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

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Docket No. 050078-EI Submitted for filing July 6, 2005

NINTH NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST **CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Progress Energy Florida ("PEF" or the "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, files this Ninth Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification of confidential portions of PEF's supplemental responses to OPC's First Request for Production (Nos. 1-75) and its responses to OPC's Sixth Request for Production (Nos. 145-150), as Staff has requested copies of PEF's responses to this discovery. Specifically, portions of the supplemental documents responsive to Request 75 contain Progress Energy's 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 PEF does not make publicly available. Portions of the supplemental documents responsive to Request 71 contain benchmarking studies conducted by third-parties which must be kept confidential pursuant to contractual confidentiality provisions. Additionally, portions of the documents responsive to Requests 146 and 147, in OPC's Sixth Request for Production, contain information concerning PEF's internal audits. Such information regarding MMS internal auditing is protected from public disclosure by Section 366.093(3)(b), Fla. Stat. Further, portions of the documents responsive to Request 148 contain confidential OTH ICOME

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financial and tax information, the disclosure of which would adversely impact PEF's competitive business interests.

Attached as Exhibit A is a confidential, highlighted copy of the above referenced documents.

Pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(3)(a)(1), PEF will file its Tenth Request for

Confidential Classification for such confidential information contained therein within

twenty-one (21) days of filing this request.

Respectfully submitted this $\underbrace{\mathcal{G}\mathcal{H}}_{\mathcal{A}}$ day of July, 2005.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been

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