Florida’s unique geography and lack of native resources renders the state vulnerable to energy-supply disruptions such as hurricanes. The FEC also expressed its concern about Florida’s increasing dependence on natural gas for electricity, explaining that excessive reliance on a single fuel leaves Floridians subject to price-volatility and supply-interruption risks.

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With this (and other) background, the FEC developed and provided to the Florida Legislature eighty-five (85) recommendations. Among those that were relevant to PEF's current Resource Planning process were recommendations addressing the challenges of global climate change and recommendations for strengthening Florida's energy supply and delivery infrastructure. In making these recommendations, the FEC recognized that the "availability and cost of fuel will never be the same" and that Florida needs fuel diversity, renewable energy, and greenhouse gas reduction targets. To achieve these goals the FEC in particular noted "the need to maintain a diverse portfolio of generation technologies with special attention to nuclear power."

The FEC's recommendation with respect to GHG emission-reduction targets calls for the Florida Legislature to adopt the targets set by Executive Order No. 07-127, with only minor modifications. The FEC GHG emission-reduction targets require reductions in GHG emissions to year 2000 emission levels by the year 2020, to 1990 levels by 2030, and to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. These GHG emission-reduction targets are slightly more lenient than the targets set by Executive Order No. 07-127 but still, in the words of the FEC, they are "ambitious."

In addition, the FEC recommended that the Florida Legislature direct DEP to create a *GHG registry and inventory that would identify the sources and amounts of GHG emissions and track future emissions and reductions in GHG emissions*. Under this recommendation, electric utilities would be required to report their GHG sources and GHG emission levels to DEP. Further, the FEC recommended that the Florida Legislature direct DEP and the PSC to establish a "ranking" for all potential electrical generation methods using quantifiable results that determined how state greenhouse gas emission goals could be achieved.

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PEF cannot know at this point whether any, some, or all of the FEC's recommendations to the Florida Legislature will be adopted as submitted by the Florida Legislature and approved by the Governor. That GHG emissions will be addressed and regulated in some form in the future, however, seems clear. As a result, the potential for GHG emission regulation and the resulting economic impact are factors in the Company's Resource Planning process even though the ultimate, actual regulation and economic impacts remain uncertain.

The FEC also considered nuclear power a key aspect of its recommendations regarding the state's energy supply and delivery infrastructure. The FEC recognized that "even with significant energy efficiency growth, renewable energy resources, and distributed generation, major investments in conventional generating plants will be required." This additional investment in generation must include, according to the FEC, nuclear power. The FEC specifically "endorse[d] the expanded use of nuclear power as a base load generation source." The FEC recommended to the Florida Legislature that it endorse and encourage nuclear fuel as a base load generation source. The FEC explained that "[n]uclear power's lower generating cost, significant contribution to the reduction of greenhouse gases, and obvious positive impact on reducing imported fossil fuels, makes it a very desirable option for future generation." Indeed, the FEC believed that its target deadlines for reduction in GHG emissions were acceptable in part because they would "allow enough time to add more nuclear generation to Florida's mix."

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**C. INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING (“IRP”) PROCESS**

**1. IRP OVERVIEW**

The Resource Planning Process used by PEF incorporates sophisticated resource optimization computer models to evaluate future generation alternatives and cost-effective demand-side resources on a consistent and integrated basis. An integrated planning process is designed to identify optimal supply-side plans that fully reflect the impact of all cost-effective demand-side management on system peak load and total energy consumption. The Resource Planning process combines existing and new generation resources, cost-effective DSM programs, purchased power contracts, including contracts for renewable fuel generation, and interruptible load in a portfolio that will provide reliable electric service at a reasonable overall cost to PEF’s customers. The planning process takes into account the need to improve the balance of fuel diversity, reduce Florida’s dependence on fuel oil and natural gas, comply with operating limits under current regulations, reduce air emission compliance costs, and contribute to the long-term stability and reliability of the electric grid.

The Resource Planning process begins with the development of a forecast of system load growth. This forecast draws on the collection of certain input data, such as population growth, fuel prices, interest and inflation rates. Economic and demographic assumptions that impact future energy sales and customer demand are developed from this data. Base forecasts reflecting PEF’s view of the most likely future scenarios for such key factors as fuel prices and interest rates are developed, along with sensitivity forecasts that reflect alternative future scenarios. The computer models used in the Resource Planning process are then brought up to date with that data, along with updated information on the operating parameters and



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maintenance schedules for PEF's existing generating units, to provide the basis for further analysis in the Resource Planning process.

PEF takes into account its future supply of capacity from purchased power contracts and existing and committed generation units that will be available during the period at issue. PEF evaluates the relationship of demand and supply against the Company's reliability criteria to determine if additional capacity is needed during the period at issue in the analysis.

If a need for additional capacity is identified, PEF examines alternative generation expansion scenarios. Supply-side resources are screened to determine those that are the most cost-effective, given the statutory and planning criteria. The Company identifies a wide range of options from various industry sources and PEF's experience, and pre-screens those that do not warrant more detailed economic analysis. Screening criteria include costs, fuel sources and availability, technological maturity, fuel diversity and reliability, environmental impacts, current and future emission costs and impacts, and overall resource feasibility within the Company's system.

The next step of the planning process involves an economic evaluation of generation alternatives in a computer model called Strategist, a resource optimization program from New Energy Associates. The primary output of Strategist is a Cumulative Present Value Revenue Requirements ("CPVRR") comparison of potential resource plan combinations that will satisfy PEF's reliability requirements. The supply-side resource plans are typically evaluated based on cost performance over both the initial planning period (10 years) and a traditional thirty (30)-year study period. The cost performance of these resource plans are studied utilizing the Company's reference assumptions and across a range of sensitivities deemed appropriate for evaluating the decisions being considered. Resource plan alternatives with

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the lowest CPVRR's over the study period (based on the reference assumptions), will be further assessed with regard to cost performance in sensitivity scenarios and other considerations as the Company develops a recommendation for a preferred generation plan.

For purposes of evaluating the possible addition of nuclear generation to PEF's system, however, the traditional 30-year study period was insufficient to fully and meaningfully evaluate the costs and benefits of additional nuclear generation power plants. Given the long lead time necessary to site, permit, license, design and construct nuclear power plants, which can be ten (10) years, a 30-year study period will capture only twenty (20) years of commercial operation of the nuclear units in the evaluation. The expected commercial operation period for new nuclear power units like Levy Units 1 and 2, however, is sixty (60) years, which represents the initial forty (40)-year license and an expected twenty (20)-year license extension. To more fully evaluate the costs and benefits of additional nuclear units on PEF's system, and to capture the interplay with both existing and potential new resources over an extended period, the Company extended the study period in the Strategist scenario analysis model to 60 years. The results of these modeling studies were developed as comparisons of CPVRR between the various resource plan options to encompass the cumulative long term effects of generating unit technologies and efficiencies, fuel utilization, initial and ongoing operating costs, environmental performance and other factors.

An equally important part of the Resource Planning process is the planning and development of a group of cost-effective DSM programs. PEF performs its DSM cost-effectiveness evaluations using the Differential Cost-Effectiveness ("DCE") module (formerly known as DSVIEW) of Strategist, which is an accepted and widely used module in the electric utility industry. The DCE module is specifically designed to evaluate DSM

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alternatives against a generation resource plan and compute benefit-cost ratios for each of the three Commission-approved cost-effectiveness tests: the Rate Impact Measure (“RIM”), the Total Resource Cost (“TRC”), and the Participant Tests.

The DCE module calculates the capacity and production cost impacts of a DSM program for the DSM Program period by performing a production cost simulation with and without the DSM program. The modeling includes all DSM costs and benefits, including program administrative expenses, incentive payments, participant costs, lost revenue, and more, as required to develop and report results for the three cost-effectiveness tests. Deferred capacity benefits are determined by multiplying the \$/kW cost of each deferred generation unit by the amount of capacity that can be reduced by the DSM programs over the DSM Program period in order to ensure that reliability of the system matches the generation scenarios being evaluated. Each generation scenario in the DCE module does not include the DSM programs. Production cost savings are calculated as the difference in production cost results between the “with-DSM” and “without-DSM” program cases. Those DSM programs that prove to be cost-effective are selected for further development. The result is that the DSM programs offered to PEF customers reduce the rates for all PEF’s customers, both DSM program participants and non-participants.

Using the same model (Strategist) to evaluate both supply-side and demand-side alternatives ensures consistent data and methods are being applied across the board. Strategist’s resource plan allows DSM programs to compete against one or more deferrable generation units that can vary by type and timing. Also, individual DSM programs can be combined together within Strategist to create a DSM bundle large enough to be evaluated against multiple generation units. Finally, the ability of Strategist to perform a production

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cost simulation of the system with and without the DSM program provides the best available methodology for estimating fuel and operation and maintenance (“O&M”) cost savings.

In arriving at its current DSM Plan, PEF analyzed over 200 possible DSM measures, and selected from those measures two new programs and thirty-nine (39) new measures. In Docket No. 060647-EG, PEF requested approval of an expanded DSM Plan that comprised seven (7) residential programs, seven (7) commercial and industrial programs, a qualifying facilities program, and a research and development program, all of which included the two new proposed programs and thirty-nine (39) new measures. The projected cost, performance, viability, and cost-effectiveness of the DSM programs to meet PEF’s specific DSM goals were evaluated by the Commission in this docket. The PSC approved PEF’s DSM plan in Consummating Order No. PSC-07-0017-CO-EG making Order No. PSC-06-1018-TRF-EG effective and final.

With the recent changes to PEF’s DSM Plan, PEF’s total DSM Plan offerings include sixteen (16) programs and over one hundred (100) measures, providing comprehensive DSM services for PEF’s customers. These DSM services are intended to encourage further customer participation and they are expected to cost-effectively reduce the growth rate of weather-sensitive peak demand, reduce and control the growth rate of energy consumption, increase resource conservation, and increase the efficiency of the electric system. Because the DSM programs reduce the peak demand and/or energy consumption, the expected reductions from the DSM programs are factored in as adjustments to the peak demand and energy sales forecasts.

As a result of the Company’s revised DSM Plan, the Company expects to achieve even greater total load reduction through the current DSM goal period than previously

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expected. For the period beyond 2014, which is the end of the current DSM goal period, PEF has projected that the load reduction in PEF's Commission-approved, amended DSM Plan will continue to increase at a similar continuing growth rate, adjusted over time for higher program saturation rates. However, since many of the measures in the revised DSM Plan were just implemented, so it is too early to tell how effective they will actually be, especially over such a long period of time. PEF's current expectation that these load reduction results will be achieved over this extended period of time is therefore an aggressive application of its DSM Plan consistent with the Company's commitment to energy efficiency and load management as part of the Company's balanced approach to meeting customer needs for reliable, cost-effective electrical power.

In the resource integration step of the Resource Planning process, the Company optimizes its supply-side options, taking into account the impacts of its DSM programs, into a final, integrated optimal plan. In selecting Levy Units 1 and 2 as the supply-side alternatives to meet the Company's capacity need beginning in the 2016 to 2019 timeframe, PEF examined, evaluated, and ultimately rejected other conventional, advanced, and renewable generation resources as potential capacity addition alternatives in this time period. For its initial resource optimization scenarios, the Company narrowed these potential capacity additions to four specific generation technology alternatives: natural gas-fired simple cycle and combined cycle; sub-critical and super-critical pulverized coal; coal gasification combined cycle and advanced light water nuclear (ALWR).

An optimized reference resource plan scenario based exclusively on natural gas-fired simple cycle and combined cycle units was developed (the All Gas Reference Case). While not necessarily the preferred resource planning scenario, the relative capital cost differential

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between gas-fired generation and all other evaluated generation options and the substantial, recent Company and industry experience with the technology warranted exploration of a resource plan based on these technologies. In preliminary evaluations, nuclear generation technology proved more cost-effective than pulverized coal and integrated coal gasification when compared with the all natural gas-fired generation case. Due to recent regulatory and utility industry experience with pulverized coal and integrated coal gasification generation options in Florida, there appeared to be significant economic, environmental, regulatory, and political hurdles to the development of future coal-based generation in Florida. As a result, nuclear generation appeared to be a more viable future generation resource alternative to compare with natural gas-fired generation in Florida and was, therefore, selected for further economic evaluation.

The nuclear generation resource option was evaluated against the all natural gas-fired generation resource plan over a 60-year analysis period using the Strategist scenario analysis model. This period was selected, as noted above, because of the long-term operational benefits from nuclear generation given the expected 60-year operational life of nuclear generating units. A number of analyses were run in the model comparing an optimized scenario with nuclear generation (Levy Units 1 and 2) to an optimized all natural gas-fired generation scenario. These analyses included a mid-level fuel forecast scenario with high and low fuel sensitivities. Given the regulatory and political environment in Florida and around the country, these analyses were coupled with forecasts based on existing and potential environmental regulations, including future greenhouse gas (GHG) emission regulations. These analyses ensure that the optimized generation resource plan with Levy Units 1 and 2 does not unduly burden the Company or its customers if the future unfolds in a different way.

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If the preferred generation resource plan is judged robust under these analyses, the plan becomes the generation resource expansion plan for the Company.

PEF's present Determination of Need Petition, its April 2007 TYSP and TYSP updates, and its Commission-approved DSM Plan are all consistent with the Company's Resource Planning process, as described in this Need Study and the Company's April 2007 TYSP.

**2. LOAD AND ENERGY FORECAST.**

*a. Economic and Demographic Assumptions and Forecast Methodologies.*

The Resource Planning process uses many inputs and assumptions that are ultimately taken into account to develop PEF's optimal plan. The inputs and assumptions result from a number of parallel activities which feed into the Resource Planning process. One such activity is energy and demand forecasting. PEF's long-term forecasts of customers, energy sales, and seasonal peak demands are key inputs in the Resource Planning process.

The Company's load and energy forecasts used in the Resource Planning process attempt to capture the long-term trends in customer, energy sales, and peak demand growth typically over the next ten years, and in the case of the need assessment for Levy Units 1 and 2, over an even longer period of time to account for the long lead time for nuclear generation units and their multi-year useful lives. Forecasts are first reported annually for the next ten-year horizon, in this case, 2007 through 2016. Because the forecasts are "long-term," they do not project economic business cycles beyond the first few years of the forecast. Rather, they identify a trend that cuts through the middle of any future business cycle fluctuations, thus reducing the risk that the forecasts will vary widely from actual economic conditions in the

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future. The Company updated these forecasts beyond 2016 and 2017, when Levy Units 1 and 2 are planned, to support analysis of economic performance over an extended period of commercial operation. The Company's scenario analysis modeling (utilizing New Energy Associate's Strategist model) encompasses the extended demand and energy forecasts in a manner consistent with standard economic forecasting principles and utility industry practice.

There are a number of assumptions that serve as inputs to the forecasts, such as weather conditions, population growth trends, economic growth trends, and the regulatory environment. The assumptions underlying the energy, peak demand, and sales forecasts used in the Resource Planning process are discussed in detail in the Company's April 2007 Ten Year Site Plan ("TYSP") (see Appendix G, Chapter 2). The assumptions are based not only on the work of experts within PEF but also the research efforts of a number of respected independent sources such as the Bureau of Economic and Business Research ("BEBR") at the University of Florida, and Economy.com, a major national economic forecasting firm. These sources provide relevant information concerning the outlook for the national and Florida economies in general and certain sectors comprising large energy users, such as the phosphate mining industry, in particular. A summary of the assumptions used in PEF's forecasts, as well as additional detail concerning PEF's forecast system inputs and results, is included in the April 2007 TYSP. For purposes of the assessment of the need for 2016 and 2017 and beyond, these forecast inputs and results were updated, using the same sources and techniques used to develop the April 2007 TYSP, but applying them over a longer period of time.

The following table summarizes key economic and demographic assumptions associated with PEF's customer, energy sales, and peak demand forecasts. Table 5 contains a summary of key economic and demographic assumptions like changes in gross Domestic



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Product (GDP), Florida employment, Florida Personal Income, service area population, and inflation.

**TABLE 5. LONG TERM ECONOMIC & DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY**

| <b>Average Annual Growth Rate</b> |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Real GDP                          | 2.3 % |
| Florida Employment                | 2.7 % |
| Florida Personal Income           | 3.6 % |
| PEF Service Area Population       | 1.6 % |
| Inflation – CPI                   | 2.3 % |

PEF uses several models and methodologies in developing its customer energy and demand forecasts. The models incorporate forecasting techniques, such as time-series analysis, econometric regression analysis, and direct contact with customers. All are well accepted and widely used in the electric utility industry. PEF's models incorporate a number of variables listed in Appendix G that are identified based on exhaustive research into determining statistical relationships between every aspect of consumer behavior and its impact on energy consumption. The Company's use of these models and methodologies in the Resource Planning process is described below and in greater detail in the Company's April 2007 TYSP. For purposes of assessment of the need in 2016 and 2017 and beyond, the Company updated the results from the models and methodologies used for the TYSP as discussed and illustrated in the Figures below.

b. *Customer Forecasts.*

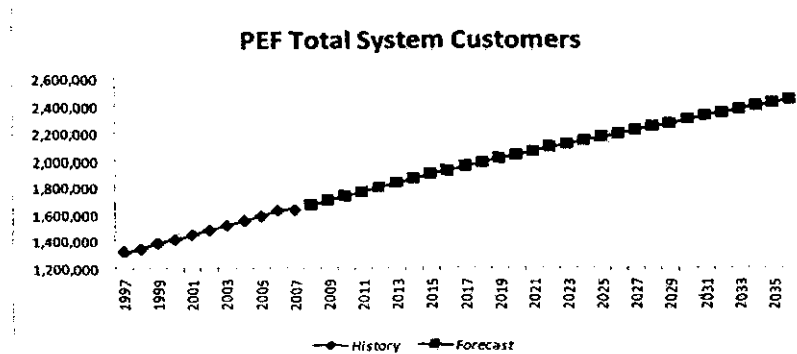
Population projections for each of the twenty-nine (29) Florida counties served by PEF drive the forecasts of residential and commercial customers, who together comprise more than 98 percent of the Company's total customers. Population growth in the service areas translates directly into a greater number of residential electric customers and, as a further

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consequence, a greater number of commercial establishments to serve them. PEF relies on the BEBR at the University of Florida for population estimates and projections in its service area. The BEBR relies primarily on a cohort component computer model that uses demographic data to develop high, low, and medium cases for its population projections. The BEBR medium case is used as the basis for PEF's residential and commercial class customer forecasts. Time-series models are then used to project industrial customers, street and highway lighting, and public authority customers, because they follow relatively stable historical growth trends and make up only two percent of PEF's total customers on its system.

PEF updated the models following the April 2007 TYSP, using the same economic modeling techniques and practices, for purposes of assessing the need in 2016 and 2017 and beyond. The extended forecast of the number of PEF's customers is shown in Figure 2. A more complete discussion of the customer forecasts and the methodologies behind them can be found in the April 2007 TYSP. PEF's history and forecast of customer levels for rural and residential, commercial, industrial, street and highway lighting, and other public customers can be found in the April 2007 TYSP (See Appendix E, Chapter 2, Schedules 2.1 and 2.2).

FIGURE 2. Average Number of Customers



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c. *Sales Forecasts.*

PEF forecasts energy (i.e. megawatt-hour) sales using a class-based econometric modeling approach that incorporates specific research for each customer class. The retail class-based econometric models (e.g. residential, commercial, etc.) are premised on a significant statistical relationship between an explanatory “driver,” or variable, such as weather or income, and electric consumption by customer class. In selecting significant drivers for the models, PEF chooses variables that are statistically proven to affect energy use in a particular customer class over an extended historic period.

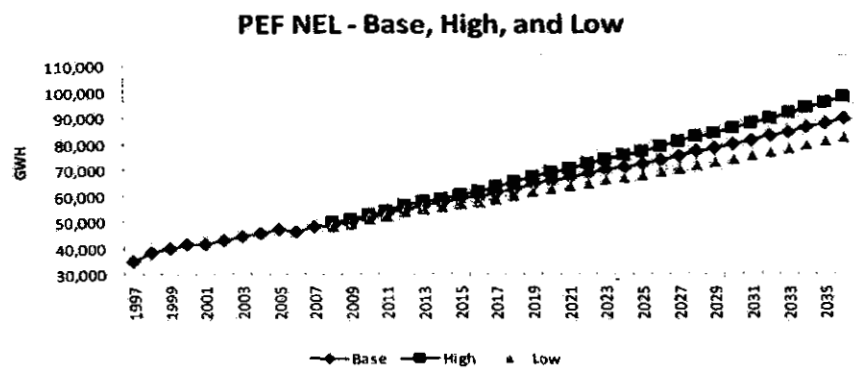
Wholesale jurisdictional energy sales are projected on a contract-defined basis rather than a “class” basis. Each contract has specific terms for energy requirements that can vary by type and duration of energy under consideration. For example, PEF contracts to sell wholesale energy on a “stratified” basis. Each strata type --- base, intermediate, or peaking --- has a different assumption as to the number of hours a purchasing entity will be taking energy under its contract with PEF. By working with contract administrators in PEF’s Regulated Commercial Operations Department, forecasters gain an understanding of the customers’ energy needs through estimates of monthly load factors for each contract.

In support of the Company’s Strategist scenario analysis modeling, the energy sales forecasts were updated and extended following the same methodology that was used in the April 2007 TYSP. The forecast of net energy for load is shown for the base, high, and low cases in Figure 3, below. A more complete discussion of PEF’s energy sales forecasts and the methodology behind them through the initial ten-year planning period, 2007 to 2016, can be found in PEF’s April 2007 TYSP. Specifically, TYSP Schedules 2.1 and 2.2 contain PEF’s history and forecast of energy sales for each customer class, and Schedule 2.3 contains PEF’s

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history and forecast of its total number of customers and net energy for load. The extended energy sales forecasts were used in the Strategist model in a manner consistent with engineering and modeling practice in the industry.

Figure 3. Net Energy for Load



d. *Peak Demand Forecasts.*

Seasonal peak hour demand (or load) is the final component in PEF's forecast. PEF separates its peak demand forecast into winter and summer peaks. In each season, PEF disaggregates and projects the following components of total system peak demand: potential firm retail load (excluding the non-firm interruptible demands), interruptible demand, company-use demand, wholesale demand, and dispatchable and non-dispatchable demand-side management (DSM) program capability.

Potential firm retail load refers to the projected retail hourly seasonal peak demand excluding interruptible demands such as interruptible, curtailable, and standby generation service, and before the effect of conservation or load management programs are taken into account. Determining the Company's retail load without the impact of utility-induced

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conservation or load control enables PEF to observe and correlate the underlying trend in retail peak demand in the service area to customer levels and coincident weather conditions. The year-to-year variation caused by conservation or the need to activate load control is removed leaving a “clean” historical trend from which to study growth. Potential retail peaks are projected using historical seasonal peak data, regardless of which month the seasonal peak occurred. Coincident weather conditions and retail customer levels drive these forecasts.

The interruptible demand component is developed from historic trends on the Company’s interruptible, curtailable, and standby generation tariffs, as well as direct information obtained from PEF’s largest customers using the interruptible tariff.

Wholesale demand comprises supplemental, partial, and full requirement service. Supplemental load is based on sales to Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SECI), PEF’s supplemental requirements customer. Demand for partial requirement services is based on contractual terms such as the capacity requirements (MW), type of stratified service requested, and length of term. Peak demand projections for each full requirements municipal customer is performed by trending monthly peaks and energy.

Company-use demand at the time of system peak is estimated using load research metering studies and is assumed to remain stable over the forecast horizon.

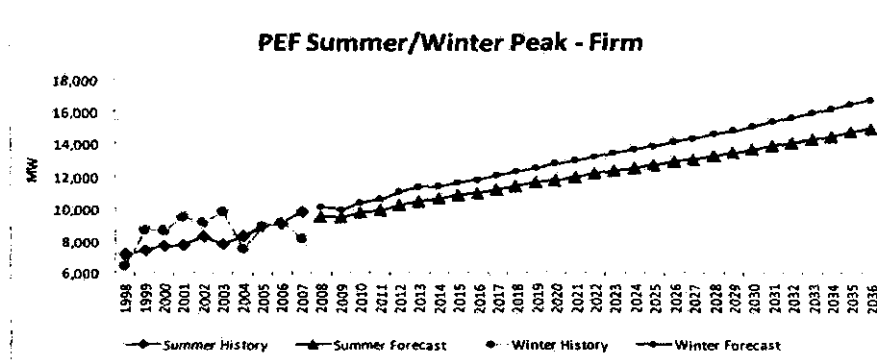
Each seasonal peak projection becomes the January (winter) and August (summer) forecast values. The non-seasonal peak months are calculated the same way using data from each specific month. Each of the megawatt demand components described above is a positive value, except for the DSM program capability which is a negative value. DSM program impacts represent a reduction in peak demand; therefore, they are assigned a negative value. DSM program projections are applied to the forecast at levels that at least

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achieve the cost-effective goals set by the Commission. Projections of non-dispatchable DSM (e.g. insulation, duct repair, etc.) megawatt impacts are cumulative and are subtracted from the projection of potential firm retail demand. Dispatchable DSM programs (e.g. load management) megawatt reductions reflect direct load control capability at normal peaking temperatures and likewise produce a reduction in total potential retail demand. Total system peak demand, therefore, is calculated as follows: Total System Peak Demand = Retail Demand (including Interruptible Demand) + Wholesale Demand + Company-Used Demand.

The firm summer and winter peak demand forecasts, shown in Figure 4, represent the Total System Peak Demand minus Interruptible Demand and DSM. Figure 4 below illustrates the extended firm summer and winter peak demand forecasts for the planning period in 2016 to 2019 and beyond. To arrive at the firm summer and winter peak demand forecasts over the scenario analysis modeling period, PEF extended the forecasts using standard modeling techniques consistent with engineering practice in the electric utility industry.

**Figure 4. Summer and Winter Peak Demand**



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A more complete discussion of the peak demand forecasts and the methodologies behind them can be found in PEF's April 2007 TYSP (see Appendix G, Chapter 2). The summer peak demand forecasts and winter peak demand forecasts can be found in the April 2007 TYSP (see Appendix G, Schedules 3.1 and 3.2 respectively).

### **3. OTHER PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS.**

The Company's resource planning is a forward looking process that encompasses a complex set of *overlapping* timelines that require forecasts of key decision factors and implementation lead times. When the Company is evaluating a specific preferred resource option or set of options and has entered into the respective critical decision timeframe for the option(s), it gathers the best information available to support the decisions being contemplated. PEF always seeks to make significant resource selection decisions based on the best information available to the Company at the time. Accordingly, the Company updates key factors and assumptions in the course of evaluating its overall resource plan, in this case, given the potential resource option of additional nuclear generation to meet the Company's need in 2016 to 2019 and beyond. These factors are addressed in the ensuing sections covering fuel prices and economic and financial assumptions.

#### **a. Fuel Price Forecasts.**

Fuel forecasts are an integral part of PEF's planning and operations. Relevant fuel prices and their differentials are important economic factors in determining the types of new generation to be added to PEF's system. Additionally, fuel prices are relevant to the determination of the most efficient method of operating existing and proposed generating units on PEF's system in compliance with environmental and system requirements. PEF's

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forecasts for natural gas, oil, and coal are addressed here and PEF's nuclear fuel forecast is addressed separately below.

For purposes of the April 2007 TYSP and the TYSP updates, the forecast period is over a ten year period of time. Within this resource planning framework, a short term fuel forecast is typically developed for a three-year period and a long-term forecast is incorporated beyond three years. The Company's fuel price forecast used in this resource planning process is developed using short-term and long-term spot market price projections from industry-recognized sources.

PEF depends on observable market data for near-term fuel price forecasts. In the short term, the coal forecast is based on existing contracts and spot market coal prices and transportation arrangements between PEF and its various suppliers. For the longer term, the prices are based on spot market forecasts reflective of expected market conditions. Fuel oil and natural gas short-term price forecasts are estimated based on current and expected contracts and spot purchase arrangements, as well as near-term commodity future spot prices. Natural gas firm transportation costs used in the forecast were determined primarily by pipeline tariff rates, negotiated term contracts, and estimated rates for future pipeline capacity that will be needed to meet generation growth.

For long-term fuel prices the Company uses two independent, industry experts, PIRA Energy Group ("PIRA") and Global Insight, Inc., as well as its own expertise and experience. In this resource planning process, the long-term extended beyond the typical long-term forecast in the TYSP process because the addition of *Levy Units 1 and 2* occurs at the end of the TYSP period and their commercial operation extends more than fifty years beyond the



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current TYSP. This required the development of long-term fuel price forecasts over this extended period of time.

To develop this extended fuel forecast PEF first relied on PIRA and Global Insight to provide the Company with an extended forecast of prices for the various fuels that potentially could be used at PEF's existing and future generating plants. Those fuels are natural gas, No. 6 fuel oil, and No. 2 fuel oil. The long-term natural gas transportation costs were estimated based on expected rates for future pipeline capacity that will be needed to meet generation growth. The Company developed its own long-term coal forecast, using existing contracts, market information, and third-party forecasts for comparison purposes.

