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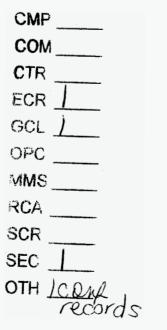
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NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF PEF'S FIRST **REOUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Progress Energy Florida, Inc. hereby gives notice of filing the affidavit of Thomas

R. Sullivan in support of its First Request for Confidential Classification.

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AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS R. SULLIVAN IN SUPPORT OF PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S FIRST REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Thomas R. Sullivan, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Thomas R. Sullivan. I am over the age of 18 years old and I have been authorized by Progress Energy Florida (hereinafter "PEF" or the "Company") to give this affidavit in the above-styled proceeding on PEF's behalf and in support of PEF's First Request for Confidential Classification. The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

2. I am the Treasurer at PEF. I am also Vice President and Treasurer of Progress Energy Service Company. As Treasurer, I am responsible for Financial Operations, Corporate -Insurance, Financial Analysis and Enterprise Risk Management.

 As PEF's Treasurer, I help prepare, use, and am familiar with Progress Energy's <u>pr</u>ojected figures for short and long term debt, off balance sheet obligations, preferred stock, and <u>common equity.</u>

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4. In its First Request for Confidential Classification, PEF is seeking confidential classification for certain schedules to PEF's Minimum Filing Requirements ("MFRs") attached to PEF's Petition for Rate Increase. The information for which PEF seeks confidential classification is more specifically described in Attachment C to PEF's First Request for Confidential Classification.

5. Portions of the schedules to the MFRs at issue in PEF's First Request for Confidential Classification contain projected and estimated figures for short and long term debt, off balance sheet obligations, preferred stock, and common equity, along with other sensitive business information that Progress Energy does not make publicly available. The information at issue is proprietary confidential business information that would impair Progress Energy's competitive business interests if it were disclosed to the public, Progress Energy's suppliers, or to Progress Energy's competitors. Specifically, if Progress Energy's suppliers, investors, or competitors were made aware of Progress Energy's estimated figures for short and long term debt, off balance sheet obligations, preferred stock, and common equity, they may adjust their behavior in the market place with respect to activity such as pricing and the acquisition and provision of goods, materials, and services.

6. With respect to the confidential information at issue, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of that information, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company, and restricting the number of, and access to the information. At no time has the Company publicly disclosed that information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

7. This concludes my affidavit.

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Dated the $\frac{35^{ih}}{25^{ih}}$ day of April, 2005

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

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(Signature)

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 25^{4} day of April, 2005 by $\frac{1}{16}$ He/She is personally known to me, or has produced his/her ______ as identification.

(Signature) McDonald 1/. A (Printed Name) NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF North Carl 22 12006 (Commission Expiration Date)

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