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

3. The filing is made on behalf of AARP;

4. The total number of pages is 4; and

5. Attached to this email in Word format is AARP Petition to Intervene.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Progress)
Energy Florida, Inc.)
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DOCKET NO. 050078-EI
Filed: March 29, 2005

AARP PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes and Rules 25-22.039, and 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code, the AARP, through its undersigned attorney, files its Petition to Intervene, and in support thereof, states as follows:

1. The name and address of the affected agency is:

Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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2. The name and address of the petitioner is:

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3. All pleadings, motions, orders and other documents directed to the petitioner

should be served on:

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4. Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF") is a regulated electric utility serving approximately 1.6 million retail customers throughout portions of the State of Florida.

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5. AARP is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to addressing the needs and interests of persons 50 and older. AARP has staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. AARP represents more than 35 million members in total, approximately 2.7 million of whom reside in the State of Florida. AARP's Florida members reside throughout the state and a significant number of them are retail residential customers of PEF.

AARP Florida Members' Substantial Interests Affected

6. As stated above, AARP has approximately 2.7 million members in the State of Florida, a significant number of whom reside in PEF's service territory and take their electric service from the utility. Therefore, many of AARP's members will be substantially affected by any action the Commission takes in this docket, which will necessarily include retail rate increases if the utility's requested relief is granted.

7. Statement of Affected Interests

The Commission will decide in this docket whether to approve PEF's forthcoming request to increase its base rates beginning January 1, 2006.

8. AARP's members taking retail electric service from PEF have interests of the type this proceeding is designed to protect. See Agrico Chemical Company v. Department of Environmental Regulation, 406 So.2d 478 (Fla. 2nd DCA 1981). The purpose of the proceeding is to evaluate PEF's request, to review the nature of its expenses and capital expenditures to determine if they are fair, just and reasonable and an appropriate basis for increasing PEF's base rates as requested. These issues will affect AARP's PEF customer members' substantial interests by potentially increasing their costs of electricity, which necessarily will reduce their monies available for other purposes.

WHEREFORE, AARP requests that this Commission grant it intervenor status in this docket as a full party on behalf of the significant number of its approximately 2.7 million Florida members taking retail electric service from Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of this petition has been served by

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