Long-term forecasts use the PIRA and Global Insight forecasts as a starting point. These forecasting experts rely on fundamental supply and demand analysis to develop their long-term spot oil and gas forecasts. Supply-side factors that are considered include new sources of natural gas and oil, rates of production in existing gas and oil sources, developing technologies for locating and producing gas and oil, and the costs associated with finding, producing and distributing gas and oil from new sources, including liquidified natural gas ("LNG"). Demand-side factors include demand growth in developed and developing economies, demand across various industries and fuel consumer groups in the United States and across the world, and Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") growth rates. These experts also consider geopolitical trends, environmental policies, and generation resources that are expected to be added in the future in developing their long-term fuel forecasts.

Upon receipt of this long-term pricing information, PEF first develops a forecast that takes the average of the fuel forecasts provided by PIRA and Global Insight. This information is reviewed by PEF employees who are experienced in the natural gas and oil

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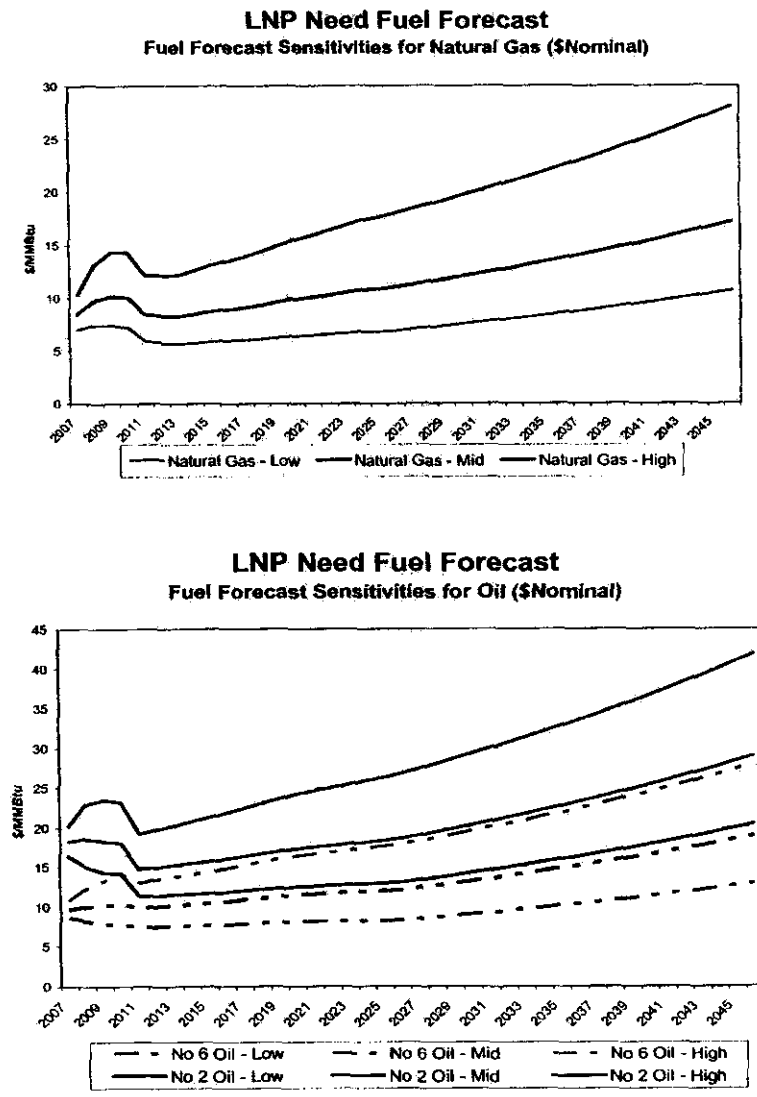
markets and compared with other electric utility industry and fuel market information that might include NYMEX futures market prices, current contracts, and other, current market data to arrive at a final fuel forecast. The final fuel forecast for oil and gas reflects PEF's best professional judgment of future costs, at the time the forecast is prepared based on all the factors considered.

The Company's mid-level case fuel forecast is considered the most likely scenario, based on the Company's view of the expected, reasonable future fuel costs. The Company, however, also develops a high and low fuel forecast. These high and low fuel forecasts are developed based on a statistical analysis of the mid-level fuel forecast. In this statistical analysis the high fuel forecast represents the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile and the low fuel forecast represents the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile on a price distribution curve. This means there is a 90 percent statistical certainty that future fuel prices will be lower than the high forecast and higher than the low fuel forecast. All three fuel forecasts, in the Company's view, represent the reasonable range of future spot fuel costs.

Once a fuel forecast is prepared, it is periodically re-evaluated against the third-party fuel price forecasts, developments, and trends with respect to each fuel type to verify that PEF was and is reasonable in developing its fuel forecasts. This re-evaluation occurred during the evaluation of the generation alternatives to meet the Company's need in 2016 to 2019, in particular the comparison of nuclear generation to natural gas-fired generation over the sixty-year scenario analysis period leading up to the Company's present Need Determination Petition. PEF's current mid-level, high, and low natural gas and fuel oil forecasts are included in Figure 5 below.

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Figure 5. Mid-Level, High, and Low Gas and Oil Fuel Price Forecasts



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b. *Nuclear Fuel and Nuclear Fuel Forecast.*

There are several component costs to the nuclear fuel utilized in PEF's existing nuclear generation unit, Crystal River Unit 3, and that will be utilized in PEF's proposed new nuclear generation units, Levy Units 1 and 2. Nuclear fuel begins with uranium, which is a common natural mineral found in several places around the world. Raw uranium is mined using various mining techniques and milled near the mine to produce an oxide called U308 or "yellowcake." PEF currently has contracts for uranium mined in the United States, Canada, Australia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Namibia.

The U308 is then chemically converted to UF<sub>6</sub>, which is a gas when heated. Impurities are removed in this process and conversion to a gaseous state is necessary to proceed to the next step which is the enrichment process. The UF<sub>6</sub> gas must be enriched because natural uranium contains only 0.711 percent U-235, which is the uranium isotope actually used in nuclear reactors to produce energy. The enrichment process raises the U-235 isotope percentage from 0.711 to a range of approximately 3 to 5 percent U-235.

The next step in the process of taking uranium and turning it into useable nuclear fuel requires changing the enriched UF<sub>6</sub> gas to a powder, pressing that powder into pellets, feeding the pellets into tubes with inert elements, sealing them, and then assembling the tubes or "rods" together into fuel assemblies. These fuel assemblies are then shipped to the plant site and inserted in the nuclear reactor. Each step of this process involves a cost and, together with certain fees, all of these costs represent the nuclear fuel cost, converted to a \$/mmBtu cost, to the customer.

The Company's nuclear fuel forecast is developed by first procuring price forecasts from market consultants who study the supply and demand of the nuclear market worldwide.

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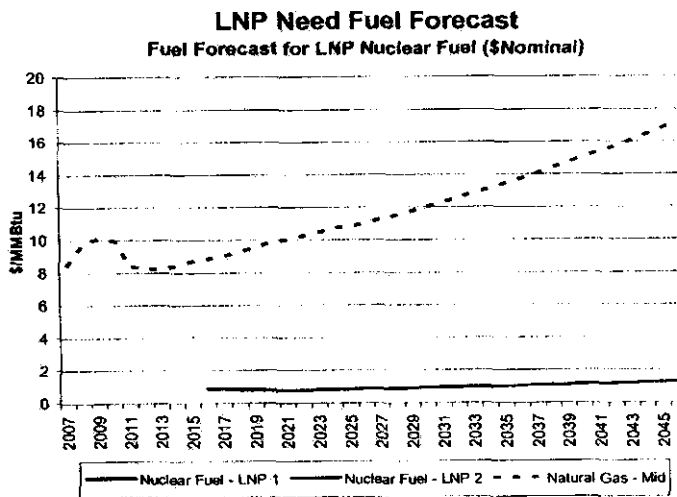
The Company then reviews these projections and may make revisions to them based on the Company's knowledge from and experience with recent procurements and existing suppliers. Subsequently, this market cost forecast is input to models of current and expected contract terms to arrive at the Company's expected costs each year for the various components of nuclear fuel used in the reactor, uranium processing and conversion, enrichment, and fabrication services.

The Company's engineers next make projections of the amount of nuclear fuel needed for each operating cycle to obtain a total cost for the nuclear fuel loaded into the core. For the Westinghouse AP-1000 plants planned for Levy Units 1 and 2, detailed projections of the amount of nuclear fuel needed have already been developed by Westinghouse. With the projections of price and total nuclear fuel completed, the nuclear fuel cost to be amortized and charged to the customer is calculated by determining the amount of energy produced by each fuel assembly on an annual basis. An estimated 1 mill per kWh spent fuel disposal fee is added to this calculation to form the basis of the Company's estimated fuel cost for Levy Units 1 and 2.

The Company's nuclear fuel forecast is included in Figure 6 below. The Company's nuclear fuel forecast represents the best estimate of the reasonable, future nuclear fuel costs for Levy Units 1 and 2.

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Figure 6. Nuclear Fuel Forecast



c. *Economic and Financial Assumptions.*

PEF’s evaluation of its supply-side generation alternatives takes into account those economic and financial factors that affect the determination of the most economic generation expansion plan. PEF prepares and incorporates forecasts for key economic and financial factors such as the general inflation rate, construction cost escalation rate, and interest rates into its Strategist model for the analysis of generation alternatives. These forecasts are based on PEF’s annual assessment of regional and national economic factors and represent what PEF anticipates in support of its financial management process.

4. **FUTURE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT**

Extensive analysis was conducted during the DSM Goals and DSM Plan proceedings (Docket No. 040031-EG and Docket No. 060647-EG, respectively), to assess the projected cost, performance, viability, and cost-effectiveness of a wide range of dispatchable and non-

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dispatchable DSM program options. The DCE module of Strategist was used to identify DSM programs subsequently approved by the Commission as cost-effective under the Commission's rules. Based on this analysis, the Company identified a set of DSM programs that were cost-effective and met Commission established goals. These programs were filed with the Commission as part of PEF's DSM Plan in Docket No. 060647-EG (see Appendix C) and were subsequently approved by the Commission in Order No. 06-1018-TRF-EG (see Appendix C).

With the approval of its DSM Plan by the PSC, PEF increased its DSM offerings by two new programs and 39 new measures and now offers customers sixteen individual programs, including seven residential programs, seven commercial/industrial programs, a qualifying facilities (cogeneration and small power production) program, and a research and development program, and over 100 DSM measures. They are described in detail in PEF's DSM Plan previously filed with the PSC.

PEF's DSM programs have successfully met or exceeded the Commission-established DSM goals in the past, and the current Plan anticipates achieving all new future year goals. PEF continues to believe that demand-side resources are an important and cost-effective resource to meet its electricity needs. PEF has aggressively pursued and plans to continue to aggressively pursue the research and development of additional or modified DSM programs to reduce and control the growth rate of energy consumption, increase resource conservation, and increase the efficiency of the Company's electric system consistent with Commission guidelines and cost-effectiveness rules under Rule 25-17.008, F.A.C.

The Commission itself has recognized in its February 2007 annual report on the activities pursuant to FEECA that, in order to obtain cost recovery, PEF must show that each

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proposed program is cost-effective not only to the participating customer, but to the general body of ratepayers as well. As the Commission explained, all utilities subject to FEECA, including PEF, must provide a cost-effectiveness analysis of each program using the RIM, TRC, and Participant tests, but that the RIM test, in particular, ensures that all ratepayers benefit from a proposed DSM program, not just the program's participants. This is important because all customers, not just those that participate in the particular DSM program, pay the costs of the DSM programs. As a result, then, it is the RIM test that ensures that rates to all customers are lower than they would have been without the DSM program.

The Company's current proposed conservation goals were developed in accordance with the Commission's rules, and, in particular, the RIM test. As such, they represent the most current projections of PEF's total, most cost-effective, winter and summer peak demand (kW) and annual energy (kWh) savings reasonably achievable through demand-side management. With the additional changes to PEF's DSM programs approved by the Commission in 2006, an additional 527 WMW of peak demand load from direct load control will be reduced along with a 418 WMW reduction due to energy efficiency (a total reduction of 945 WMW), through 2014. When added to the existing programs, this represents a reduction of over 2,400 MW. The potential load reductions from the expanded, Commission-approved DSM plan represent the most that can reasonably be achieved from a maximization of the cost-effective DSM programs available to the Company at this time.

Total DSM resources are shown in Schedules 3.1.1 and 3.2.1 of the April 2007 TYSP (see Appendix G, Chapter 2). The schedules show the historic achievements in reduced demand, as well as the projected future demand savings expected to occur from PEF's Commission-approved DSM programs. This mix of cost-effective DSM resources is reflected



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in PEF's Resource Planning process as a reduction in future potential load. While PEF anticipates that the implementation of the Company's DSM programs will significantly increase the penetration of demand-side management in the future, as reflected in the April 2007 TYSP, these DSM measures were just recently implemented and maximize the Company's available cost-effective DSM programs. It is, therefore, still too early to tell how much the expanded DSM program will impact the overall peak load and energy-demand in the future.

PEF has, nevertheless, included all of the existing and expanded DSM programs, at their full potential load reduction, in its Resource Planning process. PEF has further assumed that the full potential load reduction of these existing and expanded DSM programs will be maintained beyond 2014 and throughout the analysis period. The Company's resource plan, therefore, is a fully integrated plan that includes both demand-side and supply-side resources.

As the Commission recognized in its February 2007 annual report on FEECA, however, both Florida's population and Florida's energy consumption are expected to continue to grow over the next decade. And, while the Commission acknowledged that Florida's utilities have been successful in meeting the overall objectives of FEECA and DSM programs will continue to play a key role in reducing energy demand and electricity consumption, utilities must still build new generation to satisfy Florida's electrical energy needs.

#### **5. FUTURE RENEWABLE FUEL GENERATION**

In January 2003, the Commission issued an assessment of renewable electric generating technologies for Florida, as directed by the Florida Legislature. This assessment

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addressed all known and potential renewable energy technologies as defined by the Florida Legislature. The Commission determined that, generally speaking, electricity produced from renewable technologies is usually more expensive than traditional technologies on a production cost basis. The Commission further found that the potential for commercially feasible, new renewable capacity development in Florida was limited, at least relative to Florida's energy capacity needs, in that only an additional 651 MW of renewable fuel generating capacity was expected near term. Most of this estimated, additional renewable fuel generation capacity was expected from municipal solid waste or refuse, wood refuse, or biomass crops. The Commission's assessment has been consistent with PEF's experience developing renewable fuel generation resources in Florida.

The Company has a long-standing practice of adding renewable energy resources to its generation portfolio. In the 1980's, PEF began entering into long-term contracts with cogenerators and municipal solid waste facilities. As early as 1980, for example, PEF entered into an agreement with Pinellas County to purchase energy from its municipal solid waste facility. By the 1990's, PEF had over 800 MW of contracts with qualifying facilities and cogenerators.

PEF has always been and continues to be one of the most successful Florida utilities in securing cogeneration and renewable energy contracts. Today, PEF purchases capacity and energy from municipal solid waste facilities in Lake County (12.75 MW), Metro-Dade County (43 MW), Pasco County (23 MW), and Pinellas County (54.75 MW). PEF also purchases capacity and energy produced by waste heat from Mosaic (15 MW) and capacity and energy produced by waste wood, tires, and landfill gas from Ridge Generating Station (39.6 MW).

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PEF is also actively engaged in contracting with electric energy providers that use renewable resources to produce electric energy on a large scale. This includes projects of one MW of generation or more. Examples include the contracts with the Florida Biomass Energy Group (117 MW) and Biomass Gas & Electric (75 MW each under two long-term contracts for a total of 150 MW). Florida Biomass Energy Group plans to build and operate the largest renewable energy plant of its kind in the world. It will be a carbon neutral facility that burns a bio-oil made from a crop they call E-Grass. The Biomass Gas & Electric group will use waste wood products, such as yard trimmings, tree bark, and wood knots from paper mills, that will be gasified to provide renewable fuel for a combined cycle gas plant. At 75 MW for each Biomass Gas & Electric facility, this would make them the largest waste wood biomass projects in the nation.

PEF currently has contracts with five providers for more than 173 MW of renewable energy. In addition, PEF has recently signed three contracts for an additional 267 MW of renewable energy. Table 6 below shows PEF's current existing and pending contracts, their total MW capacity and/or energy production, and the type of renewable fuel that is or will be used by the renewable generation facility.

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Table 6. PEF's Renewable Fuel Generation Contracts

| Progress Energy Florida<br>Contracted Renewable Capacity<br>Exhibit RDN-1 |                        |                    |                               |                          |                           |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Plant Name  | Contract Capacity (MW) | Location           | Contract Name                 | Contract In-Service Date | Contract Termination Date |
| <b>Municipal Solid Waste:</b>   |                        |                    |                               |                          |                           |
| Dade County Resource Recovery   | 43                     | Miami, FL          | Dade County                   | Nov-91                   | Nov-13                    |
| Lake County Resource Recovery   | 12.75                  | Okahumpka, FL      | Lake County                   | Jan-95                   | Jun-14                    |
| Pasco County Resource Recovery  | 23                     | Hudson, FL         | Pasco County                  | Jan-95                   | Dec-24                    |
| Pinellas County Resource Recovery   | 54.75                  | St. Petersburg, FL | Pinellas County               | Jan-95                   | Dec-24                    |
| <b>Biomass:</b>   |                        |                    |                               |                          |                           |
| Ridge Generating Station  | 39.6                   | Lakeland, FL       | Ridge                         | Aug-94                   | Dec-23                    |
| Biomass Gas & Electric #1   | 75                     | Pending            | Biomass Gas & Electric (BG&E) | Jan-11                   | Dec-30                    |
| Biomass Gas & Electric #2   | 75                     | Pending            | Biomass Gas & Electric (BG&E) | Jun-11                   | Dec-30                    |
| Florida Biomass Energy Group  | 116.6                  | Pending            | Innovative Energy Group (IEG) | Dec-11                   | Nov-36                    |
| <b>Total Capacity: 439.7</b>  |                        |                    |                               |                          |                           |
| <b>Capacity as of Jan. 1, 2008: 173.1</b>                                 |                        |                    |                               |                          |                           |
| <b>As-Available Energy:</b>   |                        |                    |                               |                          |                           |
| PCS Phosphate   | <1                     | Perry, FL          | As-Available                  |                          |                           |
| SI Group  | 5                      | Drifton, FL        | As-Available                  |                          |                           |

In addition to its existing and pending renewable generation contracts, PEF issued a Request for Renewables on July 19, 2007. This Request was designed to invite potential renewable energy developers to open discussions with PEF regarding potential new renewable fuel projects in Florida. The Request is less restrictive than a Request for Renewable Proposals (RFP) in that it is basically a request for information and an indication of PEF's interest in engaging in discussions regarding the potential development of additional renewable generation projects in Florida. PEF received over 55 inquiries about selling renewable energy to PEF. These proposals included wave energy, solar energy, biomass, and biodiesel projects, among others. Many of the responses were merely inquiries, however,

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looking for information regarding rate structure, service area, and other information concerning PEF. Some are from developers that do not yet have a commercial technology or the technology is still not cost effective. As a result, these inquiries represent potential renewable generation projects that are clearly not viable, cost-effective generation alternatives by 2016 and 2017. Some potential renewable projects, however, may have promise further in the future and PEF has entered into more substantive discussions with their potential developers.

All renewable generation projects, current, pending and those in the future, are evaluated in accordance with the Commission's rules for Standard Offer Contracts and Negotiated Contracts. Under the Commission rules, the total net present value of the payments to the renewable generation facility developers must be less than the total expected expense of the utility's own generation resources. In the words of the Commission rules implementing both federal and Florida legislation, the renewable resource provider must produce electric energy at a price that is below the utility's avoided cost of new electric utility generation. In this way, the renewable generation resource must be cost-effective when compared to conventional generation resources, such as new coal, natural gas, or oil fired generation.

PEF's pending contracts for renewable generation from biomass fuels were approved because they were equal to or less expensive than alternative, conventional utility generation under this legislative and regulatory standard. All potential renewable generation resources meeting this legislative and regulatory standard have been included in PEF's generation resource plan. This includes over 250 MW from future biomass fueled, renewable generation facilities.

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These biomass fueled, renewable generation facilities, however, have not yet been designed, constructed, and achieved commercial operation. There are a number of obstacles to them achieving commercial operation on time and at the contracted for capacity and energy. These obstacles include the ability to secure adequate land for their fuel sources, weather and other environmental impacts that might effect crop or raw material production, financial or logistical constraints or higher than anticipated costs, among others. PEF, of course, stands behind its contractual commitment to these renewable generation facilities, and PEF has accounted for them at their fully committed contractual capacity and energy in its generation resource plan, but there is a risk that they might not come to fruition or might achieve commercial operation only at a much later time and/or much lower capacity and energy production than what was contractually committed to and expected. Under those circumstances, PEF's need in the 2016 to 2019 timeframe will be even greater than currently anticipated.

**6. SUPPLY-SIDE GENERATION ALTERNATIVES**

**a. *Overview of Supply-Side Generation Alternatives.***

PEF includes conventional, advanced, and renewable energy resources as potential capacity addition alternatives in its overall Resource Planning process. These generation resource alternatives are periodically reassessed and the performance characteristics updated to ensure that projections for new resource additions capture new and emerging technologies over the planning horizon. This analysis involves a preliminary screening of the generation resource alternatives based on commercial availability, technical feasibility, cost, fuel

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diversity and supply reliability issues, and the avoidance or reduction of air emission compliance costs.

Preliminary screening of potential generation technologies for commercial availability, technical feasibility, and cost has been a part of PEF's Resource Planning process for all potential generation technologies since that process began in the early 1990's. With the advent of Florida legislation promoting nuclear and coal gasification generation in 2006 and 2007, respectively, any generation resource screening including nuclear and coal gasification technologies must also consider fuel diversity and supply reliability and the avoidance or reduction of current and potential air emission compliance costs. These factors, fuel diversity and reliability and current and future air emission compliance costs, are central to determining the cost-effectiveness of nuclear and coal gasification under the amended statutory guidelines for the determination of need for new nuclear and coal-gasification electrical power plants in Florida.

First, PEF examined the commercial availability of each technology for use in utility-scale applications. For a particular generation technology to be considered commercially available, the technology must be able to be built and operated on an appropriate commercial scale in continuous service by or for an electric utility. Reasonable levels of detail for emerging generation technologies were developed to allow PEF to screen the technology options and to stay abreast of potential economic benefits as they mature.

Second, technical feasibility for commercially available generation technologies was considered to determine if the technology met PEF's particular generation requirements and that it would integrate well into PEF's system. Evaluation of technical feasibility included the size, fuel type, and construction requirements of the particular technology and the ability to

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match the technology to the service it would be required to perform on PEF's system (e.g. base load, intermediate, cycling, or peaking).

Next, for each generation alternative, an estimate of the levelized cost of energy production, or "busbar" cost, accounting for capital, fuel, and O&M costs over the typical life expectancy of the unit was developed. Busbar costs allow for comparison of fixed and operating costs of all technologies over different operating levels. The comparison considers the long-term economics of future power plants at varying levels of capacity factor. Data used to assess each generation technology includes fixed and variable O&M, fuel, construction costs, and the levelized fixed charge rate.

Because the potential commercial generation alternatives include nuclear and coal gasification, the Company further considered the contribution of each potential generation technology to fuel diversity and fuel supply reliability. Fuel diversity included the contribution of the generation technology to fuel diversity on PEF's system and to fuel diversity for the State of Florida. Fuel supply reliability involved the consideration of the susceptibility of the fuel source for the generation technology to supply disruptions and whether the fuel source increased or reduced the Company's and the State's dependence on foreign fuel suppliers.

Finally, the inclusion of nuclear and coal gasification among the potential generation technologies further required screening the generation technologies with respect to their ability to avoid or reduce current and potential future air emission compliance costs. With the Clean Air Act rule amendments and global warming concerns, the emissions of generation technologies that affect the environment have become a central legislative, regulatory, and political concern. Accordingly, PEF further considered existing and potential environmental



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regulation costs related to the emission of SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, mercury, GHG, and other emissions when screening potential generation technologies for resource planning.

For the screening of generation alternatives, the data are generic in nature and thus not site specific. The costs and operating parameters are adjusted to reflect installation in the southeastern United States. The operating characteristics are based on state-of-the-art designs, and for most generation technologies, the performance projections were made with the assistance of EPRI's Technical Assessment Guide (TAG) software and internal PEF resources.

b. *Cost and Performance.*

Categories of generation capacity addition alternatives that were reviewed as potential resource options for in-service dates in 2016 and 2017 included conventional generation technologies that utilize non-renewable resources, advanced technologies that are still being or have recently been developed, and alternative technologies that utilize renewable sources of energy. The following generation technologies were screened in the assessment that preceded the 2007 Ten Year Site Plan:

Conventional Technologies:

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Pulverized Coal (PC)                |          |
| Subcritical Steam Conditions        | (Mature) |
| Supercritical Steam Conditions      | (Mature) |
| Combustion Turbine (CT)             |          |
| Aeroderivative, Non-augmented       | (Mature) |
| Aeroderivative, Augmented           | (Mature) |
| Nominal 80 MW Frame                 | (Mature) |
| Nominal 170 MW Frame, Non-augmented | (Mature) |
| Nominal 170 MW Frame, Augmented     | (Mature) |
| Combined Cycle (CC)                 |          |

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Advanced Technologies:

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Atmospheric Fluidized Bed Combustion (AFBC)     | (Commercial)         |
| Coal Gasification/Combined Cycle (CGCC or IGCC) | (In Development)     |
| Advanced Light Water Nuclear (ALWN)             | (Pending Commercial) |
| Fuel Cell (FC)                                  | (Demonstration)      |

Alternative Technologies:

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Municipal Solid Waste   | (Commercial)     |
| Solar Photovoltaic (PV) | (Demonstration)  |
| Refuse Tires (TIRE)     | (Commercial)     |
| Wind                    | (Commercial)     |
| Wood                    | (Commercial)     |
| Bio-Fuel                | (In Development) |
| Wave technology         | (Demonstration)  |

Of these potential generation technologies, not all are mature, proven technologies.

This is important to keep in mind, especially with respect to the alternative generation technologies, as some generation options that may appear cost effective are not commercially available or technically feasible generation capacity additions at this time. In addition, the less mature a generation technology is the more uncertain and less accurate its cost estimate may be, as with the fuel cell and solar generation options, which are still in the demonstration stage and are not commercially available at this time.

Alternative generation technologies were evaluated but not considered potential generation capacity additions in 2016 and 2017. As mentioned above, PEF has already entered into purchased power contracts for the development of all currently, commercially available bio-fuel generation. Additional bio-fuel generation does not feasibly exist to meet the Company's capacity need in 2016 to 2019.

Wind projects have advanced enough that they are commercially available with high fixed costs but virtually no operating costs. However, the geographic and atmospheric

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characteristics of Florida limit the ability of viable wind projects. Wind projects must be constructed in areas with high average wind speed. In general, such wind resources in Florida, and throughout the southeastern United States, are limited. The average wind speed in Florida is below 14 miles per hour, well below the average speed necessary to sustain a viable wind turbine project. In any event, wind is intermittent, and therefore wind turbine projects cannot be expected to operate above 20 to 25 percent capacity factors. Wind turbine projects, therefore, cannot achieve the high capacity factors necessary to meet the Company's existing capacity need. They simply are not viable generation alternatives for base load duty. As a result, wind was eliminated from consideration as a potential resource to meet the Company's generation capacity need in 2016 to 2019.

Solar photovoltaic (PV) projects are also technically constrained from achieving high capacity factors. In Florida, they would be expected to operate at approximately 20 percent capacity factors making them unsuitable for base load duty. Aside from their technical limitations, PV projects are not economically competitive generation alternatives at this time. For example, recent costs show that PV projects cost about five times the cost of biomass or bio-fuel generation. The future for PV or other solar projects is promising but right now the existing technology cannot produce cost-effective energy. As a result of the capacity factor constraints and high cost, solar was eliminated as a potential generation option to meet the Company's need in 2016 to 2019.

Fuel cells likewise offer some promise in the future but they are currently in the demonstration stage and have not achieved sufficient technical advancement to be considered a viable commercial alternative. Fuel cells can be assembled building block style to produce varying quantities of electric generation. However, as currently designed, a sufficient number

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of fuel cells cannot be practically assembled to create a source of generation comparable to other existing bulk generation technologies. Further development of this technology is needed before it becomes viable as a generation resource option.

Municipal solid waste has a proven track record in Florida. PEF, for example, has contracts with four municipal solid waste fueled facilities for 133.5 total MW. Currently, additional municipal solid waste facilities in Florida and additional, improved solid waste fuel technologies have been discussed but not much more has been done to suggest that such projects can achieve commercial operation by 2016 and 2017. Additionally, current estimates place the additional capacity from future solid waste fueled facilities in Florida at only 400 MW for the entire state. The high cost and environmental impact of emissions from such facilities are also a concern. For these reasons, municipal solid waste fueled facilities (and refuse tire and wood facilities which have similar concerns), were not considered viable generation resources to meet the Company's need for capacity and energy in 2016 to 2019.

Wave generation from ocean currents is a promising future generation technology but the development of this technology is in its infancy. It simply is not commercially or technically feasible at this time. Other alternative, renewable generation resources, such as hydroelectric or geothermal power generation, are simply unavailable at all or on any viable commercial scale in Florida.

