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Re: Docket 050001-EI
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ENCLOSED

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket on behalf of Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF") are the original and fifteen copies of the following:

- Pre-filed Direct Testimony of Javier Portuondo with a redacted version of Exhibit No. __ (JP-1R);
- Pre-filed Direct Testimony of Albert W. Pitcher; and
- PEF's Request for Confidential Classification for portions of Exhibit No. __ (JP-2), along with a package containing two redacted copies of the exhibit and a separate envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" containing one unredacted copy of the exhibit with the confidential information highlighted in yellow.

I also have included a diskette containing the testimony and Request for Confidential Classification in Microsoft Word format.

By copy of this letter, all persons on the attached certificate of service have been provided copies of the above documents, except the unredacted version of Exhibit No. __ (JP-2).

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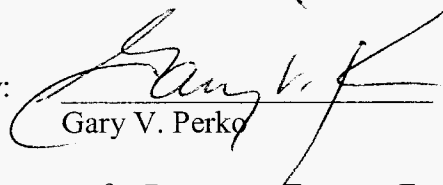
Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the enclosed extra copies of the testimony and confidentiality request and returning them to me. If you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact me at 425-2359.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

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By:



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Enclosures
cc: Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY, on behalf of Progress Energy Florida, Inc., that true and correct copies of the Pre-filed Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Javier Portuondo and Albert Pitcher and Progress Energy's Request for Confidential Classification in Docket No. 050001-EI have been furnished by hand-delivery (*) or regular U.S. mail to the following this 17th day of August, 2005.

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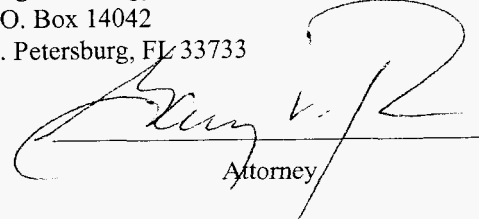
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re Fuel and purchase power cost)
recovery clause with generating)
performance incentive factor)
_____)

Docket No. 050001-EI

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**PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Progress Energy Florida, Inc., ("PEF" or the "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, submits this Request For Confidential Classification of certain information provided in an exhibit to the direct testimony of Progress Energy witness Javier Portuondo dated August 9, 2005. In support of this Request, PEF states:

1. Contemporaneously with this Request, PEF is pre-filing the direct testimony and Exhibit No. ___ (JP-1R) of Javier Portuondo. As further explained below, Mr. Portuondo's exhibit contains information that is "proprietary business information" under Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes.

2. The following exhibits are included with this request:

(a) Exhibit A is a package containing two copies of a redacted version of the document for which the Company requests confidential classification. The specific information for which confidential treatment is requested has been blocked out by opaque marker or other means.

(b) Exhibit B is a package containing an unredacted copy of the document for which Progress seeks confidential treatment. Exhibit B is being submitted separately in a sealed envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL." In the unredacted version, the information asserted to be confidential is highlighted in yellow.

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3. The information on lines 1-8, page 2, of Part D to Mr. Portuondo's Exhibit No. __ (JP-1R) includes data related to confidential wholesale power purchase and sale contracts. Specifically, the highlighted information provides the number of megawatts for each purchase or sale. In combination with other non-confidential cost data provided in the exhibit, this information could be used to determine the capacity charges for each contract. Disclosure of this information would enable wholesale providers to determine the prices of their competitors, which would likely result in greater price convergence in future negotiations. Suppliers would no longer need to make their best offers to ensure the competitiveness of their prices against the disclosed prices. Instead, suppliers could simply offer the highest prices that would allow them to maintain a marginally competitive position against the disclosed prices. As such, disclosure of the information would impair the Company's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. *See* § 366.093(3)(d), F.S. Additionally, disclosure of the capacity charges paid by Progress Energy's wholesale customers would provide an unfair advantage to competitors pursuing such customers. As such, the information relates to the competitive interests of Progress Energy and its affiliates, the disclosure of which would impair their competitive businesses. *Id.* § 366.093(3)(e). Accordingly, the information constitutes "proprietary confidential business information" which is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 366.093(1), F.S.¹


4. The information for which PEF seeks confidential classified is intended to be and is treated as confidential by the Company. The information has not been disclosed to the public.

¹ The Commission previously granted confidential classification of similar information in an exhibit to Mr. Portuondo's March 1, 2005, testimony in this docket. See Order No. PSC-05-0417-CFO-EI (April 19, 2005).

5. Progress Energy requests that the information identified above be classified as “proprietary confidential business information” within the meaning of section 366.093(3), F.S., that the information remain confidential for a period of at least 18 months as provided in section 366.093(4), F.S., and that the information be returned as soon as it is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Progress Energy Florida, respectfully requests that this Request for Confidential Classification be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of August, 2005.



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