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In re: Petition for Determination of Need of Hines Unit 4 Power Plant in Polk County
by Progress Energy Florida, Inc.
Docket No. 040817-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing are the original and one (1) copy of Progress Energy Florida's
Notice of Filing original signature to PEF's Service of Response to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories
(No. 17).

If you or your Staff have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at
(813) 223-7000, ext. 2462.

Sincerely,


Gary L. Sasso
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Determination)
of Need of Hines Unit 4 Power Plant in)
Polk County by Progress Energy Florida,)
Inc. _____)

Docket No.: 040817-EI

Submitted for Filing: October 19, 2004

PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.'S NOTICE OF FILING

Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby gives notice of filing the original signature acknowledgement to Progress Energy Florida, Inc.'s Responses to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (No. 17).

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of October, 2004.

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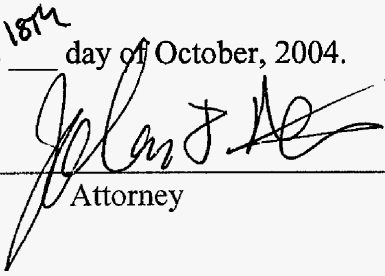
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served via U.S. Mail to Wm. Cochran Keating, IV, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 and to all other interested parties as listed on the attached this ^{18th} day of October, 2004.




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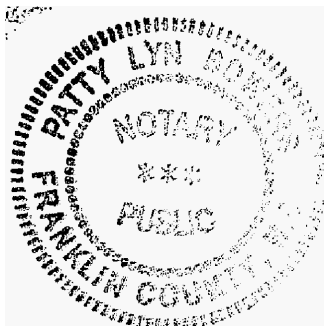
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

I hereby certify that on this 8th day of October, 2004, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Samuel S. Waters, who is personally known to me, and he/she acknowledged before me that he/she provided the answer to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 17) to Progress Energy Florida, Inc., in Docket No. 040817-EI, and that the response is true and correct based on his/her personal knowledge.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the State and County aforesaid as of this 8th day of October, 2004.




Notary Public
State of North Carolina, at Large
My Commission Expires:
November 21, 2005

~~My Commission Expires 11-21-2005~~

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**PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.'S RESPONSES
TO STAFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES (NO. 17)**

Pursuant to Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-106.206, and Rule 1.340, Fla. R. Civ. P., Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF") responds to the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission's First Set of Interrogatories (No. 17). PEF incorporates by reference its general and specific objections to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories filed on September 20 and 28, 2004, as if stated herein and further states as follows:

17. Has PEF engaged in discussions concerning firm gas transportation capacity for Hines 4 with companies other than those identified in response to the above interrogatory? If so, provide the names of the other companies.

Response:

PEF has engaged in discussion concerning firm gas transportation capacity for Hines 4 with the following companies:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

[REDACTED]