All but four potential generation resources were eliminated as potential capacity additions in the 2016 and 2017 timeframe. These were natural gas-fired combined cycle (CC) generation, pulverized coal or AFBC generation technologies, coal gasification generation (CGCC or IGCC), and advanced light water nuclear (ALWN) generation.

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Natural gas-fired CC generation generally has lower capital costs than all of the other generation resource options selected for the initial economic evaluation. The CC technology is well developed and the Company has extensive experience putting this generation technology into commercial operation. Relative to coal-fired generation, natural gas-fired generation also offers lower GHG and other emissions such as SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and mercury. For these reasons, natural gas-fired CC generation was considered the default future generation resource option available to the Company to meet its capacity and energy needs in 2016 to 2019. All of the supply-side generation resource alternatives chosen for further study were initially evaluated against a resource plan based on natural gas-fired combined cycle and simple cycle generating units.

In this initial economic comparison, the advanced light water nuclear generation proved more cost-effective than the coal-fired and coal gasification generation options when compared with the all gas reference case. There are a number of factors that led to this result. For example, PEF was influenced by the federal and Florida legislation encouraging nuclear power generation development. The Florida legislation provided for alternative means to recover costs incurred in the development of nuclear generation to assist in the financing and construction of such capital intensive projects. The Florida legislation further required the Company and Commission to consider fuel diversity and supply reliability and air emission cost benefits when evaluating nuclear generation. These considerations among others, but in particular the environmental considerations, favored nuclear generation over coal-fired and coal gasification generation as a potential future generation alternative.

To illustrate, coal-fired and coal gasification generation options have significant air emission cost issues under recent Clean Air Act amendments that nuclear generation does not

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have. Both generation options further have significant GHG emission issues, raising the potential for future carbon abatement costs, carbon taxes, or carbon capture requirements when, to date, no commercially operational carbon capture technology has been designed and successfully implemented. Again, nuclear generation presents no GHG emission issues.

Additionally, the federal legislation encouraging the development of nuclear generation provided economic incentives in the form of production tax credits and DOE loan guarantees and stand-by support (a form of risk insurance), for the first wave of new nuclear power plants to achieve commercial operation. PEF conservatively estimated the value of the production tax credits to be between \$88 million to \$167 million per year (for the first eight years of plant operation) if PEF brings its new nuclear generation plants on line by 2016 and 2017. These economic benefits were considered in the Company's initial economic evaluation of nuclear generation compared with coal-fired and coal gasification generation to an all gas reference case.

Finally, there has been significant, recent public opposition to the development of more coal-fired generation in Florida. Before the Commission, one application for coal-fired generation was rejected because it was not demonstrated to be a cost-effective generation option in the future and another was abandoned in the face of opposition from the public and environmental groups. For all of these reasons, the Company determined that the advanced light water nuclear generation option was the more viable future generation alternative to evaluate in more detail against natural gas-fired CC generation to meet the Company's need in 2016 to 2019.

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## **7. RESOURCE INTEGRATION**

Once the range of supply-side and demand-side alternatives have been screened, an integration assessment is conducted to determine an optimum supply-side expansion plan, given the portfolio of cost-effective DSM programs identified, as previously described. In this phase, PEF selected the advanced light water nuclear generation option for further economic evaluation against an all gas reference case using the Strategist model. The results of this evaluation, and the Company's evaluation of all economic and socio-economic factors required by the amended Florida legislation, which is discussed further below, led to the selection of an optimal generation plan that included two advanced light water nuclear generation units to meet the Company's need in the period 2016 to 2019 and beyond.

The top-ranked generation plan that was chosen as the Company's expansion plan is shown below in Table 7. The Company's expansion plan includes additional supply side generation resources -- including purchased power (primarily from renewable generation resources), uprates at PEF's existing nuclear power plant, CR3, and an unsited combined cycle ("CC") unit -- to meet the Company's reliability need to maintain a 20 percent Reserve Margin commitment prior to the expected commercial operation of Levy Unit 1 in 2016. This plan is a slight variation of the expansion plan published in the Company's 2007 Ten-Year Site Plan filed with the PSC on April 1, 2007. The current optimal generation expansion plan reflects additional information and analysis since the Ten-Year Site Plan was prepared. The additional generation resources, together with Levy Units 1 and 2 in the current optimal generation expansion plan, however, are consistent with, and the result of, the Company's Resource Planning process.

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Table 7. PEF's Generation Expansion Plan.

**PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA**  
**GENERATION EXPANSION PLAN**  
 PLANNED AND PROSPECTIVE GENERATING FACILITY ADDITIONS AND CHANGES  
 AS OF JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017

| PLANT NAME     | UNIT NO. | LOCATION (COUNTY) | UNIT TYPE | FUEL | PRI. | ALT.    | CONST.   | COMPL IN- | EXPECTED   | GEN. MAX. NAMEPLATE | NET CAPABILITY |        |
|----------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|------|------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|---------------------|----------------|--------|
|                |          |                   |           |      |      |         | START    | SERVICE   | RETIREMENT |                     | SUMMER         | WINTER |
|                |          |                   |           |      |      |         | MO. / YR | MO. / YR  | MO. / YR   | KW                  | MW             | MW     |
| TIGER BAY      | 1        | POLK              | CC        |      |      |         |          | 5/2008    |            |                     | 10             | 10     |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 5        | CITRUS            | ST        |      |      |         |          | 5/2009    |            |                     | (30)           | (30)   |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 5        | CITRUS            | ST        |      |      |         |          | 5/2009    |            |                     | 14             | 14     |
| BARTOW         | 1-3      | PINELLAS          | ST        |      |      |         |          |           | 6/2009     |                     | (444)          | (464)  |
| BARTOW         | 4        | PINELLAS          | CC        | NG   | DFO  | 01/2007 |          | 6/2009    |            |                     | 1,159          | 1,279  |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 3        | CITRUS            | NP        |      |      |         |          | 12/2009   |            |                     | 40             | 40     |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 4        | CITRUS            | ST        |      |      |         |          | 4/2010    |            |                     | (30)           | (30)   |
| ANCLOTE        | 2        | PASCO             | ST        |      |      |         |          | 5/2010    |            |                     | 10             | 10     |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 4        | CITRUS            | ST        |      |      |         |          | 5/2010    |            |                     | 14             | 14     |
| ANCLOTE        | 1        | PASCO             | ST        |      |      |         |          | 5/2011    |            |                     | 10             | 10     |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 3        | CITRUS            | NP        |      |      |         |          | 12/2011   |            |                     | 140            | 140    |
| CRYSTAL RIVER  | 1        | CITRUS            | ST        |      |      |         |          | 3/2012    |            |                     | 7              | 7      |
| SUWANNEE RIVER | 1-3      | SUWANNEE          | ST        |      |      |         |          |           | 6/2013     |                     | (129)          | (146)  |
| COMBINED CYCLE | 1        | PENDING           | CC        | NG   | DFO  | 12/2010 |          | 6/2013    |            |                     | 1,159          | 1,279  |
| RIO PINAR      | P1       | ORGANGE           | CT        |      |      |         |          |           | 6/2016     |                     | (12)           | (16)   |
| TURNER         | P1-P2    | VOLUSIA           | CT        |      |      |         |          |           | 6/2016     |                     | (22)           | (32)   |
| AVON PARK      | P1-P2    | HIGHLANDS         | CT        |      |      |         |          |           | 6/2016     |                     | (49)           | (70)   |
| HIGGINS        | P1-P4    | PINELLAS          | CT        |      |      |         |          |           | 6/2016     |                     | (113)          | (133)  |
| LEVY           | 1        | LEVY              | NP        | NUC  | --   | 01/2010 |          | 6/2016    |            |                     | 1,092          | 1,120  |
| LEVY           | 2        | LEVY              | NP        | NUC  | --   | 01/2011 |          | 6/2017    |            |                     | 1,092          | 1,120  |

The ultimate decision to add the Levy Units 1 and 2, advanced passive light water nuclear power generation, was driven by the Company's reliability need for both nuclear units, the favorable economics for the second nuclear unit addition within 12 to 18 months of the first unit, and the fuel diversity and fuel supply reliability benefits, technological benefits, and environmental benefits from the construction and operation of two nuclear units over their expected sixty-year period of commercial operation.



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8. RELIABILITY NEED FOR LEVY UNITS 1 AND 2

By the summer of 2016, PEF’s projected Reserve Margin will be 15.4 percent without any new generation resource addition, signifying the need for additional resources to meet the Company’s minimum 20 percent Reserve Margin requirement. If Levy Unit 1 is added in the summer of 2016 the Reserve Margin will be 25.3 percent. PEF clearly has a reliability need for Levy Unit 1 in the summer of 2016. This is demonstrated in Table 8 below.

Table 8. Forecast of Summer Demand and Reserves With and Without Levy Unit 1

| <i>Progress Energy Florida - Summer Reserves</i>         |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2008 Resource Plan Assessment, No New Nuclear Generation |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |
|  | 2015   | 2016   | 2017   | 2018   | 2019    | 2020    | 2021    |
| Total Supply Resources                                   | 13,252 | 12,644 | 12,644 | 12,644 | 12,644  | 12,644  | 12,644  |
| System Firm Load   | 10,776 | 10,961 | 11,150 | 11,335 | 11,530  | 11,722  | 11,904  |
| Reserve Margin   | 23.0%  | 15.4%  | 13.4%  | 11.5%  | 9.7%    | 7.9%    | 6.2%    |
| MW Above/Below 20%                                       | 321    | (509)  | (736)  | (958)  | (1,192) | (1,423) | (1,641) |
| 2008 Resource Plan Assessment, Addition of Levy County 1 |        |        |        |        |         |         |         |
| Total Supply Resources                                   | 13,252 | 13,736 | 13,736 | 13,736 | 13,736  | 13,736  | 13,736  |
| System Firm Load   | 10,776 | 10,961 | 11,150 | 11,335 | 11,530  | 11,722  | 11,904  |
| Reserve Margin   | 23.0%  | 25.3%  | 23.2%  | 21.2%  | 19.1%   | 17.2%   | 15.4%   |
| MW Above/Below 20%                                       | 321    | 583    | 356    | 134    | (100)   | (331)   | (549)   |

The addition of Levy Unit 2 in the summer of 2017 does result in Reserve Margins above the minimum 20 percent Reserve Margin criterion that summer and for several subsequent years. Both Levy Units 1 and 2 are still needed, however, to allow PEF to satisfy its commitment to maintain a minimum 20 percent Reserve Margin in the period 2016 and beyond.

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If Levy Unit 1 is added in the summer of 2016, but Levy Unit 2 is not added the next summer as planned, PEF’s Reserve Margin falls below the 20 percent Reserve Margin criterion at 19.1 percent by the summer of 2019, just two years later, and the Reserve Margin further falls to just 17.2 percent in the summer of 2020, only three years after Levy Unit 2 is planned for commercial operation. This is demonstrated in Table 9 below, which shows the summer and winter reserve forecasts with Levy Unit 1 but without Levy Unit 2.

**Table 9.**

**Forecast of Summer Demand and Reserves With Levy Unit 1 But Without Levy Unit 2**

| <i>Progress Energy Florida - Summer Reserves</i>                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>2008 Resource Plan Assessment, Addition of Levy County 1</b>       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|   | 2015   | 2016   | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   | 2020   | 2021   |
| <b>Total Supply Resources</b>   | 13,252 | 13,736 | 13,736 | 13,736 | 13,736 | 13,736 | 13,736 |
| <b>System Firm Load</b>   | 10,776 | 10,961 | 11,150 | 11,335 | 11,530 | 11,722 | 11,904 |
| <b>Reserve Margin</b>   | 23.0%  | 25.3%  | 23.2%  | 21.2%  | 19.1%  | 17.2%  | 15.4%  |
| <b>MW Above/Below 20%</b>   | 321    | 583    | 356    | 134    | (100)  | (331)  | (549)  |
| <b>2008 Resource Plan Assessment, Addition of Levy County 1&amp;2</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| <b>Total Supply Resources</b>   | 13,252 | 13,736 | 14,828 | 14,828 | 14,828 | 14,828 | 14,828 |
| <b>System Firm Load</b>   | 10,776 | 10,961 | 11,150 | 11,335 | 11,530 | 11,722 | 11,904 |
| <b>Reserve Margin</b>   | 23.0%  | 25.3%  | 33.0%  | 30.8%  | 28.6%  | 26.5%  | 24.6%  |
| <b>MW Above/Below 20%</b>   | 321    | 583    | 1,448  | 1,226  | 992    | 761    | 543    |

Faced with a need for additional generation resources within this short window of time following the commercial operation of Levy Unit 1, the Company decided to move forward with plans for Levy Unit 2 in the summer of 2017. Considerable time is necessary to plan, site, obtain regulatory approval for, design and build, and place into commercial operation a nuclear unit. The Company has conservatively estimated this process will take ten (10) years. To preserve the option of meeting the Company’s reliability need following Levy Unit 1 with

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nuclear generation, it makes sense to proceed with both Levy Units 1 and 2 at this time for commercial operation in the summers of 2016 and 2017. In this way, the Company satisfies the customers' reliability needs in the time period from 2016 to 2019 and beyond with nuclear power generation while capturing the cost savings resulting from the economies of scale and engineering and construction efficiencies by building Levy Unit 2 closely coupled with Levy Unit 1.

It must be remembered too that the nominal 1,100 MW size of these units was determined by Westinghouse to be the most efficient, cost-effective MW capacity size for nuclear reactors in this generation of designs. To proceed with the option of nuclear generation resources, PEF cannot select different, alternative capacity designs to try to exactly match its 20 percent Reserve Margin commitment within a given year. Rather, if PEF determines that there is a need that is beneficially met with nuclear generation, then the selection of the Westinghouse AP1000 nuclear reactor design means that a nominal 1,100 MW nuclear generating unit will be placed in commercial operation.

There is also a reliability need for both nuclear units because the Company's Reserve Margin includes projected capacity resources from future renewable energy facilities under recently executed purchase power agreements that might not come to fruition or ultimately meet the contracted capacity production requirements. These facilities have not been built yet and they rely on unproven technologies or fuel sources, such as waste-wood biomass and biomass crops that have not yet been shown to support consistent, reliable capacity and energy production. The ultimate commercial development of these unique renewable fuel facilities also can be adversely affected by a lack of available financing or financing at a favorable rate, insufficient productive land, and weather impacts on biomass fuel production,

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among other circumstances. As a result, these renewable generation facilities might not be built, their construction might be delayed, or they may fail to achieve reliable commercial operation at all or at the expected capacity when that capacity is needed. In that event, PEF could lose over 250 MW before Levy Units 1 and 2 are planned and the Company's need for additional capacity resources will increase to meet its minimum Reserve Margin commitment.

Additional generation capacity from the second nuclear unit will further provide PEF greater assurance that the minimum 20 percent Reserve Margin criterion will be met in the event that peak loads are higher than currently anticipated. Levy Unit 1 will be operational over eight years from now and Levy Unit 2 will be operational over nine years from this date under the current plan. Over such an extended period of time load growth may very well exceed projections. This would not be unusual in PEF's experience, as it has happened before even over shorter time periods than eight or nine years. With Levy Unit 2, PEF will have the capability it needs to reliably meet customer needs under changing circumstances affecting load growth and Reserve Margins.

Finally, the addition of Levy Unit 2 provides PEF the flexibility to reduce or replace the use of potentially less economic resources. Nuclear fuel historically is more stable in price and cheaper than fossil fuels. This relationship between nuclear and fossil fuels is expected to continue. Over the eight to nine year period required to bring the nuclear units on line, PEF and its customers will face growing uncertainty surrounding the cost of using carbon-based, fossil fuels. Having an additional nuclear unit in commercial operation in 2017 and beyond provides PEF with greater flexibility in meeting customer demands for reliable, low cost electrical power.

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For all of these reasons, PEF reasonably determined that there is a reliability need for both Levy Unit 1 and 2 in the summer of 2016 and 2017, respectively, when they are currently planned for commercial operation.

**9. COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF LEVY UNITS 1 AND 2.**

The Company evaluated the Cumulative Present Value Revenue Requirements (“CPVRR”) of the advanced passive light water nuclear generation units, Levy 1 and 2, against an all natural gas generation (reference) case. The Company included the economic benefits from economies of scale and engineering and construction efficiencies from constructing both units concurrently in its CPVRR evaluation. Additionally, the Company evaluated the cost-effectiveness of Levy Units 1 and 2 against an all natural gas generation reference plan using the standards expressed by the Florida Legislature in Section 403.519(4)(b)3. There, the Florida Legislature directed that the Commission, and thus the electric utility too, must consider whether the nuclear power plant will “provide the most cost-effective source of power, taking into account the need to improve the balance of fuel diversity, reduce Florida’s dependence on fuel oil and natural gas, reduce air emission compliance costs, and contribute to the long-term stability and reliability of the electric grid.” §403.519(4)(b)3, Florida Statutes.

a. *Cost Savings from Levy Units 1 and 2.*

With the current but tentative selection of the Westinghouse AP1000 reactor design, PEF has the opportunity to take advantage of favorable equipment and other contract terms that occur because there are economies of scale from building successive nuclear units at the same site based on a common design. The economies of scale in procurement, engineering,

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manufacture, and construction can be achieved if the second unit, Levy Unit 2, is constructed and placed in service within twelve (12) to eighteen (18) months of the first unit, Levy Unit 1.

The projected cost savings for the construction of Levy Units 1 and 2 reflect anticipated engineering and construction efficiencies, for example, for concurrent engineering and manufacturing of large, key components of the nuclear reactor and related support structures. If long lead time equipment for both units can be procured concurrently or consecutively, these economies of scale in engineering and manufacturing can be achieved. The back-to-back construction of Levy Units 1 and 2 also allows for the continuous mobilization of engineers and construction personnel for on-site engineering and construction of both nuclear units. PEF will therefore avoid de-mobilization and re-mobilization costs if the second nuclear unit is built consecutively with the first unit. PEF can also obtain cost savings from the continuous use of an experienced, efficient work force on both units. These are just a few examples of the engineering, construction, and operational efficiencies and economies of scale that will likely be achieved if Levy Unit 2 is constructed within a year of Levy Unit 1.

The resulting economic effect is a lower dollar per-kW cost for Levy Unit 2 than Levy Unit 1. Levy Unit 2 is expected to cost \$3,376/kW (summer basis, 2007\$), significantly less than \$5,144/kW (summer basis, 2007\$), the cost of Levy Unit 1 on a per-kW cost basis. Similarly, the fixed O&M cost for Levy Unit 2 is \$36.25/kW-yr (2007\$), which is \$15.54/kW-yr (2007\$) lower than the fixed O&M cost for Levy Unit 1. These cost savings from the construction of Levy Unit 2 within a year of Levy Unit 1 represent substantial economic benefits to PEF and PEF's customers. These cost savings were reflected in the

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Company's economic evaluation of Levy Units 1 and 2 against an all natural gas reference case on a CPVRR basis using the Strategist model.

b. *Production Tax Credit benefits.*

Under EPACT, federal production tax credits were provided as an incentive for utilities to invest in nuclear power generation. These production tax credits are only available for the first few nuclear power reactors that are put into commercial operation. The production tax credit is \$0.018/kWH for the first eight years of the nuclear facility's operation, if the facility meets certain eligibility requirements and deadlines and is in service by January 1, 2021. PEF has conservatively estimated the value of the production tax credits for customers at \$88 million to \$167 million if Levy Units 1 and 2 are brought on line by 2016 and 2017. As indicated above, in the Company's initial economic evaluation of nuclear generation the economic value of these potential production tax credit benefits were included. In the Company's subsequent economic evaluation of nuclear generation against an all gas reference case the Company conservatively did not include this economic value in the Company's CPVRR evaluation. The production tax credit benefits, however, represent an additional (additive) potential benefit for PEF's customers.

In addition to the production tax credit benefits, EPACT provides utilities that develop and commence operation of new nuclear reactors DOE loan guarantees and DOE stand-by support. DOE stand-by support is a type of risk insurance. It is unclear at this time whether the DOE loan guarantees and stand-by support will be available to the Levy project. PEF continues to review whether such programs will be available.

c. *Scenario Analysis Modeling with Levy Units 1 and 2.*

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The Company used the Strategist model to compare the relative economics of Levy Units 1 and 2 to the all natural gas reference case. The Strategist computer model is an economic simulation model of PEF's entire system that develops alternative forward looking resource expansion plans to address the Company's needs and develops cost comparisons of overall system economics in each scenario. The system economic comparison is developed within Strategist with an all-inclusive revenue requirements analysis to encompass operating costs for fuel and emission allowances (based on resource dispatch simulation), operating and maintenance costs, the cost of construction and capital, including debt service, taxes, depreciation and equity returns, and other relevant costs for comparison of alternatives. PEF normally performs Strategist studies for a thirty-year study period for resource decisions (e.g. contracts, peaking and combined cycle unit decisions) that have been considered over the past decade. Using this timeframe, the model covers ten years before the proposed nuclear units would come on line and therefore captures only twenty years of projected operation of the new units. In this case, PEF worked directly with New Energy Associates, the developer of the Strategist model, to extend the model beyond its typical thirty-year modeling period to a sixty-year modeling period. By extending the modeling period from thirty to sixty years, PEF was able to perform an extended CPVRR analysis to capture fifty of the expected sixty years of commercial operation of the two nuclear units rather than only the first twenty years of commercial operation.

The sixty-year portfolio development and simulation period was used because, while the initial license for the two nuclear units will be forty (40) years each, the accepted industry convention based on current practice and experience with existing, second generation nuclear power plants, is that the license can be extended an additional twenty (20) years. The sixty-



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year period in the Strategist model, therefore, provides the best practicable method of capturing most of the economic benefits from the actual commercial operation of Levy Units 1 and 2. This is still a conservative analysis, however, because even with a sixty-year study period, the Strategist model is not capturing the last ten years of commercial operation of Levy Units 1 and 2 on PEF's system.

d. *The CPVRR Economic Analyses with Levy Units 1 and 2.*

Typically in the resource planning process to support a need determination, PEF would have a base case with various sensitivities to reflect changes in fuel or capital costs because the cost-effectiveness analysis was driven by the CPVRR determination. With the amendment of Section 403.519 to address nuclear fueled electrical power plants, however, economics alone no longer drives the cost-effectiveness determination. Rather, the Company must consider additional factors, which are discussed in more detail below, some which can and some which cannot be discretely evaluated on an economic basis. As a result, the Company's CPVRR analysis of Levy Units 1 and 2 must be expanded to account for these additional legislative considerations to the extent practicable in the Strategist model. The results of these CPVRR analyses are shown in Table 10 below.

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Table 10. CPVRR of PEF Expansion Plan.

**Levy 1&2 Nuclear Economic Benefits Assessment  
 Mid Reference Fuel and Fuel Sensitivities - Full Ownership  
 Comparison of Nuclear Expansion vs All Gas Reference Case  
 Base Year Cumulative PV Benefits (\$2007 in Millions)**

| Base Capital Reference Case           | Low Fuel Reference | Mid Fuel Reference | High Fuel Reference |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| No CO <sub>2</sub>                    | (\$6,416)          | (\$2,888)          | \$2,635             |
| Bingaman Specter CO <sub>2</sub> Case | (\$3,834)          | (\$343)            | \$5,212             |
| EPA No CCS CO <sub>2</sub> Case       | (\$2,684)          | \$793              | \$6,318             |
| MIT Mid Range CO <sub>2</sub> Case    | \$85               | \$3,614            | \$9,077             |
| Lieberman Warner CO <sub>2</sub> Case | \$2,930            | \$6,380            | \$11,892            |

Table 10 represents the CPVRR analyses of the Resource Plan with Levy Units 1 and 2 compared to an all-natural gas reference resource plan over the Strategist sixty year production cost model period. These CPVRR analyses include the typical CPVRR economic evaluations and costs savings from the reduced price for the second unit, as well as the additional consideration of air emission compliance costs under the amended statutory need determination provision. As a result of these CPVRR analyses there were fifteen (15) different CPVRR scenarios. Because the Company’s resource expansion plan with the nuclear generation alternative is more beneficial for customers on a CPVRR basis than an all natural gas generation resource plan in ten (10) of the fifteen (15) possible scenarios, it is the most economic generation alternative.

The CPVRR cases in Table 10 above include evaluations using the Company’s low and high natural gas and oil fuel forecasts. The impacts of these evaluations are shown in

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Table 10, above, in the far left vertical column (low fuel forecast) and the far right vertical column (high fuel forecast). The CPVRR cases also include evaluations of the impact of potential, future GHG regulations on the cost effectiveness of Levy Units 1 and 2. These impacts are shown in the five horizontal columns in Table 10 above.

The five GHG scenarios presented begin with a scenario where there is no GHG cost impact because there are currently no GHG regulations. Because some form of GHG regulation is likely in the future, and that such regulation would impose a cost for emissions of GHG gases in one way or another however, GHG cost scenarios have been included as a fundamental part of the analysis of cost-effectiveness. The timing and nature of future GHG regulation is at present uncertain, accordingly we elected to show a range of potential future costs for GHG to demonstrate the potential range of impacts on the economic analysis for the Levy units. These scenario ranges are drawn from various federal and state GHG regulations that have been proposed so far and other studies that have attempted to estimate what future GHG costs may be. From each of these sources, dollar per ton of CO<sub>2</sub>, the principle GHG, were extracted and graphed and then several reasonable forecast estimates were selected for further study. The short-hand references to these cases are included to the left of the horizontal columns on Table 10 above. The collection of climate change studies reviewed to develop these representative case estimates are described in Mr. Kennedy's testimony.

From Table 10 above, in the event that natural gas prices fall in the future, as represented by the "low fuel" vertical column, the nuclear generation option is not cost-effective in the event that there is no carbon (GHG emission) regulation or in the event that such regulation falls within the low to mid-level GHG regulation projected cases. If, however, the more likely scenarios of future GHG regulation and/or future higher natural gas

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prices occur, the nuclear generation resource alternative is more cost-effective, in some cases (the high natural gas fuel cases, for example), dramatically more cost-effective than an all natural gas reference resource plan.

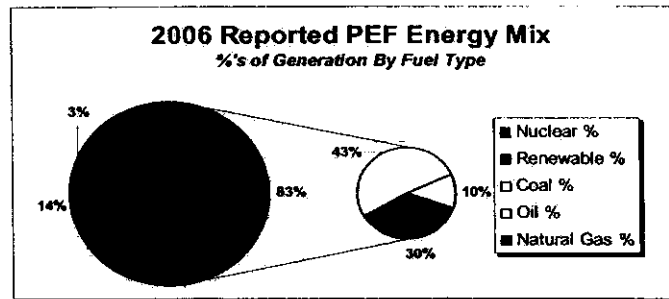
When potential GHG compliance costs are taken into account in PEF's CPVRR analyses, Levy Units 1 and 2 are more cost-effective than most of the all gas reference plan scenarios. The potential benefits for customers on a CPVRR basis for the ten (10) out of fifteen (15) scenarios where the nuclear generation resource alternative is more cost-effective than an all natural gas resource plan ranges from a low of \$85 million to a high of \$12 billion. Over the course of the expected 60-year life for Levy Units 1 and 2, then, the nuclear generation units are more cost effective than an all gas generation plan, in the Company's judgment, especially when the additional factors of fuel diversity and supply reliability, and long-term stability and reliability of the electric grid under the amended need determination provision are considered.

*e. The Balance of Fuel Diversity.*

Fuel diversity must also be considered in determining the cost-effectiveness of nuclear generation Section 403.519(4)(b)3. Fuel diversity refers to the Company's ability to reduce the impacts of price escalations in certain fuels by having available on the system additional generation or purchased power resources that use other fuels to produce energy. In other words, fuel diversity means the Company is not overly dependent on any one fuel type. PEF's generation system currently relies on a mixture of fuels to meet net energy load on the system. These fuels include oil, natural gas, coal, renewable fuels, and nuclear. Figure 7 below graphically shows PEF's current fuel mix to meet energy load.

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Figure 7. PEF's 2006 Energy Mix.



Fuel diversity is important not only because fuels have different prices but also because price volatility differs among fuels. Some fossil fuels, in particular natural gas and oil for example, are much more volatile in price than other fuels, such as nuclear fuel. More recently, natural gas prices have been even more volatile than was historically the case. Price escalations in natural gas and oil used for energy generation correspondingly cause an escalation in fuel costs that customers pay.

