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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Determination of Need of Hines Unit 4 Power Plant. ) ) ) )

Docket No.: 040817-EP COMMISSION CLERK

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PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S NOTICE OF FILING PRELIMINARY ISSUES IN PROCEEDING FOR DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR AN ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT

Progress Energy Florida ("PEF" or the "Company"), respectfully files with the Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC" or the "Commission"), its issues for determination by the Commission in connection with the proceeding initiated by PEF for an affirmative determination of need for its Hines 4 power plant. The list of issues that must be resolved in this proceeding consistent with the Commission's jurisdiction under Section 403.519, Fla. Stats., are, in PEF's view, as follows:

- 1. Whether the Hines 4 power plant is needed by PEF to meet its needs for electric system reliability and integrity.
2. Whether the Hines 4 power plant is needed by PEF to continue to provide adequate electricity to its ratepayers at a reasonable cost.
3. Whether the Hines 4 power plant is the most cost-effective alternative available to meet Florida's reliability needs.
4. Whether PEF has adequately considered the conservation measures taken by the Company or reasonably available to it which might have mitigated the need for the Hines 4 power plant.
5. Given the resolution of the foregoing issues, should the Commission grant PEF an affirmative determination of need.

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