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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Docket No. 050078-EI
Submitted for filing July 15, 2005

AFFIDAVIT OF JAVIER PORTUONDO IN SUPPORT OF
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S
SEVENTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

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

1. My name is Javier Portuondo. 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 Seventh Request for Confidential Classification. The facts attested to in my
affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

- CMP _____
- COM _____
- CTR _____
- ECR _____
- GCL _____
- OPC _____
- MMS _____
- RCA _____
- SCR _____
- SEC _____

2. I am the Director, Regulatory Services – Florida. This department is
responsible for the regulatory accounting and reporting activities of Progress Energy
Florida, Inc.

3. As PEF's Director of Regulatory Services, I am familiar with certain of
PEF's analyses of potential future locations for generation sites.

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4. In its Seventh Request for Confidential Classification, PEF is seeking confidential classification for portions of its responses to White Springs' First Request for Production (Nos. 1-16). The information which PEF seeks confidential classification is more specifically described in Attachment C to PEF's Seventh Request for Confidential Classification.

5. Portions of PEF's responses to White Springs' Request No. 7 contain confidential studies with detailed analyses of potential future locations for generation sites and, thereby, the disclosure of such sensitive business information to the public would adversely impact PEF's competitive business interest. Specifically, if PEF's competitors, suppliers, and providers are made aware of these analyses, they may adjust their behavior in the market place regarding the location of the sites and supplies necessary to build generation units.

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 information to assist the Company, and restricting the number of those who have 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.

8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated this 14th day of July, 2005

Javier J. Portuondo
(Signature)

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of June, 2005 by Javier Portuondo. He is personally known to me, or has produced his _____ driver's license, or his _____ as identification.

Suzanne H. Miller
(Signature)

SUZANNE H. MILLER
(Printed Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FL

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)



(Commission Expiration Date)