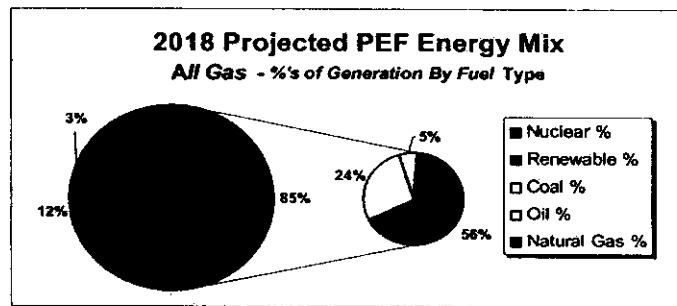
Physical conditions and weather can also influence the volatility of fuel prices. The volatility in natural gas prices for Florida utilities, for example, is influenced by the fact that Florida is a peninsula and natural gas transportation into the State is constrained. Similarly, Florida's location is subject to extreme weather conditions such as hurricanes. For example, the hurricanes in 2004 and 2005 demonstrated the vulnerability of the natural gas supply for PEF and other Florida utilities when natural gas supplies were temporarily precluded or disrupted by weather conditions and resulting damage caused by the storms. These supply disruptions naturally had an impact on fuel prices, causing the price of natural gas to increase dramatically. Nuclear fuel, on the other hand, is not subject to natural and physical

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transportation constraints that can cause a further escalation in the price to Florida electric utilities. Nuclear fuel is added to the units during refueling outages, typically once every eighteen to twenty four months, and therefore an adequate fuel supply is available for an extended period of time. Further, the fuel supply for a nuclear unit is not subject to the same supply disruptions due to adverse weather conditions. As a result, the addition of nuclear generation, like Levy Units 1 and 2, reduces PEF's dependence on fuels that have a less reliable supply capability and thus, the reliability of the fuel supply to PEF's system will increase.

Adding additional nuclear fuel generation to meet net energy for load will increase PEF's fuel diversity. As demonstrated by Figure 8 below, without Levy Units 1 and 2, natural gas and oil will comprise 61 percent of PEF's energy mix to meet net energy load on its system by 2018 and nuclear will account for only 12 percent of the energy generation to meet load. Indeed, without Levy Units 1 and 2, by 2018, all fossil fuels will account for 85 percent of the energy generated on PEF's system.

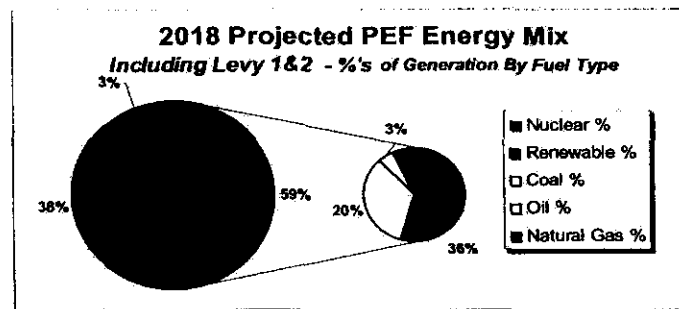
Figure 8. PEF's 2018 Energy Mix Without Levy Units 1 and 2



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With Levy Units 1 and 2, however, nuclear generation will contribute 38 percent of the total system energy to meet load in 2018. Coal-fired generation will fall by over one-half, from 43 percent today to 20 percent of PEF’s total energy mix, and natural gas will contribute only 6 percent more to PEF’s energy mix in 2018 than it does today and 20 percent less than what it would be without Levy Units 1 and 2. This is demonstrated by Figure 9 below.

Figure 9. PEF’s 2018 Energy Mix With Levy Units 1 and 2



As a result of the addition of Levy Units 1 and 2 to PEF’s system, PEF’s reliance on natural gas (and other fossil fuel) generation to meet load will be reduced significantly, providing greater fuel diversity to PEF and its customers.

f. *The Reduction of Florida’s Dependence on Fuel Oil and Natural Gas.*

Florida has no natural fuel resources of its own. PEF must rely on the supply of fuel from sources outside the State, including fuel sources from foreign countries. This is particularly true for oil, but also for natural gas too, especially in the future. While domestic natural gas production, such as from the Gulf of Mexico and Texas, is expected to continue to

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be a substantial source of supply for PEF and other electric utilities in Florida in the future, the percentage of natural gas supply from foreign sources, such as LNG, is expected to grow. Indeed, LNG is projected to represent a significant portion of the United States gas supply for electric generation by 2030. Additionally, foreign coal suppliers, in particular suppliers of low sulfur coals, have become a significant contributor of coal to Florida utilities, including PEF. As a result, PEF and other Florida utilities will continue to depend on foreign fuel sources for oil, natural gas, and coal.

This dependence on foreign fuel resources can have an impact on the price of the fuel. Foreign fuel resources are further away and beyond the control of the utility and they are often impacted by economic and political instability in the countries where these resources exist. For example, 70 percent of the world's oil and gas is held by national (state-owned) oil and gas companies in countries such as in Russia, Qatar, and Iran. These countries are among those who control the majority of the world's natural gas reserves. These reserves are the source of the LNG that will be needed to meet electric generation needs in the United States in the future. This foreign fuel supply is beyond the control of the electric utility and subject to unexpected disruptions and price increases.

The addition of Levy Units 1 and 2 further reduces PEF's dependence on foreign fossil fuel suppliers. As indicated above, the raw uranium used in nuclear fuel is a relatively abundant mineral. It is also found in a number of places around the world, including the United States and Canada. Because uranium is a common mineral there is little risk that there will be an insufficient supply of it to meet current or future nuclear energy production needs. Further, because uranium can be widely found across the world there is little risk of any one country or area controlling sufficient quantities of the material in order to control prices. PEF



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expects that there will be a sufficient supply of uranium and the conversion, enrichment, and fabrication services for processed nuclear fuel to meet the needs of Levy Units 1 and 2 at relatively reasonable prices.

*g. The Reduction of Air Emission Compliance Costs.*

Nuclear generation is a clean source of electric capacity and energy. The generation of electric energy from nuclear fuel produces no SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, GHG, or other emissions. Fossil fuel and renewable fuel generation have some or all of these emissions. Nuclear generation therefore causes none of the environmental concerns caused by fossil fuel generation.

Current environmental requirements, like the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) Clean Air Interstate Rule (“CAIR”) impose significant emission requirements, and therefore substantial costs, on fossil fuel generation. Levy Units 1 and 2 will not be subject to the EPA and DEP CAIR rules because they will produce no emissions that those rules regulate. Levy Units 1 and 2 will therefore face none of the CAIR compliance costs that additional fossil fuel generation must face. This is true with respect to current and future mercury and other potentially hazardous chemical emission compliance costs too. Levy Units 1 and 2, therefore, will assist the Company in complying with existing environmental regulations by providing an alternative clean source of generation. This is an economic and environmental benefit from future nuclear generation.

Levy Units 1 and 2 will also enable the Company to prepare to meet more stringent environmental regulations in the future. Because of global warming concerns, the potential regulation of GHG currently is a matter of much political and regulatory discussion and debate. Some form of GHG regulation seems inevitable. Presently, there are a number of

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proposals for the regulation of GHG, in particular, carbon dioxide (“CO<sub>2</sub>”). These proposals include the GHG emission targets set by executive order by the Governor of Florida and the FEC’s recommendations to the Florida Legislature to adopt those targets, as slightly modified only to extend the dates to meet the initial two targets. The proposals to regulate GHG, if implemented, will have a profound impact on a utility’s assessment of the most cost effective alternative generation resource to meet future reliability needs.

Because nuclear generation does not involve the burning of carbon-based fuels it produces no GHG emissions. All fossil fuels, however, when burned to produce energy release carbon into the air in the form of CO<sub>2</sub>. Carbon dioxide is a GHG, and GHG contribute to global warming. In fact, CO<sub>2</sub> is probably the most significant GHG, although there are other GHG emissions from burning fossil fuels.

The relative impact of nuclear generation compared to conventional fossil fuel generation on emissions can be demonstrated by comparing the emissions that nuclear generation will displace in one year compared to the production of the same amount of energy by fossil fuel generation resources. Levy Units 1 and 2, for example, will, in the course of a typical year during the first ten years of operation, displace or avoid 8.5 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, up to 7,000 tons of SO<sub>2</sub>, up to 3,400 tons of NO<sub>x</sub>, and approximately 120 pounds of mercury when compared to the existing PEF generation system with an all gas reference expansion plan. Over the course of the study period (2016 – 2066), Levy Units 1 and 2, will displace or avoid an estimated 400 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, 130 thousand tons of SO<sub>2</sub>, 100 thousand tons of NO<sub>x</sub>, and approximately 2000 pounds of mercury when compared to the existing PEF generation system with an all gas reference expansion plan.

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State electric grid will benefit from these technology advancements by receiving more reliable, efficient base load operation.

Additionally, the vintage of PEF's current base load generation runs from over twenty to nearly fifty years old. By the time Levy Units 1 and 2 achieve commercial operation in 2016 and 2017, the vintage of PEF's existing base load generation units will be even older, ranging from over thirty to nearly sixty years old. Indeed, PEF's existing nuclear unit, CR3, is currently over 30 years old and it will be over 40 years old by the time Levy Units 1 and 2 come on line. Levy Units 1 and 2 provide the opportunity to add new base load generation with the most advanced, efficient nuclear generation technology available. The addition of Levy Units 1 and 2 will change the vintage of PEF's base load generation for the better, providing PEF and the State with more reliable, efficient base load generation.

i. *Alternative Cost Scenarios.*

As the Company has indicated, PEF has been in negotiations with the Consortium for more than a year on pricing and the terms and conditions of an EPC contract. The Consortium has provided PEF with site specific pricing for the project but EPC contract negotiations continue. PEF expects that a portion of the power plant costs will be based on firm prices. Even with these firm prices, however, the total cost will still represent a non-binding cost estimate that is subject to change over the course of time leading up to commercial operation of Levy Units 1 and 2.

*This is the nature of nuclear generation development, especially when you further consider the unique nature of this project, which will require the construction of the first nuclear power plants on a Greenfield site in more than thirty (30) years in this country. The long-lead time necessary to site and obtain regulatory approvals for new nuclear reactors, in*

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As demonstrated by PEF's CPVRR analyses, under the majority of scenarios where there is a direct or indirect cost for GHG emissions, nuclear generation, which has none, is preferred over fossil fuel generation, all other factors being equal. Levy Units 1 and 2 are, therefore, reasonable, cost-effective generation alternatives to meet customer energy needs in the event of future GHG regulations.

*h. The Contribution to the Long-Term Stability and Reliability of the Electric Grid.*

Levy Units 1 and 2 will operate nearly year-round, at a very high capacity factor, thus providing additional base load capacity to PEF's system and the Florida electric grid as a whole. Levy Units 1 and 2 will provide this additional, reliable base load capacity and energy through state-of-the-art, advanced nuclear generation technology. This additional, new base load technology will benefit PEF's customers and the State electric grid.

Technological advancements provide opportunities for relatively lower construction costs and greater efficiency in operation and thus lower maintenance costs. The Westinghouse AP 1000 design, which uses passive safety system designs and engineering simplicity that were not available in the second generation nuclear power plant designs like that employed at CR3, offers relatively lower construction and operation costs for Levy Units 1 and 2 compared to the conventional nuclear designs in the nuclear reactors operating today. For example, the AP1000 requires significantly less cable, valves, pumps and other equipment than the generation of nuclear reactors currently in operation. The more efficient design for the Westinghouse AP 1000 nuclear reactors will also mean greater operational reliability than what is expected from second generation nuclear power plants operating today. PEF and the

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addition to the time to design and construct them, precludes the Company from receiving anything more than a cost estimate and a non-binding one at that at this time, even though the Company is working with the best information available today.

Circumstances are likely to change as cost estimates are refined and costs are incurred over the next decade as the Company proceeds toward commercial operation of these units. These circumstances include the potential risk of permitting and licensing delays at the state and federal level, litigation delays at the state and federal level, labor and equipment availability, vendor ability to meet schedules, material and labor cost escalations, the possible imposition of new regulatory requirements, inflation or increases in the cost of capital, and the ability to acquire necessary rights-of-way in a timely manner for associated transmission facilities, among others. Given the risk that any one or more of these circumstances may occur over the next ten years, the actual cost to place Levy Units 1 and 2 in commercial operation may be higher than the current, non-binding cost estimate.

To account for the inherent uncertainty surrounding the cost of Levy Units 1 and 2, PEF also evaluated the units in the Strategist model using five, fifteen and twenty five percent cost increase cases, and a five percent cost decrease case, with and without the impact of anticipated GHG emission regulation cost impacts and using a mid-level fuel forecast. The results of these CPVRR analyses are shown in Table 11 below.

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Table 11. Alternative Cost CPVRR Analyses.

**Levy 1&2 Nuclear Economic Benefits Assessment**  
 Sensitivities to Nuclear Plant Capital Costs - Full Ownership  
 Comparison of Nuclear Expansion vs All Gas Reference Case  
 Base Year Cumulative PV Benefits (\$2007 in Millions)

| Capital Sensitivities Reference Case  | LNP CapEx (5%) | Mid Fuel Reference | LNP CapEx 5% | LNP CapEx 15% | LNP CapEx 25% |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| No CO <sub>2</sub>                    | (\$2,365)      | (\$2,888)          | (\$3,400)    | (\$4,434)     | (\$5,469)     |
| Bingaman Specter CO <sub>2</sub> Case | \$109          | (\$343)            | (\$926)      | (\$1,960)     | (\$2,995)     |
| EPA No CCS CO <sub>2</sub> Case       | \$1,207        | \$793              | \$172        | (\$862)       | (\$1,897)     |
| MIT Mid Range CO <sub>2</sub> Case    | \$3,975        | \$3,614            | \$2,940      | \$1,906       | \$871         |
| Lieberman Warner CO <sub>2</sub> Case | \$6,674        | \$6,380            | \$5,640      | \$4,605       | \$3,571       |

As you can see from Table 11 above, the cost-effectiveness of the units is adversely impacted against an all natural gas generation scenario in each of the cost increase cases in the unlikely event of no future GHG emission regulation cost impacts. When the likely potential future GHG emission costs are considered in the analysis, however, the nuclear units are more cost-effective in all of the cost decrease cases and in seven (7) of the twelve (12) cost increase scenarios. Based on these cost sensitivity analyses, the generation resource plan with Levy Units 1 and 2 appears the most cost-effective plan when the likely range of GHG emission cost compliance is accounted for even with potential capital cost increases. This is demonstrated by Table 11 above. The Company concluded, therefore, that a generation resource plan that included Levy Units 1 and 2 was still the most cost-effective source of power to meet the Company’s need in 2016 to 2019 and beyond, taking into account all of the factors that must be considered in evaluating new nuclear power plants under the amended legislation.

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i. *Potential Joint Ownership Sensitivity*

The Company has been engaged in discussions with other Florida utilities to determine what interest may exist for joint ownership of the nuclear units being proposed. Depending upon the terms and conditions of any joint ownership agreement, a joint ownership arrangement might provide benefits to PEF customers by, among other things, spreading the capital risks associated with a project of this magnitude. As such, PEF ran a sensitivity analysis on potential joint ownership up to 20 percent. The relative economics for eighty (80) percent PEF ownership are included in Table 12 as sensitivity for review.

**Table 12. CPVRR of PEF Expansion Plan. – 80% Ownership Basis**

**Levy 1&2 Nuclear Economic Benefits Assessment  
 Mid Reference Fuel and Fuel Sensitivities - 80% Ownership  
 Comparison of Nuclear Expansion vs All Gas Reference Case  
 Base Year Cumulative PV Benefits (\$2007 in Millions)**

| <i>Base Capital Reference Case</i>          | <i>Low Fuel Reference</i> | <i>Mid Fuel Reference</i> | <i>High Fuel Reference</i> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>No CO<sub>2</sub></b>                    | <b>(\$5,566)</b>          | <b>(\$2,725)</b>          | <b>\$1,732</b>             |
| <b>Bingaman Specter CO<sub>2</sub> Case</b> | <b>(\$3,530)</b>          | <b>(\$733)</b>            | <b>\$3,756</b>             |
| <b>EPA No CCS CO<sub>2</sub> Case</b>       | <b>(\$2,619)</b>          | <b>\$171</b>              | <b>\$4,631</b>             |
| <b>MIT Mid Range CO<sub>2</sub> Case</b>    | <b>(\$448)</b>            | <b>\$2,403</b>            | <b>\$6,790</b>             |
| <b>Lieberman Warner CO<sub>2</sub> Case</b> | <b>\$1,799</b>            | <b>\$4,594</b>            | <b>\$9,018</b>             |

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While the results are directionally similar, less than full ownership has the effect of reducing the negative results in some cases, but also reduces the positive effect of the more beneficial cases. If interest level in joint ownership continues to develop, more of the details will evolve for financing, cost sharing, and the other structural elements of the relationships.

**V. CONCLUSIONS: THE NEED FOR LEVY UNITS 1 AND 2.**

Levy Units 1 and 2 will be state-of-the art, highly efficient, environmentally clean sources of electrical capacity and energy for PEF and its customers. They will be located at a site specifically selected for the development of nuclear generation and therefore well-suited to accommodate Levy Units 1 and 2. Levy Units 1 and 2 will provide PEF's customers adequate, base load electricity at a reasonable cost from the lowest cost fuel resource currently available to the Company. Levy Units 1 and 2 are the most cost-effective generation alternatives available to the Company to meet its reliability need in 2016 to 2019 and beyond, taking into account the need to improve the balance of fuel diversity, reduce Florida's dependence on fuel oil and natural gas, reduce air emission compliance costs, and contribute to the long-term stability and reliability of the electric grid.

For these reasons, PEF seeks an affirmative determination of need for Levy Units 1 and 2 and associated transmission facilities to meet PEF's need for electric system reliability and integrity and to enable PEF to continue to provide adequate electricity to its customers at a reasonable cost. PEF decided to seek this need determination approval only after conducting a rigorous internal review of supply-side and demand-side options, including renewable fuel generation options. The need for additional generating capacity in the time



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period 2016 to 2019 and beyond cannot be cost-effectively deferred or avoided by additional demand-side options or renewable generation resources.

The addition of Levy Units 1 and 2 is necessary for the Company to meet its commitment to provide an adequate and reliable power supply. Levy Units 1 and 2 will allow the Company to satisfy its Reserve Margin planning criterion while maintaining an appropriate level of physical reserves for the PEF system.

Levy Units 1 and 2 are expected to be highly efficient, state-of-the-art, advanced passive light water nuclear power units with no adverse environmental emissions. Levy Units 1 and 2 will rely on nuclear fuel, which is the cleanest and most environmentally friendly fuel in terms of emissions that can be used today. Levy Units 1 and 2 will meet the Company's need to be able to provide adequate electric service at a reasonable cost to its customers.

#### **VI. ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT BUILDING LEVY UNITS 1 AND 2**

If the need determination for Levy Units 1 and 2 is delayed or denied, the implementation of this project certainly will be delayed, it may be terminated, and PEF's future development of nuclear generation in Florida may need to be reconsidered.

PEF must proceed with the need determination at this time to remain on schedule. Nuclear generation units require considerably more time to site, obtain various regulatory approvals, design, engineer, and construct than other potential generation alternatives. The entire process is conservatively estimated to take ten years. PEF must, therefore, obtain a need determination at this time to begin the site certification process and the procurement process for long lead items and engineering work to ensure that the nuclear units will be completed in time to meet the Company's reliability need in the summer of 2016 and the

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summer of 2017, respectively. PEF must also obtain a need determination at this time to begin the site certification and the specific routing, design and construction process supporting the transmission system upgrades required to support the commercial operations dates for Levy Units 1 and 2 in the summer of 2016 and the summer of 2017, respectively.

If there is a delay in the determination of need for Levy Units 1 and 2, PEF will not be able to satisfy its minimum 20 percent Reserve Margin planning criterion by the summers of 2016 and 2017 with nuclear generation. If other generation options are considered to meet the Company's reliability need in the same time frame, the Company may have to reconsider the development of additional nuclear generation facilities to meet future customer needs. Further, if PEF's need determination for Levy Units 1 and 2 is denied or delayed in all likelihood that will mean the construction of additional natural gas-fired combined cycle generation units in this time frame to meet customer reliability needs. The resulting generation mix will only expose PEF's customers to greater volatility in fuel costs and potentially more and more significant fuel supply disruptions.

If the Company must reconsider its plans to develop additional nuclear generation, PEF's customers would lose the benefits of reliable, efficient and cost-effective, base load nuclear generation. Without the commercial operation of Levy Units 1 and 2 in the 2016 to 2017 period, PEF's system will be less fuel diverse and more dependent on fossil fuel generation and foreign fuel supply resources to satisfy the energy demands of customers. As a result, PEF's customers likely will be subject to higher and more volatile fuel costs as higher cost fossil generation units or purchased power are used to meet their electrical power needs. PEF's customers will also potentially lose the benefits of the production tax credits and other financial benefits that EPACT provides for the first wave of new nuclear generation facilities.

Appendix C - LNP Integrated Master Plan

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| Progress Energy   |           | LNP INTEGRATED MASTER PLAN<br>NGC-Nuclear Plant Development |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |  | REV. 2 3/7/08<br>Approval: Garry Miller - GM NPD | NGG |
|---|-----------|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|--|-----|
| PROJECTS  |           | 2009  | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |  |  |     |
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|   |           | 2009  | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |  |  |     |

**TRANSMISSION SYSTEM IMPACT STUDY  
IN SUPPORT OF SITE SELECTION  
FOR A FLORIDA NUCLEAR PLANT**

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# **New Nuclear Plant Combined License (COL) Development**

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**Business Analysis Package Revision  
Senior Management Executive Summary  
August 2007**



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# Project Deliverables

## Overall Scope

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- The project scope is development of two Combined Operating Licenses (COL) applications for the addition of new baseload generation nuclear power plant units in both the Carolinas and Florida.
- COLAs will be developed assuming the addition of two nuclear units at each selected site in the Carolinas and Florida, providing for the future expansion of site power generation after the first unit is placed in service. (In-Process: Harris – January 2008, Levy – July 2008)
- Identify suitable sites in both the Carolinas and Florida (Complete)
- Select an advanced nuclear power reactor technology type for construction (Complete)

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# Project Deliverables

## Specific COL & SCA Application Contents

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- **The two COL applications include, at a minimum, the following documents / deliverables (for each selected site):**
  - ▶ License Application, including general, financial and administrative information
  - ▶ Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR)
  - ▶ Environmental Report
  - ▶ Plant-Specific Technical Specifications (FSAR Chapter 16)
  - ▶ Emergency Plan (per FSAR Chapter 13)
  - ▶ Security Plan (per FSAR Chapter 13)
  - ▶ Quality Assurance Program (per FSAR Chapter 17)
  - ▶ Required program plans and manuals, separate from FSAR submittal
  - ▶ Report on departures from and exemptions to the generic Design Certification Documents (DCD)
  - ▶ Site Redress Plan (to allow limited site work prior to the issuance of the COL)
  - ▶ Plant-specific PRA (in accordance with the most current applicable regulations)
  - ▶ Site-specific structures conceptual design (such as intake structure)
- **Site Certification Application for Florida (added with BAP revision)**



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## Changes Incorporated in BAP Revision

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- **Land Acquisition**
  - ▶ Rayonier purchase at \$52.2M
    - ◆ 3,000 acres at \$1,500/acre vs. estimate of 2,500 at \$1,000/acre
    - ◆ Final additional payment of Redacted due at COLA issuance
    - ◆ Legal and closing fees
  - ▶ Adjacent land estimated at Redacted
    - ◆ Price subject to negotiation and/or condemnation results
  
- **Site Certification Application (SCA)**
  - ▶ Florida statues require completion of an SCA
  - ▶ SCA is similar to but broader in scope than Environmental Plan included in COLA
  - ▶ Timeline requires work be accelerated to support Levy planned commercial operation date
  
- **FEMA Fees**
  - ▶ FEMA fees were not anticipated when original estimate was developed
  
- **True-up BAP cost categories based on current projections**
  - ▶ No impact to total project cost
  
- **2007 Budget sufficient to support revised projection**

# Project Authorization Revision Variance Analysis Form

**Attach completed PAR form to revised PAF and submit both forms to the Project Review Group**

Note: This form should be used to notify management of changes in the schedule of a project and/or for changes in the cost of a project based on the following guidelines:

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <u>Authorized Amount</u>       | <u>Percentage Variance</u> <u>Dollar Amount</u> |
| Less than \$50 Million         | 5% <b>AND</b> \$150K                            |
| Equal to or greater than \$50M | 5% <b>OR</b> \$5M                               |

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**Project Title** PEF COLA Development/LOI/Detailed Design

**Project #** 20054444, 20066032 (others as needed for project management and regulatory reporting)

**Accounting System Master Project #** Not applicable

Plan                       Execute                       Milestone

**Total Costs (\$000)**

|                                       | Current Authorized Amount | Actual Through March 2008 | Proposed 2008 Amount | Total Proposed Authorized Amount | Variance to Total Proposed Amount |   |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                       |                           |                           |                      |                                  | \$                                | % |
| PEF COLA (PTD through 2012)           |                           |                           |                      |                                  |                                   |   |
| LOI - Long Lead Equipment (2008 only) |                           |                           |                      |                                  |                                   |   |
| Detailed Design (2008 only)           |                           |                           |                      |                                  |                                   |   |
| Estimated AFUDC                       |                           |                           |                      |                                  |                                   |   |
| <b>Total Project</b>                  |                           |                           |                      |                                  |                                   |   |

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Variance:   
  Schedule   
  Cost   
  Other: Scope

**Reason for Revision:**

The purpose of this BAP Revision 2 is to segregate by legal entity the authorization of Progress Energy Carolinas (PEC) and PEF COLA funding and seek approval to fund additional PEF work scope items required to preserve the new nuclear option and the 2016 commercial operation date.

The specific scope addressed in this revision is as follows:

**COLA (Phase I Preparation)** - Additional scope is necessary to complete the COL application development for Levy. This includes, but is not limited to, an alternative blowdown pipeline route, constructing and testing services for various concrete pads (used as engineering backfill), site foundation and sub-grade remediation work, and additional environmental evaluations Redacted

**COLA (Site Certification Application)** - Additional work has been identified as necessary to support the SCA submittal in June 2008. Part of this scope includes the preparation of the Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application package, development of a wetlands mitigation plan, and preparation of any Federal Permits required to support the SCA. - Redacted

**COLA (Owner Engineer Support)** - Owner Engineer support is needed to support ongoing EPC negotiations and site-specific engineering, as well as other potential licensing and engineering work that requires special technical expertise or supplements NPD resources. Redacted

**COLA (Limited Work Authorization)** - The LWA will be developed and submitted to the NRC concurrent with the Levy COLA. An approved LWA will allow work to begin on specific items defined in the LWA such as installation of a permanent concrete diaphragm wall, roller compacted concrete placement under the nuclear island and installation of foundation pilings for the Annex, Radwaste, and Turbine Buildings. - Redacted

**COLA (Price Certainty Update)** - Price books were developed by the technology vendor to determine and document both nuclear island and site-specific project estimated costs. The price books also provide insight needed for EPC negotiations, and are a key input to the total project cost information update provided in the March 11, 2008 Need Determination filing. Redacted

**Letter of Intent (LOI) on Long Lead Equipment** - In order to maintain the nuclear option available to meet PEF's need in 2016, certain procurement and engineering activities must start in early 2008. Specifically, on March 28, 2008, PEF executed a letter of intent (LOI) with WEC and Shaw. Redacted

**Detailed Design of Site Permanent Structures** - Identified site specific development and engineering activities not included in the LOI that need to proceed during the third and fourth quarters of 2008 to ensure the 2016 COD remains viable. Examples of these activities include clearing, grading, excavation, subsurface preparation, and site building design and permitting. Currently a training building is being evaluated. Redacted

**Estimated AFUDC** - The previous project authorization did not include and allowance for AFUDC. This authorization incorporates an estimate for AFUDC to better reflect the total anticipated cost for the project. Redacted

The COLA scope discussed above will extend into 2012.

The LOI for Long Lead Equipment and the start of detailed site development and design work that will extend through the end of 2008. An Integrated Project Plan (IPP) will be developed during the third quarter of 2008 to gain authorization for 2009 and beyond.

Reviewed by PRG: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRG Chairperson (initial & date)

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memo

Date: August 8, 2007

To: Robert B. McGehee, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer  
William D. Johnson, President & Chief Operating Officer  
Jeffrey J. Lyash, President & CEO - Progress Energy Florida

From: Clayton S. Hinnant, Sr VP - Nuclear Generation Group and  
Chief Nuclear Officer

Subject: Approval Requested to Purchase the Rayonier Property in Levy  
County, Florida

This memorandum (1) outlines to senior management the timeline for notification and closing on the approximate 3105 acre Rayonier property (the "Property") to support the potential construction of new nuclear power plants in Levy County, Florida, and (2) provides the recommendation to senior management to purchase the Property, including the supporting technical basis for the recommendation. Upon approval of the recommendations in this memorandum, Progress Energy Florida ("PEF") will notify the Seller (Rayonier) of the Company's intent to proceed to purchase and close on the Property.

The executed Levy Rayonier Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated November 18, 2006 (Effective Date), includes the following key dates:

- **Nov. 18, 2006** - Initial Earnest Money Deposit (PAID) : signing
- **Feb. 12, 2007** -- Second Earnest Money Deposit +90 days from the Effective Date (PAID) : due at
- **May 17, 2007** -- Third Earnest Money Deposit (+180 days from the Effective Date (PAID)) : due at



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- **Aug. 15, 2007** – At the end of the contingency period of 270 days, “if the BUYER has not provided written notice to SELLER canceling this agreement, the transaction shall proceed to closing”<sup>1</sup>
- **Sept. 14, 2007** – Balance (\$42,750,000) due at Closing Date, which is no later than +300 days from the Effective Date

**Background Information**

The following information is provided in support of the recommendation to purchase the Rayonier property.

