

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDING FOR DETERMINATION
OF NEED FOR PROPOSED ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT**

TO

PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 040817-EI

PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR HINES 4 POWER PLANT IN POLK
COUNTY BY PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.

ISSUED: August 19, 2004

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Rule 25-22.080(3), Florida Administrative Code, that the Florida Public Service Commission has received the petition of Progress Energy Florida for determination of need for an electrical power plant. The proposed electrical power plant is a winter-rated 517 megawatt (MW) natural gas-fired, combined cycle unit to be located at the Hines Energy Complex in Polk County, Florida. The petitioner proposes to place the unit in commercial service by December 2007. This matter has been assigned Commission Docket No. 040817-EI.

Copies of the petition and supporting documentation are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following location:

Florida Public Service Commission
Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Room 110, Betty Easley Conference Center
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

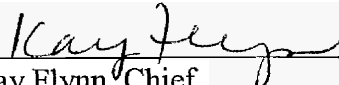
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The final hearing in this docket has been scheduled for November 3 and 4, 2004.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 19th day of August,
2004.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services



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