

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Progress
Energy Florida, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 050078-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-05-0284-PCO-EI
ISSUED: March 16, 2005

ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR INTERVENTION

By petition, dated February 22, 2005, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG) has requested permission to intervene in this proceeding. FIPUG states that it is a group of industrial customers, some of whom take service from Progress Energy Florida, Inc. (PEF). FIPUG alleges that the relief requested in PEF's petition for a rate increase will potentially increase its members' costs of electricity, thus affecting their production costs, their competitive posture, and their levels of employment. Therefore, FIPUG concludes it will be substantially affected by any action the Commission takes in this docket.

Having reviewed the Petition, it appears that FIPUG's substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding. There has been no response filed in opposition to this request, and the time for doing so has expired. Therefore, the petition shall be granted. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, FIPUG takes the case as it finds it.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED by Braulio L Baez, as Prehearing Officer, that the Petition to Intervene filed by the Florida Industrial Power Users Group is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that all parties to this proceeding shall furnish copies of all testimony, exhibits, pleadings and other documents which may hereinafter be filed in this proceeding, to:

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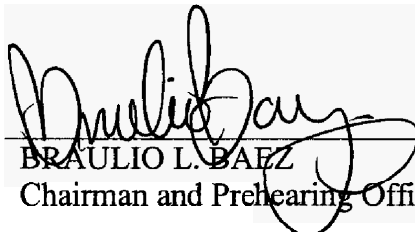
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By ORDER of Chairman Braulio L. Baez, as Prehearing Officer, this 16th day of March, 2005



BRAULIO L. BAEZ
Chairman and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.