- The Florida siting analysis completed by the Nuclear Plant Development (NPD) organization in 2006 included a detailed, systematic process for identifying, analyzing, and ranking potential nuclear sites consistent with applicable industry and Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulatory guidance and regulations. NPD identified 20 potential sites, and went through successive layers of analysis resulting in a “short list” of alternative sites in Levy County, Dixie County, Putnam County, Highlands County, and the Crystal River site. NPD completed on-site analyses (environmental and geotechnical drilling) at the Levy, Dixie, Putnam and Highlands sites. The siting analyses ultimately concluded that the Rayonier tract in Levy County was the best overall site, and therefore the preferred site for potential new nuclear generating facilities.
- Upon conclusion of the Florida siting analysis and execution of the Rayonier Purchase and Sales Agreement in November 2006, NPD conducted additional detailed comprehensive on-site testing and evaluations of the Property consistent with industry and NRC regulatory guidance and regulations. The detailed analyses included months of on-site geotechnical analysis that included more than 80 borings, geophysical logging, and detailed examination of soil/rock core samples. The analyses showed that the WEC AP1000 Reactor Technology can be deployed at the Property. This is documented in SLPEF-2007-068 dated August 03, 2007 and entitled *Assessment of Subsurface Conditions at the LNP Site for the “Buy” Decision*.

The original scope of the geotechnical investigations at the safety-related nuclear power block areas is complete. However, based on recent discussions with NRC personnel who visited the Levy site, NPD has added field scope of two additional deep holes (up to 500’) at each reactor location to verify the non-existence of large karst features (voids and/or caverns) at these greater depths. This work will extend beyond August 14, 2007. Based on the geotechnical boring results to date (including the observed absence of significant karst formation) and the table top assessment for

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<sup>1</sup> In the event of termination or default prior to August 15, 2007, or at any time thereafter prior to the closing, PEF would forfeit its deposit (\$2,250,000.00); however, it would not be liable for the balance of the purchase price

the potential for karst formation in deeper rock layers at the LNP site, we do not expect karst formations under the plant that would impact the ability to site the AP1000 reactors.

- The actual developed area for the nuclear power blocks will be approximately 200 acres (~450 acres with construction facilities, laydown, and access), with a large Exclusionary Area Boundary (EAB) as required by the NRC for a nuclear power plant. NPD assessed the entire Property to ensure that no issues existed with respect to the presence of hazardous materials or previous incompatible uses. No issues were identified in this assessment as documented by SLPEF-2007-040, dated June 8, 2007, and entitled *Preliminary Site Assessment Overview*.
- NPD conducted an assessment of threatened and endangered species on the Property with the results documented under SLPEF-2007-062, dated July 18, 2007 and entitled *Technical Memorandum - Potential Occurrence of Protected Species at the Levy Nuclear Plant Site, Levy County, FL*. No significant issues were identified.
- NPD conducted an assessment of archeological/cultural resources on the specific area of the site to be developed, and documented under SLPEF-2007-063, dated July 19, 2007 and entitled *Technical Memorandum - Cultural Resources Survey of 300 Acres at the Proposed Progress Energy Nuclear Plant, Levy County, Florida*. No significant issues were identified.
- NPD analyzed two nearby gas lines running parallel to Highway 19 as documented under SLPEF-2007-064, dated July 26, 2007 and entitled *Buy Decision Inputs on Natural Gas Line Hazard and DCD Temperature Limit Assessment*. The assessment concluded that the gas line did not present a problem to siting the nuclear plant on the Property.
- NPD assessed the prevalent and worst case weather conditions (dry bulb and wet bulb temperatures) in Levy County, Florida as it relates to siting the AP1000. This analysis identified AP1000 Design Certification Document (DCD) analysis temperature limits where Levy was not bounded. This problem was forwarded to Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) for resolution. WEC revised the AP1000 nuclear safety analysis to bound the Levy site and the results are included in the recent Revision 16 to the DCD. This issue has been successfully resolved as documented in SLPEF-2007-064, dated July 26, 2007 and entitled *Buy Decision Inputs on Natural Gas Line Hazard and DCD Temperature Limit Assessment*, and the AP1000 can be successfully sited at the Levy site.

In addition to the on-site technical investigations, PEF has sought necessary local land use changes to accommodate nuclear generation on the Property. To date, PEF has received several key approvals including:

- On July 10, 2007 the Levy County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved PEF's recommended amendments to the Levy County Comprehensive Land Use Plan to allow siting a nuclear generating facility at Rayonier. These amendments included both text changes and future land use designation changes directly applicable to the Property. The amendments will be submitted to the Florida Department of Community Affairs for ultimate approval. NPD anticipates approval by the Department before the end of 2007.
- On August 6, 2007, the Levy County Planning & Zoning Commission recommended granting revisions to the Levy County zoning ordinances that would clarify the ability to site the nuclear plant and associated facilities within the County. NPD expects that the Board of County Commissioners will approve the P&Z Commission's recommendations no later than September 2007.
- The developed nuclear generating facility would use water from the Cross Florida Barge Canal as the make-up source to the cooling towers. This would require construction of an intake structure near the Inglis lock on the barge canal, which is state owned land. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued a *Permit for Special Use* on June 15, 2007 to PEF to permit geotechnical drilling at the barge canal shore. This work has been completed with acceptable results.

The 2007 capital budget for the NPD organization included adequate funds for the purchase of the Property including, title searches, legal costs, commissions, and other associated closing costs. Title and survey review are addressed in the attached memo from A. Guy Neff, of Holland & Knight LLP. No significant issues were identified.

### Potential Risks

In the event PEF ultimately chooses not to move forward with the Levy nuclear project, it will have acquired approximately 3105 acres. The risk of having excess land is mitigated by the fact that good sites that have access to water and can accommodate base load and other generating units are rare in Florida and becoming harder to find and acquire. In this regard, the Property could accommodate other generation alternatives including natural gas and solid fuel generation. As such, acquiring the Property now will significantly benefit customers even if the Levy nuclear project is not developed. Local land use regulation revisions likely would be required to accommodate non-nuclear generating alternatives.

Similarly, land prices in Florida in general, and in Levy County specifically are increasing. Based on discussions with external real estate experts, this trend is likely to continue. Thus, in the event PEF were not to develop the nuclear project or any other generating alternative on the Property, it likely could sell the Property for more than its acquisition price, which would benefit PEF's customers.

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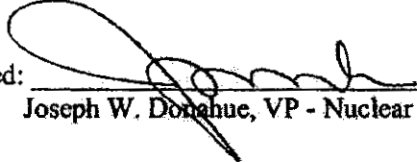
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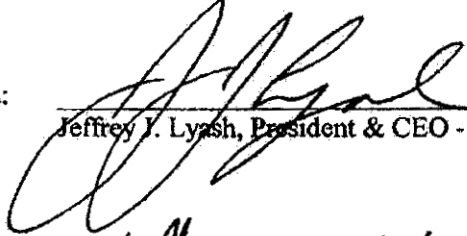
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Based on the extensive technical analyses, the value of obtaining sites that have sufficient water, close to rail and natural gas lines, and can accommodate large baseload or other generating plants, NPD recommends acquiring the Property.

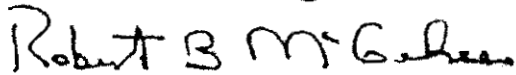
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Approved:  8/13/07  
William D. Johnson, President & Chief Operating Officer

Approved:  8/13/07  
Robert B. McGehee, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Attachment: Memorandum from Holland & Knight dated August 2, 2007 to R. Alex Glenn regarding Rayonier Title and Survey



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cc: Melinda Burrows, Manager - Project Assurance  
Mike Calvello, Manager - NGG Business Services  
Alex Glenn, Deputy General Counsel - Florida  
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Calvin Sabooran, Director - Real Estate  
Frank Schiller, VP - Legal  
Scott Self, VP - Finance

**Phase Project Authorization Form**

Initial     Revision (If Checked, enter revision no) \_\_\_\_\_    Phase:  Study     Design     Implement  
 Project Title: New Nuclear Plant COL Development    Prioritization Category: New Generation  
 Department: Nuclear Generation Group    Location: \_\_\_\_\_    Charge To: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EESY™ Record #: 90285    Initiation Date: 2005    Acctg System Phase #: \_\_\_\_\_    Acctg System Master Project #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Account Class: O&M 0.0%    Capital 100.0%    Fuel 0.0%     Emergency    If Emergency, Authorized By \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Manager: Miller, Garry    Project Sponsor: Donahue, Joe    Benefit Assessment Date: June 30, 2011

| Schedule    | <input type="checkbox"/> Outage Required | Study          | Design | Implementation | Source of Funds:  |
|-------------|--|----------------|--------|----------------|-------------------|
|             | Start Date                               | August 1, 2005 |        |                | X Budget    Other |
|             | End Date                                 | June 30, 2011  |        |                | Total Direct Cost |
| Direct Cost | Prior Years                              | Redacted       | \$0    | \$0            | Redacted          |
|             | 2006                                     |                | \$0    | \$0            |                   |
|             | 2007                                     |                | \$0    | \$0            |                   |
|             | 2008                                     |                | \$0    | \$0            |                   |
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|             | 2011                                     |                | \$0    | \$0            |                   |
|             | 2012                                     |                | \$0    | \$0            |                   |
|             | Project Total                            |                | \$0    | \$0            |                   |

Will there be obsolete inventory as a result of the project that will require the write-off of inventory\*     Yes     No    Before-Tax \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, enter \$ value in the box \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will new inventory be added as a result of the project\*     Yes     No    Before-Tax \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes enter the \$ value in the box \_\_\_\_\_

\* Notify Business Unit Financial Services support, Manager, Property Plant and Materials Accounting, Director-Supply chain and CSD Salvage Group. Discuss in detail below.

| Economic Analysis                    | B/C Ratio           | NPV  | Discounted Breakeven Year |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Base Case                            | 0.00                | \$0  | 0                         |
| If > \$5M                            | Best Case Scenario  |  |                           |
|                                      | Worst Case Scenario |  |                           |
| Treasury Control #: <u>2006-1122</u> |                     | Note: Proforma for entire term must be attached to approval. |                           |
| Other Metrics                        |                     |  |                           |

We, the undersigned, agree that the project assumptions are reasonable and key risks have been identified and accurately considered.

Approvals: Thresholds based on total project direct costs. All must sign in sequence.

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## Phase Project Authorization Form

| Approval Levels                              | Approval Signatures  | Date    | Approval Levels   | Approval Signatures   | Date    |
|--|--|---------|---|---|---------|
| All 3 Phase Projects require these approvals | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Manager: <i>[Signature]</i>   | 3/14/06 | Project direct cost > \$1M  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senior Vice President: <i>[Signature]</i>                                       | 3/14/06 |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Sponsor: <i>[Signature]</i>   | 3/14/06 |   | <input type="checkbox"/> PEC or PEF President & CEO   Pres. - Progress Ventures   Exec. VP Diversified Ops:         |         |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> PRG Chairperson: <i>[Signature]</i>   | 3/14/06 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Director or Progress Energy Service Co. Pres. & CEO   Subsidiary Director or Progress Energy, Inc. Treasurer: <i>[Signature]</i> | 3/27/06   |         |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Services Mgr. or Supervisor Financial Services: <i>[Signature]</i> | 3-10-06 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Treasurer of Progress Energy, Inc. Treasurer: <i>[Signature]</i>   | 3/21/05   |         |
| Project direct cost > \$250K                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Department Head - DH: <i>[Signature]</i>                                    | 3/10/06 | Project direct cost > \$5 M   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Director or Progress Energy, Inc. Pres. & CEO: <i>[Signature]</i>    | 3/29/06 |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Department Head - DH, Charge-By Org. (Required for facilities projects):    |         |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Chairman or Progress Energy, Inc. Chairman & CEO: <i>[Signature]</i> | 3/30/06 |

Return Original to PRG Administrator, who must maintain a file of the signed original.  
 Executed Lease Evaluation Form, FRM-SUBS-01110 must be attached to approval if the recommended project includes a lease.  
 Signatures as Subsidiary Directors or Officers based on legal entity sponsoring project.

Capital Planning and Control Review (Initial and Date): CPA - 03/15/06

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**New Nuclear Plant  
Combined Operating License (COL) Development  
Business Analysis Package**

**Sponsoring Business Unit:** Nuclear Generation Group (NGG)

**Funding Legal Entity:** Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. and Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

**Date Prepared:** March 10th, 2006

**Key Project Contacts:**

| <u>Role, Dept/Grp</u>               | <u>Name</u>         | <u>Phone #</u>  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Executive Sponsor, NESD, NGG</b> | <b>Joe Donahue</b>  | <b>546-3638</b> |
| <b>Project Manager, NESD, NGG</b>   | <b>Garry Miller</b> | <b>546-6107</b> |

## Section 1 - Executive Summary

### 1.1 Project Basic Information

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#### 1.1.1 Description

Based upon current capacity and energy forecasts and costs, Progress Energy believes that additional baseload generation capacity will be needed in the 2015 to 2016 timeframe for both the Carolinas and Florida service territories. Given the impact of the 2005 Clean Air Interstate Rules (CAIR), the continuing need for a balanced, diverse energy portfolio, the uncertainty of future natural gas prices, and the recent positive support for nuclear generation afforded by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, nuclear generation appears at this time to be viable and economic resource to meet all or a portion of this need.

The project scope is development of two Combined Operating Licenses (COL) applications for the addition of new baseload generation nuclear power plant units in both the Carolinas and Florida. The COLs will be developed per the requirements of 10 CFR Part 52, using the guidance of NEI 04-01, *Industry Guideline for Combined License Applicants Under 10 CFR Part 52*. Under the new 10 CFR Part 52 nuclear power plant licensing process, a single license is now issued for both the construction phase and operating phase of a new nuclear power reactor. This process provides greater regulatory certainty than ~ 30 years ago (when the existing Progress Energy nuclear fleet was licensed) based on the fact that under this new process, the operating license will be issued prior to the actual start of safety-related construction. Nuclear plants have the longest timeline for deployment of any fuel type, requiring activities to start ~ 10 years before the desired commercial in-service date. Accordingly, this BAP details the basis and cost associated with developing Combined Operating Licenses applications (COLA) for the new nuclear plants in the Carolinas and Florida in able to preserve nuclear as an option.

This project will identify suitable sites in both the Carolinas and Florida. The site selection process includes detailed evaluations of various site technical parameters (geology, seismology, cooling water, environmental, etc.), consideration of business strategic considerations (land acquisition/ownership, leveraging existing nuclear sites, etc.), and determination of transmission system upgrades required. The process is systematic and documented, leading to a preferred site that receives final senior management approval.

This project will select an advanced nuclear power reactor technology type for construction (such as the Westinghouse Advanced Passive AP-1000, GE Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor ESBWR, or AREVA European Power Reactor EPR). The advanced nuclear power plant designs have been significantly improved by use of passive design safety features that reduce the total number of active components (pumps, motors, and valves, etc.) in the plant. This reduces the

plant equipment costs, and correspondingly reduces future operating and maintenance costs.

**The COLs will be developed assuming the addition of two nuclear units at each selected site in the Carolinas and Florida, providing for the future expansion of site power generation after the first unit is placed in service.** The incremental cost for the licensing of a future second unit of the same reactor technology on the selected sites is relatively small in the COL licensing process.

**The two COL applications development will be conducted in two phases:**

- **Phase 1** will encompass all tasks necessary to prepare and submit the two COL applications to the NRC, including NRC acceptance review. This phase includes detailed on-site characterization for geological and environmental analysis.
- **Phase 2** will involve supporting the NRC review of the two COL applications (after NRC acceptance), including responding to requests for additional information (RAIs), attendance at licensing meetings (e.g., ACRS) and hearings, review of draft NRC documents (Safety Evaluation Report, Environmental Impact Statement, etc.), and will continue through COL issuance by NRC.

**The two COL applications include, at a minimum, the following documents / deliverables (for each selected site):**

- License Application, including general, financial and administrative information
- Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR)
- Environmental Report
- Plant-Specific Technical Specifications (FSAR Chapter 16)
- Emergency Plan (per FSAR Chapter 13)
- Security Plan (per FSAR Chapter 13)
- Quality Assurance Program (per FSAR Chapter 17)
- Required program plans and manuals, separate from FSAR submittal
- Report on departures from and exemptions to the generic Design Certification Documents (DCD)
- Site Redress Plan (to allow limited site work prior to the issuance of the COL)
- Plant-specific PRA (in accordance with the most current applicable regulations)
- Site-specific structures conceptual design (such as intake structure)

**This project includes site characterizations, research and analysis, engineering document preparation, and licensing activities with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. It does NOT include procurement of power producing, permanent plant equipment.** The only anticipated site work associated with COL application development is the on-site geological characterization (i.e. surveys, borings, soundings,

etc.), and the required 2-year collection of meteorological data, which would require construction of a met tower on a selected "greenfield" site. For the purposes of this BAP, the term "greenfield" refers to a site where no existing nuclear power units exists, including no previously NRC issued Construction Work Permits (CWPs) and/or Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) pursuant to 10 CFR Part 52. Progress Energy is currently considering both existing nuclear sites and greenfield sites for new baseload generation.

**If it is subsequently determined that nuclear resources should continue to be constructed, a second separate 3-Phase Authorization Form / Business Analysis Package (BAP) will be developed for the purchase of long lead equipment (reactor vessel, steam generators, etc.), and actual physical construction of the nuclear power generating station and associated transmission line direct connections/upgrades.** Note that nuclear power plant licensing, construction, and start-up activities are estimated to be approximately 10 years in duration. Therefore, in order to have a nuclear option available for new baseload generation, licensing activities must be commenced well before that required for a pulverized coal, gas combined cycle, and/or gas CT power plant. The second 3-Phase package will be the approval vehicle for the official document which will reaffirm the decision to build new nuclear power plant(s) starting in the 2010 timeframe, and will incorporate the best available information (at that time) on licensing/regulatory climate, alternative power plant options, radioactive waste disposal status, costs of the various fuel type options, and refined load growth forecasts. This 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Analysis Package will incorporate the results of a negotiated detailed Engineering- Procurement-Construction (EPC) contract with the reactor technology provider.

**The project cost for the two COLs development will be primarily driven by contracted engineering/licensing services (competitively bid) for the development of the application and NRC application review fees. This BAP also includes estimated costs associated with the purchase of land in Florida (assuming a greenfield site).** The total project costs also include labor cost associated with a staff of permanent Progress Energy personnel that will interface and manage the contracted service work, including the all important owners review of completed documents. Separate contracted engineering services are also used in the siting studies (geological, seismology, hydrology, etc.), required transmission deliverability analysis, and development of a detailed, resource loaded, work breakdown structure (WBS) for the COL project. In addition, contracted legal services are required to support this project, particularly for review and defense of the COL application in regulatory hearings. This project will require the support of personnel from various Progress Energy organizations, including Communications, Regulatory and Public Affairs, Legal, Engineering, Licensing, Power Plant Construction, Finance and Capital Planning.

**This project will closely follow the activities of NuStart Energy Development, LLC (which Progress Energy is a member company of) on the DOE awarded COL demonstration project to promptly adopt lessons learned and industry determined best practices.** In addition, Progress Energy is dependent upon certain NuStart deliverables associated with standardized sections of the FSAR and first-of-a-kind (FOKE) engineering on the advance reactor technologies that is ultimately necessary to complete the Progress Energy COL licensing effort. It is expected that the

COL development can gain some costs efficiencies/savings via leveraging the NuStart projects.

### 1.1.2 Location

The COLs will be developed in support of new nuclear generation sites in both the Carolinas and Florida. Engineering/licensing work will be completed in the corporate headquarters and vendor offices, and on-site characterization will occur at the selected sites.

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### 1.1.4 Schedule

The major project milestones are as follows:

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| ▪ Start of project                               | August 2005              |
| ▪ Carolinas site selected and announced          | January 2006             |
| ▪ Reactor technology selected                    | January 2006             |
| ▪ COL preparer selected and starts work          | January 2006             |
| ▪ New nuclear plant organization approved        | March 2006               |
| ▪ Florida site selected and announced            | April 2006               |
| ▪ Submit Carolinas site COLA to NRC              | 4th Qtr 2007             |
| ▪ Submit Florida site COLA to NRC                | 1st Qtr 2008             |
| ▪ Order long lead items for both sites           | ~ 2008                   |
| ▪ Start Carolinas pre-construction activities    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2009 |
| ▪ Start Florida site pre-construction activities | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2010 |
| ▪ NRC approves Carolinas COL                     | 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2010 |
| ▪ Start Carolinas safety-related construction    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2010 |
| ▪ NRC approves Florida COL                       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2011 |
| ▪ Start Florida safety-related construction      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2011 |

Dates following the COL submittals are best estimates based on public NRC statements and expectations concerning review durations. However, the regulatory process under 10 CFR Part 52 is new, and contested hearings and/or intervention could also affect these later milestone dates. Generally, site pre-construction activities would start ~ 1 year before the COL is expected to be issued. Pre-construction activities must be authorized by the NRC, and include activities such as grading, excavation, and module construction. Safety-related construction is expected to commence only upon receipt of the COL at the specific site.



## 1.2 Recommendation and High Level Discussion

It is recommended to Senior Management, that this Business Analysis Package be approved for the authorization of multi-year capital funding to perform the siting and COL development activities for new nuclear generating units in the Carolinas and Florida as described in the prior section.

If this COL development does not commence in early 2006, it will preclude the ability to consider nuclear baseload generation as a fuel type in the 2015/2016 deployment timeframe when the company is currently expected to require additional baseload generation in both the Carolinas and Florida. This BAP represents the necessary capital investment to ensure that the nuclear option is available for senior management consideration as this baseload generation decision is finalized later in this decade.

## 1.3 Funding Requirements and Source

This BAP includes funding for the following major project needs:

| Description   | Estimated Amount (\$M) | Applicable Spending Years |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Siting-related contracts</b>   |                        | 2005 - 2006               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Carolinas and Florida site characterization</li> <li>▪ Systematic identification of Florida sites</li> <li>▪ Economic impact analysis of HNP site</li> <li>▪ Transmission deliverability analysis for Carolinas and Florida</li> <li>▪ Harris lake level analysis</li> </ul> |                        |                           |
| <b>Project planning contract - COL Development Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)</b>   |                        | 2005                      |
| <b>Land acquisition in Florida for greenfield site</b>  |                        | 2006                      |
| <b>Metrology tower construction at greenfield site (2)</b>  |                        | 2006                      |
| <b>COL Phase I - Preparation</b>  |                        | 2006 - 2007               |
| <b>COL Phase II - Support NRC Reviews</b>   |                        | 2007 - 2011               |
| <b>Estimated NRC review fees</b>  |                        | 2007 - 2011               |
| <b>Westinghouse Reactor Vendor &amp; SSW Support of Application Development</b>   |                        | 2006 - 2011               |
| <b>Progress Energy permanent labor (inc. Contractor Augmentation labor)</b>   |                        | 2005 - 2012               |
| <b>External Legal support</b>   |                        | 2007 - 2011               |
| <b>Travel and Lodging</b>   |                        | 2006 - 2012               |
| <b>Office Supplies, and other Misc Support Costs</b>  |                        | 2006 - 2012               |
| <b>Total Estimated Funding</b>  |                        |                           |

Redacted

| Source                 | 2005     | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010+ | Total |
|------------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Direct Costs<br>(\$ M) | Redacted |      |      |      |      |       |       |

**The following items/activities are specifically not included in this BAP:**

- Purchase of long-lead delivery equipment
- Permanent power producing plant equipment
- Installation of transmission system direct connections and/or upgrades
- NuStart Energy Development, LLC related member company fees and expenses
- Non-capital expenses are not included (examples – standard attire, relocation, general training, etc.

Labor costs associated with level-of-effort support are not included in this BAP. This includes functions such as Communications, Regulatory Affairs support, Accounting, etc. Expenses associated with these support activities will be monitored over the next two reporting periods for consideration of future inclusion in this BAP.

**1.4 Project Capital Allocation: Metric Summary Table**

The table below summarizes the results of the economic analysis. For each scenario of alternate baseload resources (e.g. one Coal Unit) the numbers shown in the table represent the cumulative present value of revenue requirements (CPVRR) versus the all gas resource plan. Savings versus the all gas plan are positive numbers and costs versus the all gas plan are negative numbers.

| Scenario                                      | CPVRR Savings (Cost) versus All Gas Base Case - \$millions | Break-Even Year vs All Gas Base Case |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| PEC Scenario 1: One Coal Unit                 | \$2.63   | 2034                                 |
| PEC Scenario 2: Two Coal Units                | (\$28.97)  | n/a                                  |
| <b>PEC Scenario 3: One Nuclear Unit</b>       | <b>\$316.94</b>  | <b>2025</b>                          |
| PEC Scenario 4: One IGCC Unit (Coal)          | (\$49.54)  | n/a                                  |
| PEC Scenario 5: One IGCC Unit (Petcoke)       | \$100.53   | 2025                                 |
| PEF Scenario 1: One Coal Unit                 | \$157.58   | 2018                                 |
| PEF Scenario 2: Two Coal Units                | \$275.61   | 2019                                 |
| <b>PEF Scenario 3: One Nuclear Unit</b>       | <b>\$515.55</b>  | <b>2020</b>                          |
| PEF Scenario 4: One Coal and One Nuclear Unit | \$610.83   | 2020                                 |
| PEF Scenario 5: One IGCC Unit (Coal)          | \$59.95  | 2027                                 |
| PEF Scenario 6: One IGCC Unit (Pet Coke)      | \$476.99   | 2015                                 |

## 1.5 Cashflow Graph

The two charts provided below show the cumulative present value of revenue requirement savings (cost) versus the all gas base case for the various baseload resource plan scenarios in both PEC and PEF. These results are based on the analysis performed in June 2005 using the April 2005 GFF data. The current gas price forecast (March '06) to be used for long-term analyses shows substantially higher prices than the forecast used in the analyses presented in this document. An updated analysis of the nuclear option using the current forecast would be expected to show improved economics versus the all gas plan, all other factors remaining the same.

A more detailed description of the economic analysis approach and results can be found in the Economic Analysis Detail section of this document.

**Figure 1 - Cumulative Present Value of Revenue Requirement Savings (Cost) vs All Gas Resource Plan, PEC**

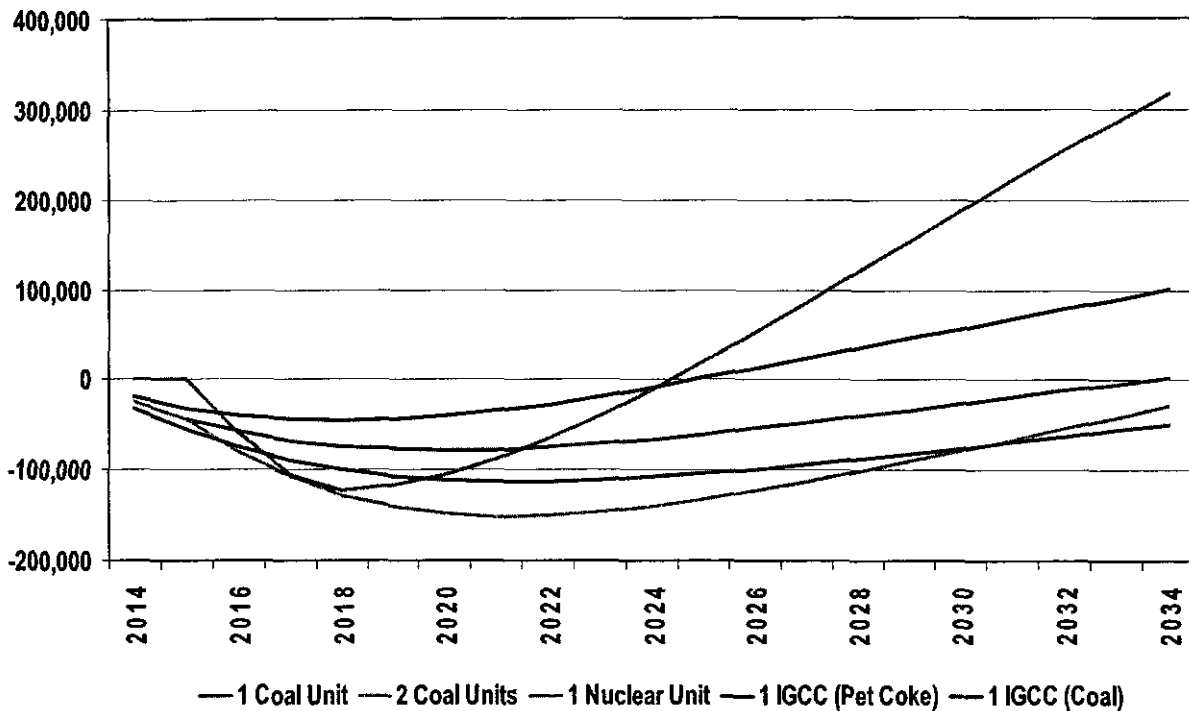
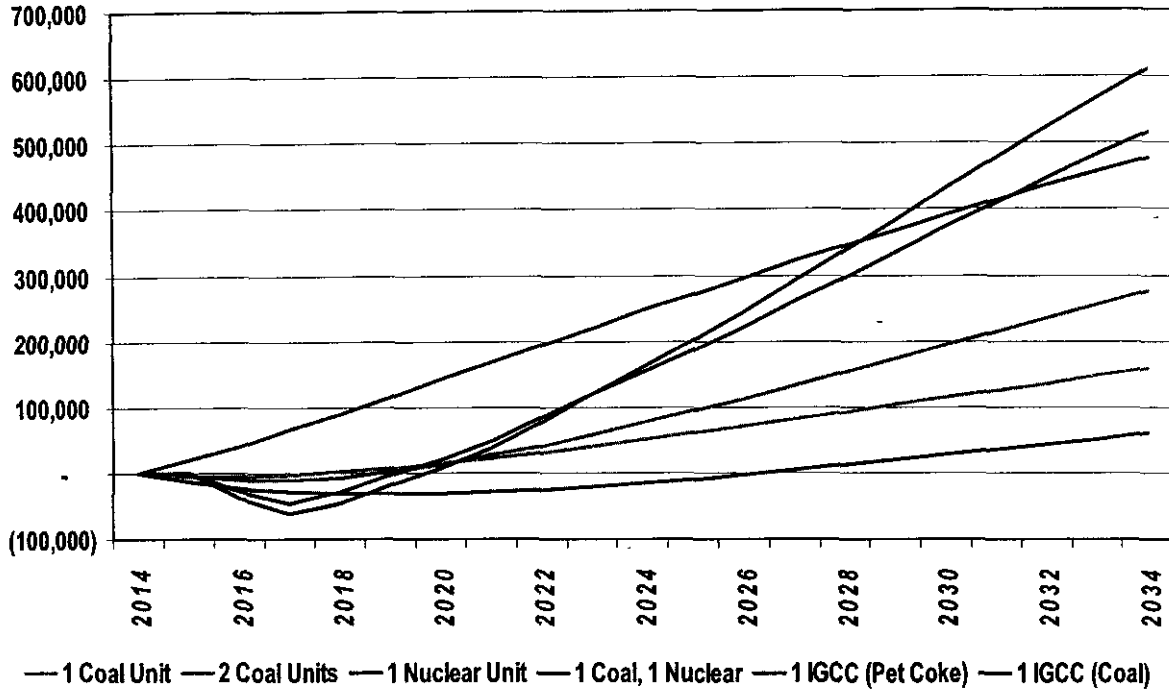


Figure 2 - Cumulative Present Value of Revenue Requirement Savings (Cost) Versus All Gas Resource Plan, PEF



## Section 2 - Strategic Fit

**Based upon current capacity and energy forecasts and costs, Progress Energy believes that additional baseload capacity will be needed in both the Carolinas and Florida in the 2015 - 2016 timeframe. The final decision on generation type will not be made until a later date. However, unless investment is made in the nuclear option beginning in early 2006, this choice of baseload generation will not be available for future consideration. The timeline for nuclear deployment is ~ 10 years, while other technologies, such as pulverized coal is less (~ 7 years). This requires an earlier investment in nuclear. The company has communicated internally that "preparation for new baseload generation" is one of the top five priorities in 2006.**

Based on current assumptions such as load growth, the regulatory environment for nuclear, and the cost of various generation fuel types, it is Progress Energy's intent to construct a new nuclear plant. Having said that, COL development does not commit Progress Energy to building new nuclear plants should any of the current assumptions change or continuing to pursue construction should such construction no longer be cost effective or in the best interest of Progress and its customers. This project does preserve the option for a deployment of nuclear baseload..

## Section 3 - Key Risk Analysis **CONFIDENTIAL**

### 3.1 Market Risk

**Price risk:**

The ultimate decision to construct a new nuclear plant will be heavily dependent on the final cost to build the plant, the costs of key commodity prices (gas and coal), costs for environmental compliance, and the availability of production tax credits. See discussion of sensitivity analysis in economic analysis section for information on how these key price risks affect the economics of nuclear versus other base load alternatives.

**Interest Rate Risk:**

Interest rate risk may be a critical element to the construction program and will be analyzed as a part of the business case requesting the funding of construction.

**Hedges:**

Before embarking on the construction program, it will be critical to determine if hedging of any key commodities that drive the cost of the project would be prudent. This could be accomplished through the contract with the vendor or could be done independently if the exposure was significant.

### 3.2 Credit Risk (Summarization of credit review)

**Non-Performance:**

The majority of the requested funds are for NRC review fees, land purchases, and the engineering/licensing services contract with the joint of venture team of Sargent & Lundy, Worley Parson, and CH2M Hill. This contract has provisions for termination and suspension for non-performance.

**Default:**

In the case of non-performance termination or default, Progress Energy would contract with another capable engineering/licensing firm to assume this work. Several firms are active in the industry, and based on standardization of the COLA documents, transition to a new vendor would be practical.

### 3.3 Business Risk

**Economy:**

The ultimate decision to build any new baseload generation will be driven by the load growth in our service territories. An economic downturn in either jurisdiction may result in a deferral of the need to build new baseload generation. System Planning will continue to monitor our resource plan needs based on the latest estimates of load growth and usage patterns throughout the COL process. Securing the COL's will provide Progress Energy the flexibility to pursue the option to build a nuclear plant if and when it is appropriate based on changes to

current assumptions. Once approved, the COL is good for a period of 20 years to build the new nuclear plant.

**Weather:**

Not applicable

**Environment:**

Additional environmental regulations are most likely to impact fossil based generation in an unfavorable way, and therefore improve the relative economics of nuclear versus gas or coal. See the discussion of the carbon tax sensitivity in the Economic Analysis Details Section 6.

**Other:**

In addition to the business risks listed above, the following risks also apply and must be managed as part of this project:

- Potential for significant regulatory changes prior to COL application submittal (such as the pending changes in 10 CFR Part 52)
- Intervention and the resulting contested hearings (in addition to the mandatory hearings)
- Lack of local/state support for re-zoning, permits, licenses, right-of-ways, etc., necessary for the selected site
- Dependency on NuStart developed standardized COL sections (as required by the NRC for a reference plant submittal)

### **3.4 Operational**

**Reliability:**

The modeled results assume that the units perform at expected availability factors.

### **3.5 Regulatory Risk**

*Described in the Regulatory Impact Analysis Section 6.7.*

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## Section 4 - Key Assumptions

|                                   |   |          |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------|
| WACC                              | PEC – 8.2%<br>PEF – 8.1%  | Treasury |
| Tax Rates                         | PEC – 40.27%<br>PEF – 38.58%  | Treasury |
| Costs / kW for nuclear, coal, gas | See table for assumptions related to costs for baseload units, all other costs per April 2005 GFF | SPOD     |
| Operating costs assumed           | April 2005 GFF  | SPOD     |
| Fuel costs                        | April 2005 GFF  | SPOD     |
| Analysis Horizon                  | 20 Years  | SPOD     |

The current gas price forecast (March '06) to be used for long-term analyses shows substantially higher prices than the forecast used in the analyses presented in this document. An updated analysis of the nuclear option using the current forecast would be expected to show improved economics versus the all gas plan, all other factors remaining the same.



## Section 5 - Project Alternatives Analysis

### 5.1 Alternatives considered and basis of selection

*Refer to the Economic Analysis Detail Section 6.*

### 5.2 Consequences of Non- Authorization and Deferral

If this project is not authorized, the nuclear generation option will not be available for deployment in the 2015 – 2016 timeframe. Instead, the company would be limited to only coal (pulverized or IGCC) and/or natural gas as the only options for large scale generation. Based on the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) changes in SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> limits in the 2015 timeframe, the company's options would be limited. Further, potential future regulatory driven CO<sub>2</sub> "taxes" to reduce green house gas emissions (GHG) could also limit future baseload decision options without nuclear being available as an option.

In addition, under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT), incentives for new nuclear plants such as Loan Guarantees, Standby Support (a type of risk insurance), and Production Tax Credits would become unavailable if new Progress Energy nuclear generation is not in the 1<sup>st</sup> wave of new nuclear plants across the industry. There are currently 8 utilities with active new nuclear plant programs that would instead reap the benefits of the EPACT. Thus a decision to not authorize this project disadvantage nuclear generation as a resource option and impair Progress Energy's potential for certain incentives under the EPACT.

## Section 6 - Economic Analysis Detail

### 6.1 Detailed Discussion of Results

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The economic analysis that supports this recommendation was performed by the System Planning and Operations Department. This analysis was prepared in support of the August 2005 Senior Management Retreat and further refined for the September 2005 PGN Board Meeting. The approach to the analysis is summarized below:

- Starting with a Base Case resource plan of all natural gas fired generation, alternate resource plans with different combinations of Gas, Coal, Nuclear and IGCC plants were developed to form Scenarios (See Appendix A – Alternative Resource Plans for PEC and PEF).
- For the Base Case and for each Scenario, the future annual revenue requirements of the resource plan were modeled. This included both production costs (i.e. fuel) and fixed costs (i.e. return on rate base and fixed O&M).
- The nominal difference between the annual revenue requirements in the Base Case and each Scenario was calculated as well as a present value of the revenue requirement savings (costs) for each Scenario. These results were summarized into cumulative present value of revenue requirement savings (CPVRR) versus the gas only case (See Figures 1 and 2).
- The CPVRR approach allows for an analysis of how the impact of higher capital costs for Coal, IGCC and Nuclear (versus Gas) initially result in higher revenue requirements versus the gas plan, and how the impact of fuel savings begins to offset the higher upfront costs (the slope of the CPVRR becomes positive and the CPVRR moves toward zero). Once the CPVRR curve for a Scenario crosses zero, this indicates that the Scenario is economically favorable to the Base Case.
- The final value of the CPVRR curve shows the total present value of the revenue requirement savings (if positive) or cost (if negative) of each Scenario versus the Base Case all gas plan. In addition to demonstrating whether a Scenario is favorable to the Base Case, this also allows for a comparison among Scenarios. For example, Figure 1 shows that the CPVRR of the 1 Nuclear Unit Scenario in PEC is favorable to the Base Case (gas only) by \$317 million. It also shows that the CPVRR of the 1 Nuclear Unit Scenario is favorable to the 2 Coal Unit scenario by \$346 million.
- The analysis was performed over a 20 year planning horizon. *(Note that the study period extended through 2034. The study reflected load growth for the first 20 years and held constant the last 10 years. Fuel prices escalated the entire study period.)* While the model is capable of evaluating end effects or performing the evaluation discretely for additional periods, the 20 year time horizon was chosen due to the fact that 20 years provided sufficient time to observe the full impact of the additional capital spending for the alternate Scenarios and to assess the relative fuel advantages of each. The end effects that were

modeled in strategit indicated that the relative advantage of the nuclear scenarios would increase going forward. (End effects are a trending of costs and benefits beyond the end of the detailed system simulation, and are representative of how the economics of a given alternative might change through time. Because end effects are trended results, they should not provide the sole basis for decision making.)

- The CPVRR analysis assumed that the recovery of the investment for each of the various baseload resources would begin once the unit is placed in service.

Key assumptions

- Assumptions concerning the capital and operating costs for new baseload units - Used in Economic Analysis (in 2005\$) -

|   | PEC   | PEF   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Combined Cycle</b>                   |   |   |
| Rating, MW                              | REDACTED  | 488   |
| Total Overnight Cost \$/kW              | REDACTED  | 653   |
| Heat Rate, btu/kwhr                     | REDACTED  | 6,835   |
| Fixed O&M \$/kW-yr*                     | REDACTED  | 38.85   |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWhr                   | REDACTED  | 3.29  |
| Construction Time, years                | REDACTED  | 3   |
| <b>Pulverized Coal</b>                  |   | <i>Burns &amp; McDonnell Data<br/>Sub-critical coal</i> |
| Rating, MW                              | REDACTED  | 500   |
| Total Overnight Cost \$/kW              | REDACTED  | 1,573   |
| Heat Rate, btu/kwhr                     | REDACTED  | 9,100   |
| Fixed O&M \$/kW-yr                      | REDACTED  | 18.18   |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWhr                   | REDACTED  | 3.33  |
| Construction Time, years                | REDACTED  | 5   |
| <b>Coal Gasification Combined Cycle</b> | <i>Coñoco Phillips Data was used for<br/>IGCC (same data for PEC &amp; PEF)</i> |   |
| Rating, MW                              | REDACTED  | 502   |
| Total Overnight Cost \$/kW              | REDACTED  | 1,435   |
| Heat Rate, btu/kwhr                     | REDACTED  | 8,822   |
| Fixed O&M \$/kW-yr                      | REDACTED  | 60.57   |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWhr                   | REDACTED  | 1.98  |
| Construction Time, years                | REDACTED  | 3   |
| <b>Nuclear</b>                          |   |   |
| Rating, MW                              | REDACTED  | 1100  |
| Total Overnight Cost \$/kW              | REDACTED  | 1,573   |
| Heat Rate, btu/kwhr                     | REDACTED  | 10,300  |
| Fixed O&M \$/kW-yr                      | REDACTED  | 77.63   |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWhr                   | REDACTED  | 1.56  |
| Construction Time, years                | REDACTED  | 11  |

\*Includes pipeline reservation fee

- Progress Energy is evaluating three potential designs for a new nuclear reactor. The intent is to select only one of the three competing designs for both of the proposed plants. The selection of the design will be based on site considerations/ constraints, transmission availability, costs, technical issues, and the system needs. The economic analysis presented in this Business Analysis Package was based on an 1100 MWe net nuclear, which is most closely linked to the Westinghouse AP1000 design. However, the intent of the economic analysis was not to evaluate which reactor technology to choose for a nuclear plant deployment, but rather to compare the relative economics of various baseload generation options. The other reactor technologies are comparable to the AP1000 in terms of cost (when all system impact considerations are included).

Other Key Assumptions:

- Assumptions related to Prosym/ Strategist modeling – Emissions costs (SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, ammonia, limestone) were included in dispatch decisions. PEF analysis included Bartow repowering. System dispatch was modified to meet expected SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> limits.
- Assumptions for transmission upgrades and costs – Transmission upgrade costs were included as a sensitivity in the nuclear analysis. An additional cost of approximately \$600 million was assumed for nuclear siting in PEF. No additional cost was used in PEC.
- Assumptions related to Clean Air – Analysis was based on the environmental compliance strategy current at the time of the study. For PEC, this included retirement of small 5 (Weatherspoon 1-3, Lee 1-2) at the end of 2012.
- \$645 M was included in the analysis for decommissioning costs. This cost was based on a decommissioning study conducted for CR3. The cost was converted to an annual fixed cost for inclusion in the analysis.
- Assumptions for key fuel prices:

| Commodity            | 2015-2020  | 2020-2025  | 2025-2030            | 2030-2035            |
|----------------------|--|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Natural Gas (\$/MCF) | \$7.60-<br>\$8.40(PEC)<br>\$7.20-<br>\$8.00(PEF)     | \$8.57-<br>\$9.31(PEC)<br>\$7.35-<br>\$8.00(PEF)     | Escalated @<br>~2%   | Escalated @<br>~2%   |
| Coal (\$/ton)        | \$42.66-<br>\$48.62(PEC)<br>\$63.62-<br>\$71.92(PEF) | \$50.41-<br>\$56.44(PEC)<br>\$73.75-<br>\$83.40(PEF) | Escalated @<br>~2.5% | Escalated @<br>~2.5% |
| Nuclear (\$/MMBTu)   | \$0.40-<br>\$0.44(PEC)                               | \$0.46-<br>\$0.50(PEC)                               | Escalated @<br>~2.5% | Escalated @<br>~2.5% |

| Commodity | 2015-2020              | 2020-2025              | 2025-2030 | 2030-2035 |
|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|           | \$0.43-<br>\$0.47(PEF) | \$0.49-<br>\$0.52(PEF) |           |           |

Note - Gas prices do not include transportation costs. Coal prices are delivered for a generic unit.

▪ Results of NuStart Economic Analysis

In addition to the analyses performed internally, Progress Energy is an active member of the NuStart consortium. As such, Progress has been involved in the discussions, analyses, and site evaluations surrounding NuStart Energy Development, LLC's efforts to obtain a combined Construction and Operating License (COL) for an advanced nuclear power plant, and eventually to complete the design engineering for the two selected reactor technologies. Progress is participating in NuStart, along with other electric generating companies (Constellation Energy, EDF, Exelon Corp, Entergy Nuclear, Duke Energy, FPL Group, and Southern Company) with assistance from nuclear reactor designers (GE Energy and Westinghouse Electric).

While the focus of NuStart's efforts have been primarily on obtaining the COL's and selecting sites that would meet the environmental, safety, and other NRC requirements for licensing, a market based financial analysis was performed to support the economics of pursuing new nuclear generation. These analyses, performed using inputs and assumptions developed by individuals from each of the eight NuStart members, produced a number of various cost and return based metrics. When compared to cost based metrics of other generation types and market based views of electric revenues, the results were very strongly in support of the nuclear generation alternative.

While there are a number of differences between the revenue requirements based analyses performed internally and the market and cost view economics presented by NuStart, (including differences in methodology, assumptions, sites identified, etc.), it is significant that the eventual results of both studies strongly support the merits of new nuclear generating capacity.

NuStart, in fact, is slightly ahead of Progress's own efforts to pursue and obtain COL's, in that NuStart has completed its site selection process and from a group of more than 35 potential sites selected two upon which to move forward with the COL process. These two sites, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station near Port Gibson, Mississippi and Bellefonte Nuclear Plant near Scottsboro, Alabama will be used on applications for NuStart's combined construction and operating licenses for new nuclear plants.

**6.2 Scenario Analysis (recommended alternative)**

**Expected:**

The base case results shown in the table below are based on the assumptions discussed in earlier sections of this report. The results shown are the total cumulative present value of revenue requirements savings for scenarios with nuclear versus the all gas scenarios. In

In addition, the chart shows the total cumulative present value of revenue requirements savings for the scenarios with nuclear versus the next best resource plan.

**Likely Best:**

Applies a \$20/ton carbon tax

**Likely Worst:**

Assumes construction costs increase by 20% (for the nuclear plant only) and the natural gas prices decrease by 20%.

**6.3 Summary of Financial Indicators**

| Scenario  | Expected Basis<br>Millions | Likely Best Scenario<br>Carbon Tax<br>Millions | Likely Worst - Gas<br>Prices<br>Millions |
|---|----------------------------|--|--|
| PEF   |                            |  |  |
| CPVRR of 1 Nuclear Plant versus All Gas                           | \$516                      | \$814  | (\$172)                                  |
| CPVRR of 1 Nuclear Plant versus 1 IGCC (petcoke)                  | \$39                       | \$472  | (\$449)                                  |
| CPVRR of 1 Nuclear Plant and 1 Coal Plant Versus All Gas          | \$611                      | \$738  | (\$261)                                  |
| CPVRR of 1 Nuclear Plant and 1 Coal Plant versus 1 IGCC (petcoke) | \$133                      | \$397  | (\$538)                                  |

**6.4 Modeling Tool Used/ Description of Changes/ Approval**

Strategist to evaluate the CPVRR for the Scenarios  
 Prosym for detailed production costs modeling  
 System Planning Excel based model for sensitivities on the CPVRR calculations

**6.5 Sensitivity Analysis Detail (sample below)**

**CO2 Tax Sensitivity**

A sensitivity analysis was performed to assess the impacts of a carbon tax on the economics of the scenario with 1 nuclear plant. The results of this sensitivity can be found in Appendix B. As shown in the charts, every \$10/ ton in CO2 tax improves the relative economics of the 1

Nuclear Plant plan versus the all gas plan by \$214 million in PEC and by \$149 million in PEF. In addition, a CO2 tax would hurt the economics of the Coal based resource plans, which would widen the gap between Coal and Nuclear even further. For example, a \$10/ton CO2 tax would cause the gap between the CPVRR savings of the PEC 1 nuclear plant scenario versus the PEC 1 coal plant scenario to increase from \$314 million to \$593 million.

#### **Construction Cost Sensitivity**

A sensitivity analysis was performed to assess the impacts of increased construction costs on the economics of the scenario with 1 nuclear plant. The results of this sensitivity can be found in Appendix B. As shown in the charts, a 20% increase in construction costs degrades the relative economics of the 1 Nuclear Plant plan versus the all gas plan by about \$300 million in both PEC and in PEF.

#### **Gas Price Sensitivity**

A sensitivity analysis was performed to assess the impacts of changes in the gas price forecast on the economics of the scenario with 1 nuclear plant. The gas price sensitivity is based on a change in the price forecast for gas only and does not factor in any change in the dispatch of the system based on the change in gas prices. The results of this sensitivity can be in Appendix B. As shown in the charts, a 20% decrease in the gas prices forecast degrades the relative economics of the 1 Nuclear Plant plan versus the all gas plan by about \$264 million in PEC and by \$404 million in PEF. As shown in the charts, the coal and IGCC relative economics would suffer similar declines in value relative the all gas plan for the same change in gas prices.

#### **Production Tax Credit Sensitivity**

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 included provisions for production tax credits for the first 6000 MW of new nuclear power plants to be built. These credits would be valued at \$1.8 cents per Kwhr of output for the first eight years of operation and would be capped at \$125 million annually. The sensitivity shown in Appendix B assumes that these plants receive the full value of these credits. This sensitivity was performed for the PEC case only; however the relative increase in value would be identical for the PEF case.

## **6.6 Operational Analysis Detail**

*Refer to Section 1.1.1 of this document.*

## **6.7 Regulatory Impact Analysis**

Progress Energy has an obligation to ensure that adequate electrical baseload capacity is installed in a timely manner to meet the customer electrical demand with necessary reserve margins. Based upon current information and forecast and detailed system planning it appears that baseload capacity is needed in the 2015 – 2016 timeframe in both the Carolinas and Florida service territories.

The various generation technologies have different total deployment times with nuclear being the longest at ~ 10 years, followed by pulverized coal at ~ 7 years. Natural gas (such as CTs) has an even shorter deployment period. In order to best serve Progress Energy customers, all generation technologies available to the market should be considered in baseload additions. As noted in earlier sections of this document CAIR impacts, and potential CO<sub>2</sub> taxes complicate the decision for extensive fossil deployment.

At this time, nuclear appears to be competitive with other available generation technologies. Various analytical models and industry information presented in this document support this conclusion. This is particularly supported by advances in the reactor technology design that simplify the plant (i.e., reduce the number of components) and by use of a modular construction approach to add additional certainty to the construction process.

In order to best serve our customers, Progress Energy needs to invest the capital funds to start the nuclear licensing process which will allow a nuclear deployment if subsequent analysis demonstrates nuclear as the best choice. As the nuclear generation deployment process continues, there exists several decision points where nuclear must be re-evaluated and determined to be the best overall option for baseload generation addition. The future decision points include:

- **NRC COLA Submittal** - Once the COL applications (COLA) are completed for each service territory (PEC and PEF), a decision to proceed with the submittal of the COLA to the NRC should be made by Senior Management. This period is referred to as Phase II of the COL process under Section 1.1.1. and represents the 2<sup>nd</sup> major spending period for the COL effort. *This is a decision point where the nuclear option should be re-evaluated and determined to be the best baseload generation choice going forward.*
- **Long Lead Equipment Ordering** – In advance of on-site construction of a new nuclear plant, several large components must be ordered to ensure their timely arrival to support the overall construction schedule. Based on limitations of industrial forging capacity in the world, particularly with ultra-large metal forgings (600 tons), these long lead orders will likely be placed several years prior to start of on-site construction (currently expected to be in 2008). *This is a decision point where the nuclear option should be re-evaluated and determined to be the best baseload generation choice going forward.*
- **Start of On-site Construction, including Module Fabrication** – Prior to receiving the approved COL by the NRC, it is expected that on-site module construction, site earthwork grading, and excavation will start. These are considered non-safety related activities, but represent a further capital financial investment. *This is a decision point where the nuclear option should be re-evaluated and determined to be the best baseload generation choice going forward.*
- **Start of Safety-Related Construction** – Upon receipt of the COL, safety-related construction can commence. This represents the nuclear deployment period where the largest financial commitments will be made by the company for new baseload



generation. *This is a decision point where the nuclear option should be re-evaluated and determined to be the best baseload generation choice going forward.*

This Business Analysis Package (BAP) includes only the financial expenditures up through receipt of the approved COLs. But the informed decision making for continuing the nuclear deployment has several major milestones ahead as demonstrated above. This allows proceeding with an integral on-going re-evaluation and re-determination that a nuclear baseload generation addition is the best decision for our stakeholders.

Each of these future decision points will have to consider several factors, including the nuclear regulatory environment, anticipated fuel costs, refined installed capital cost of the various generation types, CAIR limitations, CO<sub>2</sub> taxes, load growth in the service territories, etc.

## **6.8 Market Analysis**

### **Customer Analysis**

NA

### **Competitor Analysis**

NA

## **6.9 Non-Financial Considerations / Intangibles / Un-quantified Financial Considerations, Others**

There are other relevant considerations in supporting this Business Analysis Package (BAP). Progress Energy needs to maintain a diverse generation portfolio as to not be too dependent on a particular generation fuel type. If diversity is not maintained, customer rates are subject to volatile changes as a particular fuel cost change dramatically with market conditions.

The Clear Air interstate Rules (CAIR) promulgated in 2005 yields considerable limitations on extensive fossil baseload generation deployment. This is further complicated by potential carbon "taxes" being assessed on fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For these reasons, a nuclear option which is not affected by CAIR and/or carbon taxes should remain a viable option.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 provides specific financial incentives for deployment of advanced new nuclear plants that include loan guarantees, standby support (a type of risk insurance) and production tax credits. These incentives are expected to be only available for the 1<sup>st</sup> wave of new nuclear plants constructed in the US. While the financial values of these incentives are not the principle basis for choosing nuclear generation, they are nonetheless relevant in the final decision of new baseload generation deployment, and contribute favorably to a nuclear decision.

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## 6.10 Integration and Project Performance Assessment Plan

### 6.10.1 Organizational Requirements/ Integration Issues

This section details the role of the New Nuclear Deployment Organization which includes personnel dedicated to the COL development effort, and additional organizations that will provide institutional support for this project effort.

| <b>Nuclear Generation Group:</b>   |   |
|--|---|
| <b>New Nuclear Deployment Organization (new)</b>                             | Primary responsible organization for siting and COL development / licensing activities    |
| <b>Nuclear Engineering &amp; Services Department (NESD)</b>                  | Engineering support for Fire Protection, PRA, Nuclear Fuels, and Procurement              |
| <b>Performance Evaluation Section and Regulatory Affairs Section (PERAS)</b> | NRC Regulatory affairs and QA support   |
| <b>Nuclear Security</b>  | Nuclear specific security concerns, security plans, and design basis threat (DBT) support |
| <b>HNP, RNP, BNP , and CR3 Departments</b>                                   | Support specialized areas technical reviews   |
| <b>Energy Delivery</b>   | Community relations and public education support  |
| <b>Transmission</b>  | Transmission planning   |
| <b>Operations Business Services</b>  | Cost management support   |
| <b>Service Company:</b>  |   |
| <b>Accounting</b>  | Accounting support  |
| <b>Tax</b>   | EPACT production tax credit regulatory support and financial analysis                     |
| <b>Treasury &amp; Risk Management</b>  | Financial analysis support  |
| <b>Corporate Services</b>  | Contracting, purchasing, including land acquisitions                                      |
| <b>Environmental Services</b>  | Siting and Environmental Report development support                                       |
| <b>Legal</b>   | Contract reviews and regulation consultation  |
| <b>State Public Affairs &amp; Economic Development</b>                       | Regulatory support and community support  |
| <b>Human Resources</b>   | Recruiting support for new organization   |
| <b>IT</b>  | IT services for new organization  |
| <b>Communications</b>  | Communication support with employees, community and media.                                |
|  |   |

### **6.10.2 Project Objectives/ Goals/ Expected Benefits**

The primary objective and goal of this BAP is to deliver NRC approved COLs for both a Carolinas new nuclear plant and a Florida new nuclear plant. With these COLs, Progress Energy will be in a firm position to make a final decision on the type of new baseload generation to be added to meet the growing baseload needs.

### **6.10.3 Benefits Assessment Methodology, Schedule and Responsibility for Assessment**

Methodology: The success of this project is based on the successful approval by the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of a Combined Operating License (COL) for both a Carolinas and Florida site.

Schedule: Success of this project will be demonstrated by successful acceptance of the COL applications by the NRC per the schedule in Section 1.1.4, followed by a successful COL issuance by the NRC 30 -42 months later.

Responsibility: The new nuclear plant deployment organization (currently under the Nuclear Engineering & Services Department) funded by the project is responsible for the successful completion of this COL project.

## **6.11 Wrap Up Conclusions and Recommendations**

*As repeated from Section 1.2:*

It is recommended to Senior Management, that this Business Analysis Package be approved for the authorization of multi-year capital funding to perform the siting and COL development activities for new nuclear generating units in the Carolinas and Florida as described in the prior section.

If this COL development does not commence in early 2006, it will preclude the ability to consider nuclear baseload generation as a fuel type in the 2015/2016 deployment timeframe when the company is currently expected to require additional baseload generation in both the Carolinas and Florida. This BAP represents the necessary capital investment to ensure that the nuclear option is available for senior management consideration as this baseload generation decision is finalized later in this decade.

**Appendix A: Assumptions and Supporting Data**

**PEC Resource Plan Scenarios**

|      | Scenario:<br>April 2005 GFF<br>032805 | Scenario: 1 Coal Unit<br>April 2005 GFF<br>032805 | Scenario: 2 Coal Units<br>April 2005 GFF<br>032805 | Scenario: 1 Nuclear Unit<br>April 2005 GFF<br>032805 | Scenario: 1 IGCC Unit<br>April 2005 GFF<br>032805 |
|------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| 2004 |                                       |   |  |  |   |
| 2005 |                                       |   |  |  |   |
| 2006 |                                       |   |  |  |   |
| 2007 |                                       |   |  |  |   |
| 2008 | CT<br>2 CTs                           | CT<br>2 CTs                                       | CT<br>2 CTs  | CT<br>2 CTs  | CT<br>2 CTs                                       |
| 2009 | OC 1X1 West (Dec '09)                 | OC 1X1 West (Dec '09)                             | OC 1X1 West (Dec '09)                              | OC 1X1 West (Dec '09)                                | OC 1X1 West (Dec '09)                             |
| 2010 | CT<br>OC                              | CT<br>OC  | CT<br>OC   | CT<br>OC   | CT<br>OC  |
| 2011 | CT West (Dec '11)                     | CT West (Dec '11)                                 | CT West (Dec '11)                                  | CT West (Dec '11)                                    | CT West (Dec '11)                                 |
| 2012 | OC                                    | OC  | OC   | OC   | OC  |
| 2013 |                                       |   |  |  |   |
| 2014 | OC                                    | Pur Coal  | Pur Coal   | OC   | IGCC  |
| 2015 |                                       |   |  |  |   |
| 2016 | OC                                    | OC  | Pur Coal   | Nuclear  | OC  |
| 2017 |                                       |   |  |  |   |
| 2018 | 2 CTs<br>OC 1X1 West (Dec '18)        | 2 CTs<br>OC 1X1 West (Dec '18)                    | 2 CTs<br>OC 1X1 West (Dec '18)                     | 2 CTs<br>OC 1X1 West (Dec '18)                       | 2 CTs<br>OC 1X1 West (Dec '18)                    |
| 2019 | 2 CTs                                 | 2 CTs   | 2 CTs  | 2 CTs  | 2 CTs   |
| 2020 | CT                                    | CT  | CT   | CT   | CT  |
| 2021 | OC                                    | OC  | OC   | OC   | OC  |
| 2022 | CT                                    | CT  | CT   | CT   | CT  |
| 2023 | OC                                    | OC  | OC   | OC   | OC  |
| 2024 | CT                                    | CT  | CT   | CT   | CT  |
| 2025 | CT                                    | CT  | CT   | CT   | CT  |

PEF Resource Plan Scenarios

|      | Scenario:<br>May 2005 Recapture with Bartow   | Scenario: Gas Only<br>May 2005 Recapture with Bartow  | Scenario: 1 Coal Unit<br>May 2005 Recapture with Bartow   | Scenario: 2 Coal Units<br>May 2005 Recapture with Bartow  |
|------|---|---|---|---|
| 2005 | Reedy Creek 30 MW Winter Purchase (Dec '04 - Feb '05)<br>Vandolah-Reliant 158 MW Winter Purchase (Dec '04 - Feb '05)<br>Vandolah 315 MW Summer Purchase (June '05 - Sep '05)<br>Vandolah-Osceola 158 MW Purchase (Oct '05 - Sep '06 w/ likely extension to May '07)<br>CPLime Purchase (Dec '05 - Dec '15)<br>Hines 3 | Reedy Creek 30 MW Winter Purchase (Dec '04 - Feb '05)<br>Vandolah-Reliant 158 MW Winter Purchase (Dec '04 - Feb '05)<br>Vandolah 315 MW Summer Purchase (June '05 - Sep '05)<br>Vandolah-Osceola 158 MW Purchase (Oct '05 - Sep '06 w/ likely extension to May '07)<br>CPLime Purchase (Dec '05 - Dec '15)<br>Hines 3 | Reedy Creek 30 MW Winter Purchase (Dec '04 - Feb '05)<br>Vandolah-Reliant 158 MW Winter Purchase (Dec '04 - Feb '05)<br>Vandolah 315 MW Summer Purchase (June '05 - Sep '05)<br>Vandolah-Osceola 158 MW Purchase (Oct '05 - Sep '06 w/ likely extension to May '07)<br>CPLime Purchase (Dec '05 - Dec '15)<br>Hines 3 | Reedy Creek 30 MW Winter Purchase (Dec '04 - Feb '05)<br>Vandolah-Reliant 158 MW Winter Purchase (Dec '04 - Feb '05)<br>Vandolah 315 MW Summer Purchase (June '05 - Sep '05)<br>Vandolah-Osceola 158 MW Purchase (Oct '05 - Sep '06 w/ likely extension to May '07)<br>CPLime Purchase (Dec '05 - Dec '15)<br>Hines 3 |
| 2006 | Shady Hills PPA (Dec '06 - Apr '14)   | Shady Hills PPA (Dec '06 - Apr '14)   | Shady Hills PPA (Dec '06 - Apr '14)   | Shady Hills PPA (Dec '06 - Apr '14)   |
| 2007 | Hines 4   | Hines 4   | Hines 4   | Hines 4   |
| 2008 |   |   |   |   |
| 2009 | * Bartow CC 1 (May '09)<br>Bartow CC 2<br>SoCo UPS (Jun '10-Dec '15)<br>* Bartow CC 3 (May '10)   | * Bartow CC 1 (May '09)<br>Bartow CC 2<br>SoCo UPS (Jun '10-Dec '15)<br>* Bartow CC 3 (May '10)   | * Bartow CC 1 (May '09)<br>Bartow CC 2<br>SoCo UPS (Jun '10-Dec '15)<br>* Bartow CC 3 (May '10)   | * Bartow CC 1 (May '09)<br>Bartow CC 2<br>SoCo UPS (Jun '10-Dec '15)<br>* Bartow CC 3 (May '10)   |
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| 2012 |   |   |   |   |
| 2013 | * CC (May '13)<br>CC  | * CC (May '13)<br>CC  | * CC (May '13)<br>CC  | * CC (May '13)<br>CC  |
| 2014 | * CC (May '14)  | * CC (May '14)  | * CC (May '14)  | * CC (May '14)  |
| 2015 | * Puv Coal (May 2015)<br>Puv Coal   | * CC (May 2015)<br>CC   | * Puv Coal (May 2015)<br>CC   | * Puv Coal (May 2015)<br>Puv Coal   |
| 2016 | * Puv Coal (May 2016)   | * CC (May 2016)   | * CC (May 2016)   | * CC (May 2016)   |
| 2017 |   |   |   |   |
| 2018 | * Puv Coal (May '18)  | * CC (May '18)  | * CC (May '18)  | * CC (May '18)  |
| 2019 |   |   |   |   |
| 2020 | * Puv Coal (May '20)<br>Puv Coal  | * CC (May '20)<br>CC  | * CC (May '20)<br>CC  | * CC (May '20)<br>CC  |
| 2021 |   |   |   |   |
| 2022 |   |   |   |   |
| 2023 | * CT (May '23)<br>Puv Coal  | * CT (May '23)<br>CC  | * CT (May '23)<br>CC  | * CT (May '23)<br>CC  |

|      | Scenario: 1 Nuclear Unit<br>May 2005 Recapture with Bartow  | Scenario: 1 Coal and 1 Nuclear<br>May 2005 Recapture with Bartow  | Scenario: 1 IGCC Unit<br>May 2005 Recapture with Bartow   |
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| 2014 | * CC (May '14)  | * CC (May '14)  | * CC (May '14)  |
| 2015 | * CC (May 2015)<br>CC   | * CC (May 2015)<br>Puv Coal   | * IGCC (May 2015)<br>CC   |
| 2016 | * Nuclear (May 2016)  | * Nuclear (May 2016)  | * CC (May 2016)   |
| 2017 |   |   |   |
| 2018 |   |   | * CC (May '18)  |
| 2019 |   |   |   |
| 2020 | * CC (May '20)<br>CC  | * CC (May '20)<br>CC  | * CC (May '20)<br>CC  |
| 2021 |   |   |   |
| 2022 |   |   |   |
| 2023 | * CT (May '23)<br>CC  | * CT (May '23)<br>CC  | * CT (May '23)<br>CC  |

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Key Cost Data Used in the Analysis

**Baseload Generation Study - June 2005  
 Technology Assumptions**

|   | EPRI TAG  |         | Burns & McDonnell |         | Conoco<br>Phillips | PE Nuclear |         |
|---|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------|--------------------|------------|---------|
|   | Carolinas | Florida | Carolinas         | Florida |                    | Carolinas  | Florida |
| <b>Combined Cycle</b>                           |           |         |                   |         |                    |            |         |
| Rating, MW                                      | 521       | 512     | 497               | 488     |                    |            |         |
| Total Overnight Cost, \$/kW                     | 423       | 432     | 642               | 653     |                    |            |         |
| Heat Rate, Btu/kWh                              | 7,040     | 7,054   | 6,831             | 6,835   |                    |            |         |
| Fixed O&M (incl. pipeline reser. fee), \$/kW-Yr | 26.05     | 35.99   | 28.87             | 38.85   |                    |            |         |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWh                            | 1.60      | 1.63    | 3.24              | 3.29    |                    |            |         |
| Construction Time, Years                        | 4         | 4       | 3                 | 3       |                    |            |         |
| <b>Pulverized Coal (Sub)</b>                    |           |         |                   |         |                    |            |         |
| Rating, MW                                      | 500       | 500     | 500               | 500     |                    |            |         |
| Total Overnight Cost, \$/kW                     | 1,030     | 1,140   | 1,540             | 1,573   |                    |            |         |
| Heat Rate, Btu/kWh                              | 9,263     | 9,416   | 9,100             | 9,100   |                    |            |         |
| Fixed O&M, \$/kW-Yr                             | 30.30     | 30.30   | 18.18             | 18.18   |                    |            |         |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWh                            | 2.80      | 3.06    | 3.76              | 3.33    |                    |            |         |
| Construction Time, Years                        | 8         | 8       | 5                 | 5       |                    |            |         |
| <b>Coal Gasification Combined Cycle</b>         |           |         |                   |         |                    |            |         |
| Rating, MW                                      | 499       | 496     | 497               | 488     | 502                |            |         |
| Total Overnight Cost, \$/kW                     | 1,223     | 1,273   | 2,033             | 2,113   | 1,435              |            |         |
| Heat Rate, Btu/kWh                              | 8,623     | 8,637   | 8,942             | 8,950   | 8,822              |            |         |
| Fixed O&M, \$/kW-Yr                             | 35.54     | 36.38   | 24.66             | 25.08   | 60.57              |            |         |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWh                            | 1.12      | 1.15    | 5.98              | 5.94    | 1.98               |            |         |
| Construction Time, Years                        | 8         | 8       | 5                 | 5       | 3                  |            |         |
| <b>Nuclear</b>                                  |           |         |                   |         |                    |            |         |
| Rating, MW                                      | 1,100     | 1,100   |                   |         |                    | 1,100      | 1,100   |
| Total Overnight Cost, \$/kW                     | 1,512     | 1,559   |                   |         |                    | 1,540      | 1,573   |
| Heat Rate, Btu/kWh                              | 10,760    | 10,300  |                   |         |                    | 10,760     | 10,300  |
| Fixed O&M, \$/kW-Yr                             | 76.15     | 78.32   |                   |         |                    | 77.63      | 77.63   |
| Variable O&M, \$/MWh                            | 1.56      | 1.56    |                   |         |                    | 1.56       | 1.56    |
| Construction Time, Years                        | 11        | 11      |                   |         |                    | 11         | 11      |

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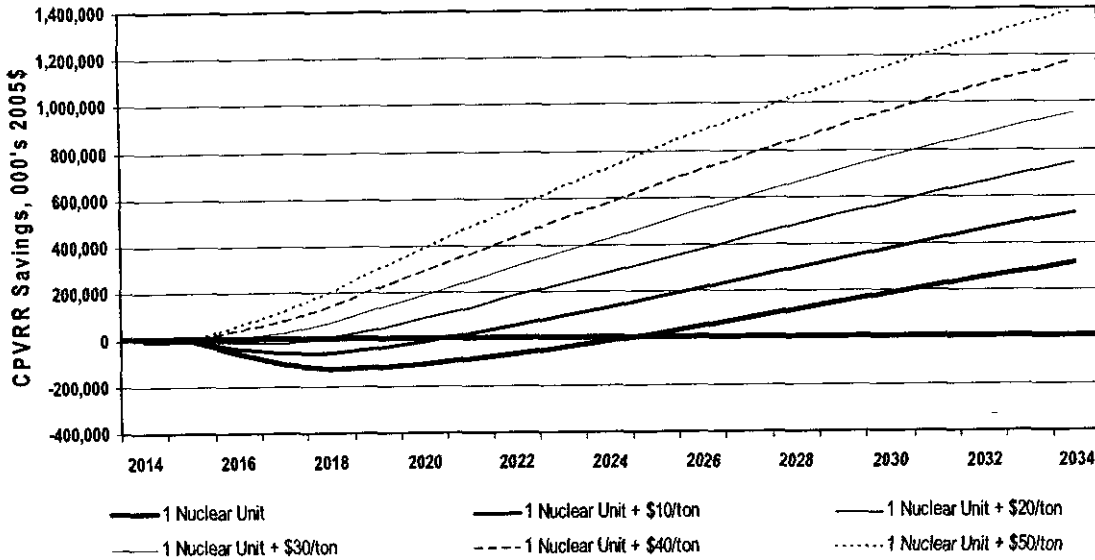
Costs are in 2005\$.

PE Nuclear capital cost based on B&M PC capital cost.

**Appendix B: Sensitivity Tables and Other Results of Analysis**

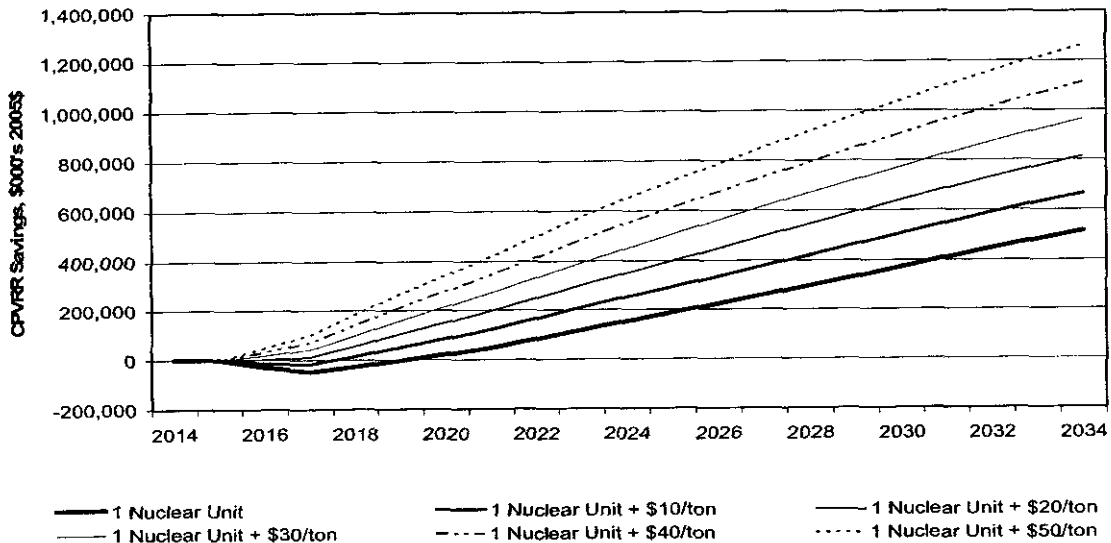
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Sensitivity of Nuclear Savings to CO2 Tax



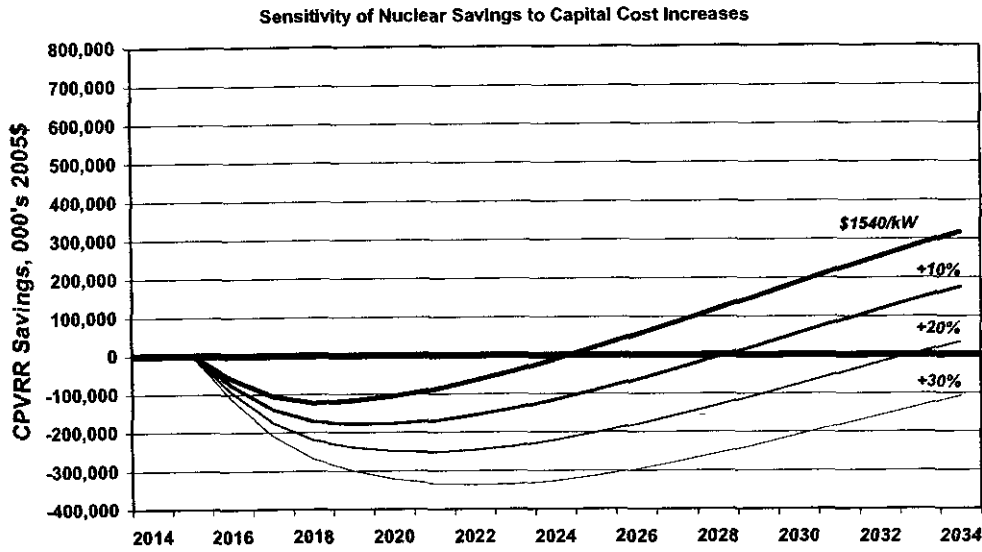
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Sensitivity of Nuclear Savings to Carbon Tax Levels

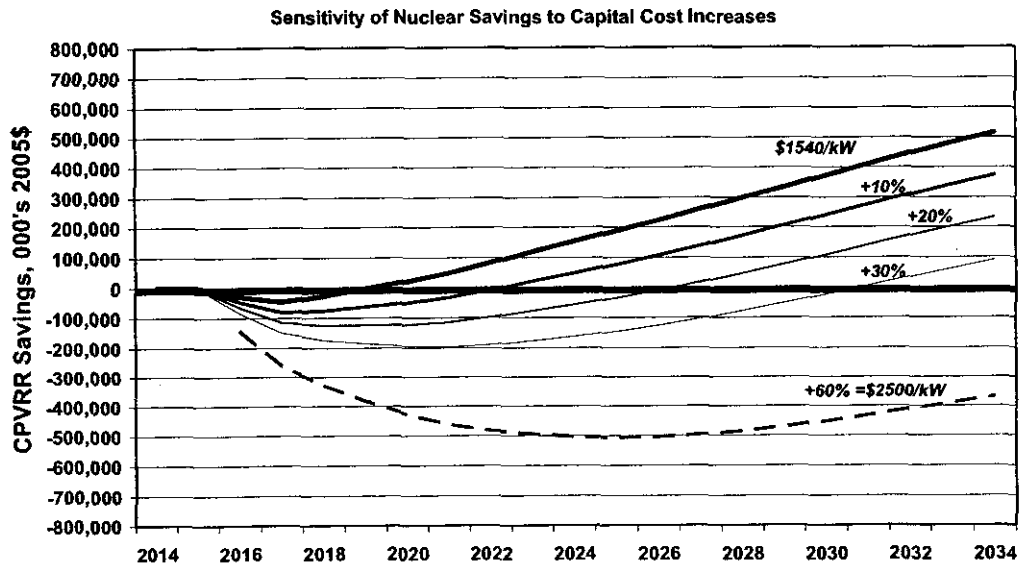


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**Sensitivity of Nuclear Results to Increases in Capital Cost – PEC**



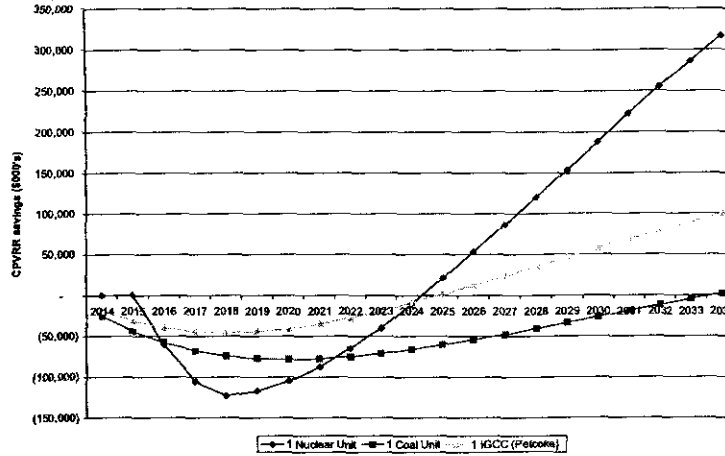
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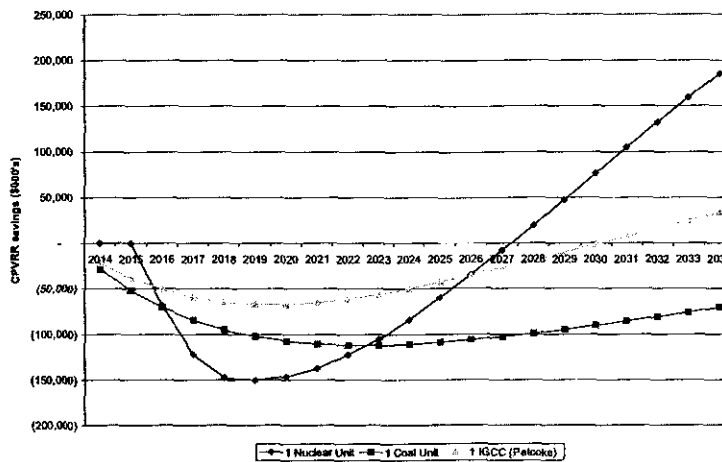
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Expected CPVRR of Savings versus All Gas Scenario



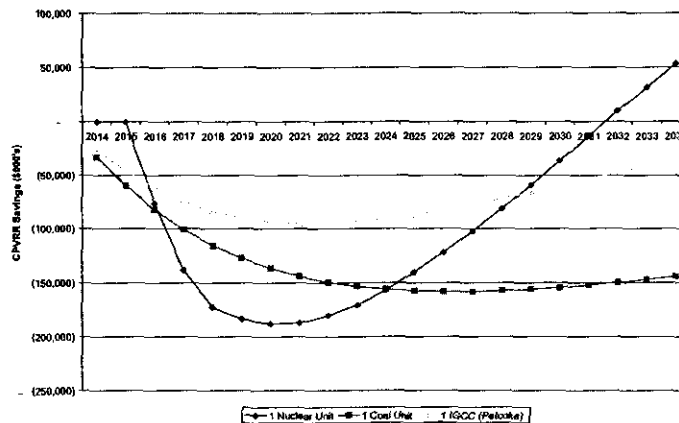
Nuclear advantage over:  
 All Gas Plan = \$317 MM  
 1 Coal Unit = \$315 MM  
 1 IGCC = \$216 MM

Expected CPVRR of Savings versus All Gas Scenario (Gas prices decrease 10%)



When gas prices decrease 10%, nuclear advantage over:  
 All Gas Plan = \$185 MM  
 1 Coal Unit = \$256 MM  
 1 IGCC = \$152 MM

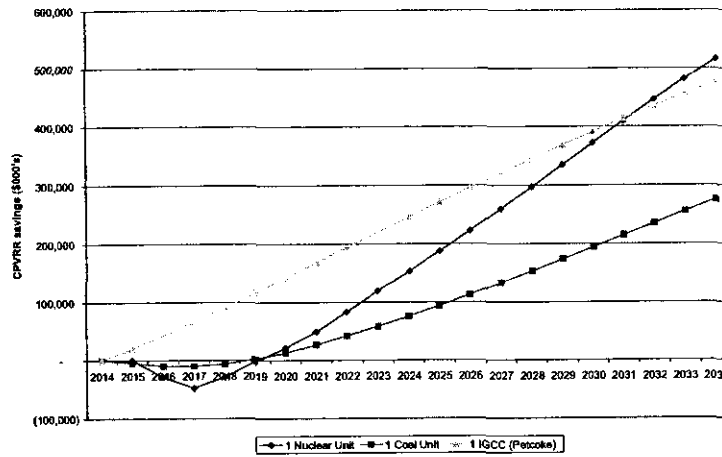
Expected CPVRR of Savings versus All Gas Scenario (Gas prices decrease 20%)



When gas prices decrease 20%, nuclear advantage over:  
 All Gas Plan = \$53 MM  
 1 Coal Unit = \$197 MM  
 1 IGCC = \$87 MM

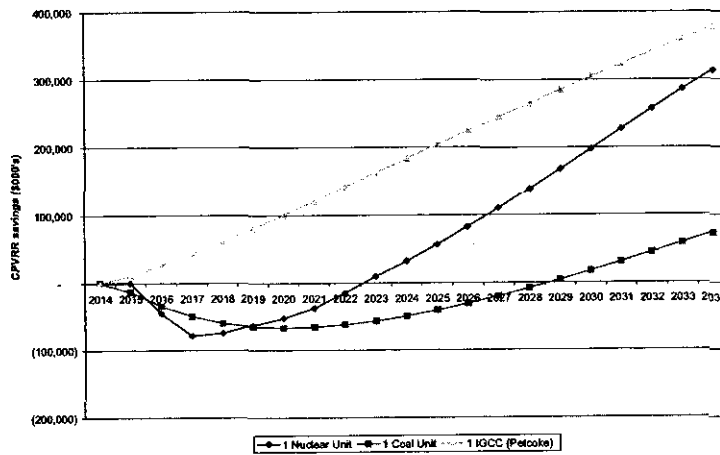
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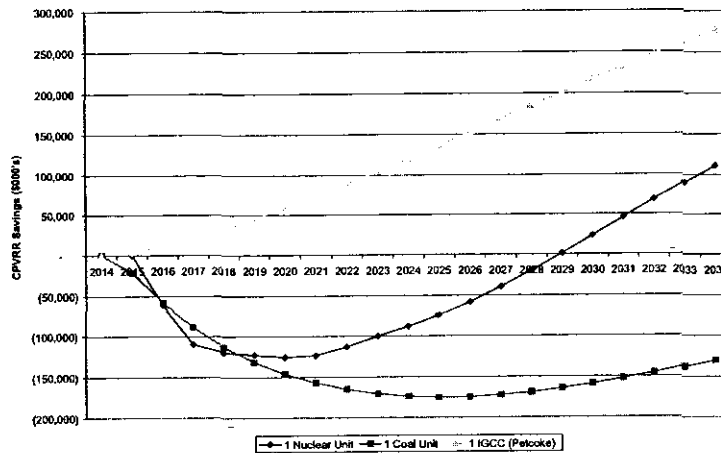
Nuclear advantage over:  
 All Gas Plan = \$516 MM  
 2 Coal Units = \$240 MM  
 1 IGCC = (\$64 MM)

Expected CPVRR of Savings versus All Gas Scenario (Gas prices decrease 10%)



When gas prices decrease  
 10%, nuclear advantage  
 over:  
 All Gas Plan = \$313 MM  
 2 Coal Units = \$241 MM  
 1 IGCC = (\$64 MM)

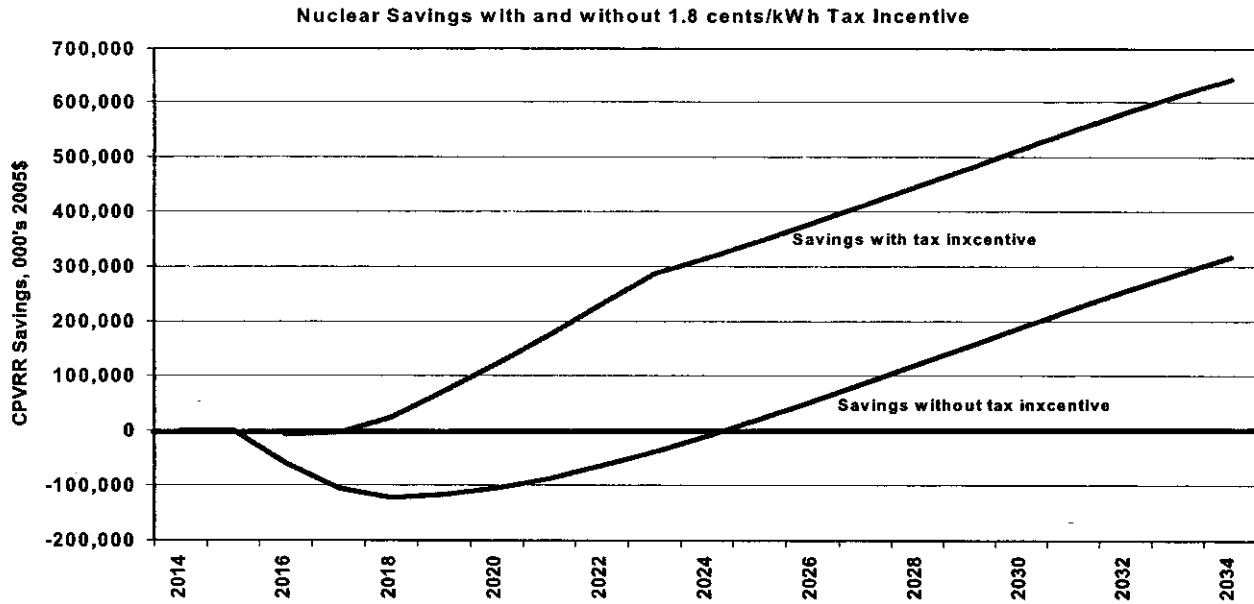
Expected CPVRR of Savings versus All Gas Scenario (Gas prices decrease 20%)



When gas prices decrease  
 20%, nuclear advantage  
 over:  
 All Gas Plan = \$111 MM  
 2 Coal Units = \$242 MM  
 1 IGCC = (\$166 MM)

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**Sensitivity of results to inclusion of the 1.8 cents/kWh tax credit – PEC case shown**



**The proposed tax incentive of 1.8 cents/kWh benefits the nuclear option, potentially even overcoming rate shock.**

## Project Authorization Revision Variance Analysis Form

**Attach completed PAR form to revised PPA form and submit both forms to the Project Review Group**  
 Note: This form should be used to notify management of changes in the schedule of a project and/or for changes in the cost of a project based on the following guidelines:

**Project Title** New Nuclear COL Development

**Project #** 20054426, 20054444, 20054445

**Accounting System Master Project #**

Study

Design

Implementation

**Direct Costs (\$000)**

|                               | Current Authorized Amount | Proposed Authorized Amount | Variance Favorable/(Unfavorable) |   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
|                               |                           |                            | \$                               | % |
| <b>Total Project</b>          |                           |                            |                                  |   |
| <b>Land</b>                   |                           |                            |                                  |   |
| <b>Project Excluding Land</b> |                           | Redacted                   |                                  |   |

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Variance:    Schedule             Cost             Other:

**Reason for Revision**

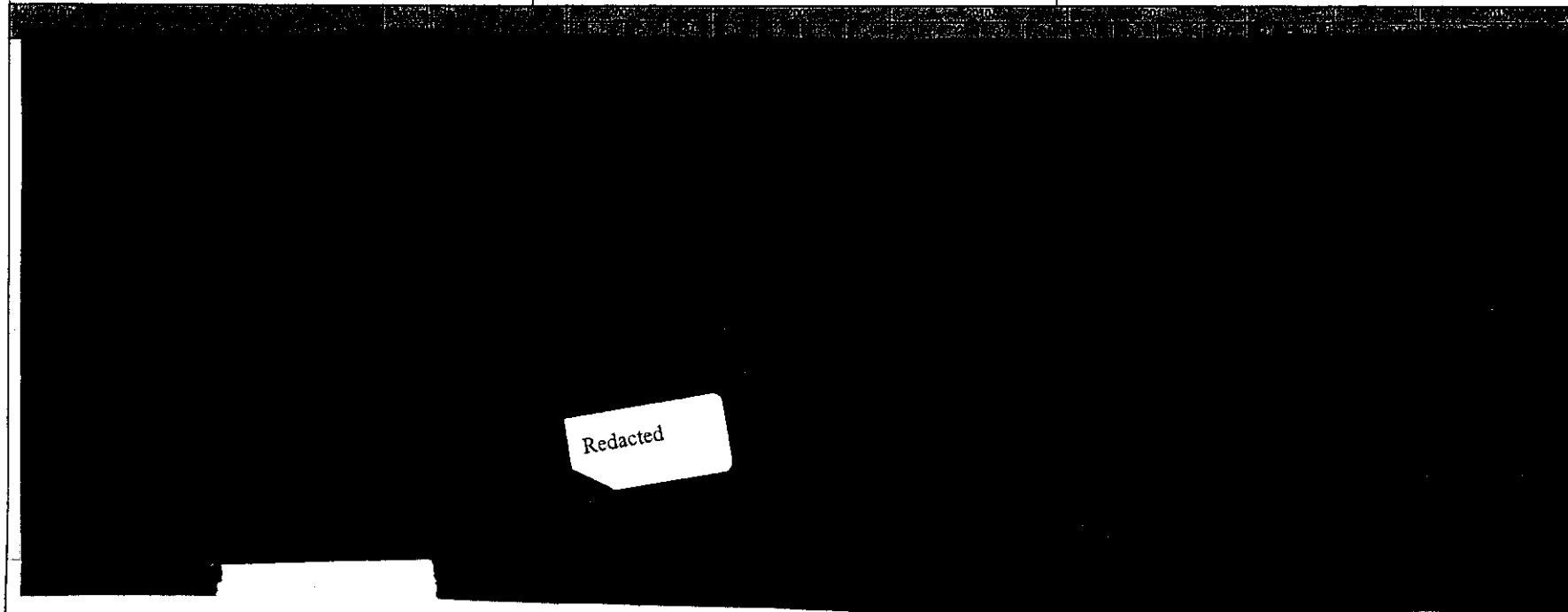
The purpose of this revision to the BAP is to increase the authorized amount from \$ Redacted Redacted (an increase of Redacted).

Redacted of the increase is driven by the projected cost of the Levy County land acquisition and adjacent land required for access roads, heavy haul route, and transmission access corridors. The Rayonier land purchase will cost approximately \$52.2M (\$45M for the purchases, \$2.7M for legal and closing fees, and \$4.5M due once Levy Nuclear Plant COLA is issued). The purchase of required adjacent land is estimated at \$10.5M. The original authorization was completed prior to site selection evaluations being completed and assumed the purchase of 2,500 acres @ \$10,000 per acre for a total cost of \$25M. The current projection includes more acreage at a higher cost.

- \$4.9M of the increase is associated with FEMA fees and Site Certification Application requirements.
  - In January 2007, Nuclear Plant Development (NDP) was informed that the Department of Homeland Security would require each new plant applicant be subject to an annual FEMA fee of \$300,000. This new fee was not included in the original BAP.
  - To meet the planned commercial operation date for Levy Nuclear Plant it is necessary to start the Site Certification Application process earlier than planned. The increase shown in this revision is not an increase to the total project costs. It is an acceleration of planned work from a future phase of the project.
- Other adjustments have been made across cost categories to better reflect the actual cost of the COLA and the resources required (higher than planned COLA preparation costs are offset by lower Westinghouse COLA support and internal Progress Energy labor). These adjustments do not impact the overall projection for the project.

This BAP revision represents the necessary capital investment to ensure that the nuclear option is available for senior management consideration. Approval of the BAP revision helps to ensure that the Company continues to preserve the ability to meet future generation needs with nuclear capacity. It is cost effective, and offers advantages in fuel diversity, stable energy prices, the ability to meet capacity requirements, reduces dependence on foreign fuel supply, and reduces greenhouse gas and other air emissions.

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Date: January 29, 2007

To: Tom Sullivan ✓  
Jeff Lyash  
Peter Scott  
Bill Johnson  
Bob McGehee

From: Carmen Prevetie, Capital Planning and Control *cup*

Subject: Florida Base Load Plant - Transmission  
Study Phase

The Study Phase of the Florida Base Load – Transmission project is attached for your approval.

At this time, only Redacted being requested to initiate work and perform the preliminary transmission system study. The necessary funds for this project have been budgeted for 2007. The Transmission team will provide an update on their study in approximately six months.

This project has been reviewed by Capital Planning and Control for appropriate project documentation. The business analysis package has been completed and verified by Treasury.

Since the project is greater than \$5 million, each of your signatures is required.

If you have any questions, please call me at extension 4620.

Attachment

Phase Project Authorization Form

Initial  Revision (If Checked, enter revision no) \_\_\_\_\_ Phase:  Study  Design  Implement

Project Title: Florida Base Load Plant - Transmission Prioritization Category: Excess Gen-New Assets

Department: Energy Delivery Location: En Del-Trans-Flor Charge To: 607990

Record #: 97510 Initiation Date: 2007 Acting System Phase #: \_\_\_\_\_ Acting System Master Project \_\_\_\_\_

Account Class: OS&T 0.0% Capital 100.0% Fuel 0.0%  Emergency If Emergency, Authorized By \_\_\_\_\_

Project Manager: GROFF, JOHN Project Sponsor: TILLIS, BRANTLEY Benefit Assessment Date: June 30, 2017

| Schedule | <input type="checkbox"/> Outage Required | Study             | Design            | Implementation    | Source of Funds   |       |
|----------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|
|          | Start Date                               | February 01, 2007 | January 01, 2009  | January 01, 2012  | Budget            | Other |
|          | End Date                                 | December 31, 2008 | December 31, 2011 | December 31, 2015 | Total Direct Cost |       |

| Direct Cost | Prior Years | 2007 | 2008     | 2009     | 2010 | 2011 | 2012     | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | Project Total |
|-------------|-------------|------|----------|----------|------|------|----------|------|------|------|---------------|
|             |             | \$0  | Redacted | Redacted | \$0  | \$0  | Redacted | \$0  | \$0  | \$0  | \$0           |

Will there be obsolete inventory as a result of the project that will require the write-off of inventory?  
 If yes, enter \$ value in the box  Yes  No Before-Tax \$

Will new inventory be added as a result of the project?  
 If yes enter the \$ value in the box  Yes  No \$0

Project Business Unit Financial Services Support Manager Property Plant and Materials Accounting Director Study chair and CDD Strategic Goals. Or case in event below

| Economic Analysis |                                     | B/C Ratio   | NPV | Discounted Breakeven Year |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----|---------------------------|
| Base Case         |                                     |   |     |                           |
| If > \$5M         | Best Case Scenario                  |   |     |                           |
|                   | Worst Case Scenario                 |   |     |                           |
|                   | Treasury Control # <u>2007-1191</u> | Note: Performance for entire term must be attached to approval. |     |                           |
| Other Metrics     |                                     |   |     |                           |

We, the undersigned, agree that the project assumptions are reasonable and key risks have been identified and accurately considered.  
 Approvals: Thresholds based on total project direct costs. All must sign in sequence.

**APPROVAL OF Redacted  
 REQUIRED TO INITIATE WORK  
 AND PERFORM  
 TRANSMISSION SYSTEM  
 STUDY.**

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Phase Project Authorization Form

| Approval Levels                              | Approval Signatures   | Date    | Approval Levels             | Approval Signatures  | Date    |
|--|---|---------|-----------------------------|--|---------|
| All 3 Phase Projects require these approvals | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Manager: <i>[Signature]</i>  | 1/23/07 | Project direct cost > \$1M  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senior Vice President:   |         |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Sponsor: <i>[Signature]</i>  | 1/25/07 |                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PEC or PEF President & CEO   Pres. - Progress Ventures   Exec. VP Diversified Op.:   |         |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> PRG Chairperson: <i>[Signature]</i>  | 1/25/07 |                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Director of Progress Energy Service Co. Pres. & CEO   Subsidiary Director of Progress Energy, Inc. Pres. & COO: |         |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Services Dept. or Supporting Financial Services: <i>[Signature]</i> | 1/25/07 |                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Director of Progress Energy, Inc. <i>[Signature]</i>  | 1/30/07 |
| Project direct cost < \$1M                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Department Head - DHC:   |         | Project direct cost < \$5 M | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Director of Progress Energy, Inc. CFO:  |         |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Department Head - DHC, Charge-By Org. (Required for facilities projects):    |         |                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Chairman of Progress Energy, Inc. Chairman & CEO:  |         |

Return Original to PRG Administrator, who must maintain a file of the signed original.  
 Executed Lease Evaluation Form, FRM-SUBS-01110 must be attached to approval if the recommended project includes a lease.  
 Signatures as Subsidiary Directors or Officers based on legal entity sponsoring project.

Capital Planning and Control Review (initial and Date). *[Signature]* 1/29/07  
 Cap 01/29/07

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**Florida Base Load Plant-Transmission  
Business Analysis Package**

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**Sponsoring Business Unit:** Transmission Planning  
**Funding Legal Entity:** Progress Energy, Florida  
**Date Prepared:** January 23, 2007

**Key Project Contacts:**

| <u>Role,Dept/Grp</u>       | <u>Name</u>     | <u>Phone</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Transmission Engineering   | Gary Furman     | 407-942-9836 |
| Environmental Services     | Amy Dierolf     | 727-820-5657 |
| Legal                      | Alex Glenn      | 727-820-5587 |
| Transmission Planning      | Brantley Tillis | 407-942-9569 |
| Transmission Project Mgmt. | John Goff       | 407-942-9256 |

Executive Summary

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**Project Basic Information**

**Description:** Base Load Plant Transmission

Based upon current capacity and energy forecasts and costs, Progress Energy believes that additional base load generation capacity will be needed in the 2015 to 2016 timeframe for the Florida Service Territory. In addition to the upgrades necessary for direct connection of the new plant, additional transmission upgrades will be necessary to allow for full delivery of the plant output under peak load conditions. (Reference: "New Nuclear Plant Combined Operating License (COL) Development Business Analysis Package" and "Transmission System Impact Study In Support of Site Selection For A Florida Nuclear Plant," attached)

The project is organized in three phases:

Phase I (Study): route and site selection and approval, preliminary designs

Phase II (Design): ROW and land acquisition, final designs, permitting

Phase III (Implement): Procurement, permitting, and construction

Because of the magnitude of the project, these phases will overlap, but approvals will be sought for each phase prior to commencement of activities within. An additional measure of control is being added to the study phase. After the Transmission System Study has been completed, a review of the project will be held prior to proceeding with subsequent work. The cost for this study is approximately Redacted \ more detailed description of this work is included at the end of this document.

*Location:* PEF Territory, Florida

*Schedule:* 2015 – 2016 Targeted completion

Study Phase

|                           | <u>Start</u> | <u>Complete</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| OASIS Request             |              | 01/02/07        |
| Transmission System Study | 01/02/07     | 06/26/07        |
| Project Review            |              | 06/29/07        |
| Complete Due Diligence    | 01/02/07     | 06/26/07        |
| PSC Need Filing/Order     | 07/02/07     | 12/26/07        |

Route Selection

DEP SCA

Post Certificate Permits Issued

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Design Phase

Survey & Appraisals

ROW Acquisition

Eminent Domain

Designs & Specifications

Geotechnical Investigations

ROW Permits

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Implementation Phase  
Construction RFP/Bids  
Construction  
Plant Testing  
Plant Commercial Operation

*Redacted*

**Recommendation and High Level Discussion**

It is recommended to Senior Management that this Business Analysis Package be approved for the authorization of capital funding to perform the Study Phase activities of the Base Load Plant Transmission as described herein. If this project is not authorized, neither coal nor nuclear base load generation will be options for deployment in the 2015-2016 timeframe.

**Funding Requirements and Source (\$ M; 2006 dollars, not escalated)**

|              | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Transmission |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |              |
| Total Budget |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |              |
| Study        |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |              |
| Design       |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |              |
| Implement    |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |              |

*Redacted*

**Project Capital Allocation Metric Summary Table**

Please see the New Nuclear Plant Combined Operating License (COL) Development Business Analysis Package, which includes transmission. This analysis is to be updated in the first quarter of 2007 to reflect changes in the projected cost of both plant and transmission facilities. No separate economic analysis has been performed for transmission; these facilities are only required to support the new base load plant.

**Strategic Fit**

Based upon current capacity and energy forecasts and costs, Progress Energy believes additional base load capacity will be needed in Florida in the 2015 – 2016 timeframe. The final decision on generation type will not be made until a later date. However, the schedule and costs for upgrading the transmission system to connect to and distribute the full capacity under peak load is independent of the type of fuel selected for generation. If investment is not made in upgrading the transmission system beginning in early 2007, the 2015 – 2016 timeframe for completing the new base load project may be compromised.

**Key Risk Analysis**

? \* The exact location of the plant site has not been announced; the location will have an impact on the scope and cost of the facilities required to connect the plant to the transmission system.

During the Study Phase a detailed risk analysis will be performed and mitigation plans will be developed.

If this project is abandoned at any time prior to completion, some or all of the expenditures may be written off as abandoned engineering and may have a significant adverse impact on net earnings.

**Key Assumptions**

The plant site will be located in the general vicinity of Crystal River. If at a location significantly distant from CR, costs will most likely be higher, particularly if the location is such that it impacts other utilities.

The scope of transmission is based on the "Transmission System Impact Study In Support of Site Selection For A Florida Nuclear Plant, Draft, June 2006" prepared for Progress Energy by Navigant Consulting, a copy of which is attached. This study identified one set of solutions; during the study phase alternative solutions will be developed and analyzed.

Cost estimates are based on the screening studies performed by Navigant and do not reflect the latest estimates developed by Transmission. After the Transmission Study, the estimates will be revised based on the scope of work and current cost trends.

For estimating purposes, this project is assumed to consist of building approximately 300 miles of mostly 500kV transmission lines; expanding several 500/230kV substations and one 230/69kV substation; building one new 500kV switching station at the new plant.

The scope of transmission upgrades is based on the "worse case dispatch with PEF SRCs" (see Navigant study.)

**Project Alternatives Analysis**

**Alternatives considered and basis of selection**

Please see the Navigant study previously referenced.

**Consequences of Non-Authorization and Deferral**

If this project is not authorized, neither nuclear nor coal generation will be an option for deployment in the 2015-2016 timeframe.

**Economic Analysis Detail**

No economic analysis has been performed for just the transmission facilities. The facilities are only required if a new base load generation plant is to be connected to the

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grid. If the decision is made to not build a new base load generation plant, this project is not required.

## **Operational Analysis Detail**

Operational analyses will be performed during the Study Phase.

## **Regulatory Impact Analysis**

Regulatory impact analysis will be performed during the Study Phase.

## **Contracting and Procurement Strategy**

PEF Transmission intends to outsource engineering and design, surveying, real estate, environmental, and construction. A contract and contractor management plan will be developed early in the Study Phase.

PEF will procure equipment and material consistent with current practices.

## **Change in Inventory Detail**

n/a

## **Market Analysis**

n/a

## **Non-Financial Considerations/Other**

n/a

## **Integration and Project Performance Assessment Plan**

A dedicated team will be formed to manage this project, consisting of the following PEF employees:

|     |                                |                     |
|-----|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1   | Manager                        | Jan 2007 – Jun 2015 |
| 2   | Project Managers               | Jan 2007 – Jun 2015 |
| 1-4 | Real Estate Acquisition Agents | Jan 2007 – Jun 2015 |
| 1-4 | Title Agents                   | Jan 2007 – Jun 2015 |
| 1-2 | Community Liaison              | Jan 2007 – Jun 2015 |
| 1   | Real Estate Surveyor           | Jan 2007 – Jun 2010 |
| 4   | Permitting Agents              | Jan 2011 – Jan 2013 |
| 1   | Environmental Engineer         | Jan 2007 – Jun 2010 |
| 2-4 | Line and Substation Engineers  | Jan 2007 – Jun 2015 |
| 1   | Engineering Surveyor           | Jun 2010 – Oct 2011 |
| 4   | Construction Inspectors        | Jun 2011 – Jun 2015 |

This team will oversee approximately 14,000 man-months of work performed by contracted resources in engineering, surveying, real estate, environmental, and construction.

**Project Objectives/Goals/Expected Benefits**

Complete transmission system upgrades to enable transmission of the full base load plant capacity under peak load conditions.

**Benefits Assessment Methodology, Schedule and Responsibility for Assessment**

Within six months following commercial operation of the new base load plant, the Transmission Manager will meet with the Project Sponsor to ensure the requested project scope was fulfilled and to review project performance to baseline schedule and cost targets. At that time, the sponsor will re-evaluate the integrity of the system, using simulation tools, to ensure the project has indeed accomplished the benefit of the project work.

**Wrap-up Conclusions and Recommendations (Pros & Cons)**

It is recommended to Senior Management that this Business Analysis Package be approved for the authorization of capital funding to perform the Study Phase activities of the Base Load Plant Transmission as described herein. If this project is not authorized, neither coal nor nuclear base load generation will be options for deployment in the 2015-2016 timeframe.

**Transmission System Study**

Activity 1A January – March 2007

Perform a stability and power flow study based on the modified FRCC cases that include proposed new generation (CR3 Uprate, Taylor Energy, Fisheating Creek, etc.) and Nuclear #1 and #2. This study will identify necessary transmission expansion requirements.

Deliverable: Transmission system capacity/functional requirements.

Activity 1B January - March 2007

Evaluate transmission options, feasibility and solutions. This will include a broad range of alternatives and solutions that can be adapted to the final requirements that will be identified in Activity 1A. This evaluation will include:

1. Potential new and existing routes and high level constraints, issues, and limitations.
2. Develop design options including:
  - a. Voltage conversion (500kV to 764kV, 230kV to 500kV, etc.)
  - b. Rebuild options
  - c. Compact and standard structure design options
3. Develop unit cost estimates and schedule durations for these options.

Deliverable: Broad range of design and route options and associated costs, and, approximate implementation durations.

Activity 2 April – June 2007

The routes and designs developed in Activity 1B will be evaluated to verify they will satisfy system requirements of Activity 1A and will be ranked based on cost, risk,

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constructability and schedule. These unit routes and designs will be assembled to establish the best alternatives. This will define the scope of the system expansion requirement based on the results of the power flow and stability study described in Activity 1A.

Deliverable: Final Transmission scope definition and high level cost estimate.

**Attachments:**

“Transmission System Impact Study In Support of Site Selection For A Florida Nuclear Plant”

“New Nuclear Plant Combined Operating License (COL) Development, Business Analysis Package”

# Phase Project Authorization Form

|  |  |   |                         |
|--|--|---|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision (If checked, enter revision no.): <u>2</u> |  | Phase: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Study <input type="checkbox"/> Design <input type="checkbox"/> Implement |                         |
| Project Title: <u>PEF COLA Development/LOI/Detailed Design</u>   |  | Prioritization Category: <u>New Generation</u>  |                         |
| Department: <u>Nuclear Generation Group</u>  | Location: _____                              | Charge To: <u>60LG7D</u>  |                         |
| EESY <sup>Plus</sup> _____   | Initiation Date: _____                       | Accounting System _____   | Accounting System _____ |
| Record #: _____  | Date: _____                                  | Phase #: _____  | Master Project #: _____ |
| Account _____  | Emergency If Emergency, Authorized By: _____ |   |                         |
| Class: O&M _____ Capital <u>100%</u> Fuel _____  |  |   |                         |
| Project Manager: <u>Garry Miller</u>   | Project Sponsor: <u>Danny Roderick</u>       | Benefit Assessment Date: <u>06/2012</u>   |                         |

| Schedule      | <input type="checkbox"/> Outage Required | Study             | Design | Implementation | Source of Funds:  |
|---------------|--|-------------------|--------|----------------|---|
|               | Start Date                               | August 1, 2005    |        |                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
|               | End Date                                 | December 30, 2011 |        |                | Total Cost  |
| Direct Cost   | Prior Years                              |                   |        |                | Redacted  |
|               | 2008                                     |                   |        |                |   |
|               | 2009                                     |                   |        |                |   |
|               | 2010                                     |                   |        |                |   |
|               | 2011                                     |                   |        |                |   |
|               | 2012                                     | Redacted          |        |                |   |
| Project Total |  |                   |        |                |   |

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Will there be obsolete inventory as a result of the project that will require the write-off of inventory* <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br>If yes, enter the \$ value in the box. | Before- Tax \$ |
| Will new inventory be added as a result of the project * <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No<br>If yes, enter the \$ value in the box.  |                |

\* Notify Business Unit Financial Services support, Manager, Property Plant and Materials Accounting, Director-Supply Chain and CSD Salvage group. Discuss in detail on page 2.

| Economic Analysis |                                      | BC Ratio   | NPV | Discounted Breakeven Year |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----|---------------------------|
| Base Case         |                                      |  |     |                           |
| if > \$5M         | Best Case Scenario                   |  |     |                           |
|                   | Worst Case Scenario                  |  |     |                           |
|                   | Treasury Control #: <u>2008-1316</u> | Note: Proforma for entire term must be attached to approval. |     |                           |
| Other metrics     |                                      |  |     |                           |

Signatures are listed on the next pages.

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We, the undersigned, agree that the project assumptions are reasonable and key risks have been identified and accurately considered.  
 Approvals: Thresholds based on total project direct costs. All must sign in sequence.

| Approval Levels   | Approval Signatures   |   | Date | Approval Levels  | Approval Signatures   |  | Date |
|---|---|---|------|--|---|--|------|
| All 3 Phase Projects require these approvals  | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Manager: <b>G. D. Miller</b>   |   |      | Project direct cost > \$1M                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Vice President: <b>J.S. Scarola</b>   |  |      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Sponsor: <b>D.L. Roderick</b>  |   |      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> PEC or PEF President & CEO   Pres. – Progress Ventures   Exec. VP Diversified Ops: <b>J. J. Lyash</b>                      |  |      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> PRG Chairperson:   |   |      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Director or Progress Energy Service Co. Pres. & CEO   Subsidiary Director or Progress Energy, Inc. Pres. & COO: |  |      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Services Mgr. or Supervisor Financial Services: <b>M. J. Calvello</b> |   |      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Treasury or Progress Energy, Inc. Treasurer: <b>T. R. Sullivan</b>  |  |      |
| Project direct cost > \$250K  | See pg 3 for additional signoffs for multiple charge by/s or charge to's                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Department Head – DH   |      | Project direct cost > \$5M                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Director or Progress Energy, Inc. CFO: <b>P. M. Scott</b>   |  |      |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Department Head – DH, Charge By Org. (required for facilities projects): <b>Not Applicable</b> |      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Chairman or Progress Energy, Inc. Chairman & CEO: <b>W. D. Johnson</b>  |  |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VP Finance PEF: <b>P.E. Toomey</b>                                       |   |   |      | <input type="checkbox"/> VP Finance PEC: <b>Not Applicable</b> |   |  |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Resolution was obtained supporting the LOI for Long Lead Equipment |   |   |      | <input type="checkbox"/>                                       |   |  |      |

Return original to PRG Administrator who must maintain a file of the signed original:  
 Executed Lease Evaluation Form, FRM-SUBS-01110 must be attached to approval if the recommended project includes a lease. Signatures as Subsidiary Directors or Officers based on legal entity sponsoring project.

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|   |  |  |  |   |      |
|   |  |  |  |   |      |
|   |  |  |  |   |      |
|   |  |  | Project direct cost > \$5M                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Director or Progress Energy, Inc. Sr. VP – Corp. Relations & Gen. Counsel:<br><b>John R. McArthur</b> |      |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidiary Director or Progress Energy, Inc. Sr. VP Finance: <b>Mark Mulhern</b>  |  |   |      |
| Project direct cost > \$250K  | See pg 3 - for additional signoffs for multiple charge by's or charge to's | <input type="checkbox"/> Department Head – DH<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Department Head – DH, Charge By Org. (required for facilities projects): <b>Not Applicable</b> |  |   |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VP Finance PEF:  |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> VP Finance PEC: <b>Not Applicable</b> |   |      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Resolution was obtained supporting the LOI for Long Lead Equipment |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/>                                       |   |      |

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**PHASE PROJECT AUTHORIZATION FORM**

Initial     Revision (If Checked, enter revision no) \_\_\_\_\_    Phase:  Study     Design     Implement  
 Project Title: New Nuclear Plant COL Development    Prioritization Category: New Generation  
 Department: Nuclear Generation Group    Location: \_\_\_\_\_    Charge To: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EESY™ Record #: -90285    Initiation Date: 2005    Acctng System Phase #: \_\_\_\_\_    Acctng System Master Project #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Account Class: O&M 0.0%    Capital 100.0%    Fuel 0.0%     Emergency    If Emergency, Authorized By \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Manager: Miller, Garry    Project Sponsor: Donahue, Joe    Benefit Assessment Date: June 30, 2011

|          |  |                |        |                |                   |       |
|----------|--|----------------|--------|----------------|-------------------|-------|
| Schedule | <input type="checkbox"/> Outage Required | Study          | Design | Implementation | Source of Funds:  |       |
|          | Start Date                               | August 1, 2005 |        |                | X Budget          | Other |
|          | End Date                                 | June 30, 2011  |        |                | Total Direct Cost |       |

|             |               |          |     |     |          |
|-------------|---------------|----------|-----|-----|----------|
| Direct Cost | Prior Years   | Redacted | \$0 | \$0 | Redacted |
|             | 2006          |          | \$0 | \$0 |          |
|             | 2007          |          | \$0 | \$0 |          |
|             | 2008          |          | \$0 | \$0 |          |
|             | 2009          |          | \$0 | \$0 |          |
|             | 2010          |          | \$0 | \$0 |          |
|             | 2011          |          | \$0 | \$0 |          |
|             | 2012          |          | \$0 | \$0 |          |
|             | Project Total |          | \$0 | \$0 |          |

Will there be obsolete inventory as a result of the project that will require the write-off of inventory\*     Yes     No    Before-Tax \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, enter \$ value in the box \_\_\_\_\_  
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|                   |                     |                                      |  |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Economic Analysis |                     | B/C Ratio                            | NPV  | Discounted Breakeven Year |
| Base Case         |                     | 0.00                                 | \$0  | 0                         |
| If > \$5M         | Best Case Scenario  |                                      |  |                           |
|                   | Worst Case Scenario |                                      |  |                           |
| Other Metrics     |                     | Treasury Control #: <u>2006-1122</u> | Note: Proforma for entire term must be attached to approval. |                           |

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