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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Docket No. 050078-EI  
Submitted for filing August 23, 2005

AFFIDAVIT OF JAVIER PORTUONDO IN SUPPORT OF  
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S  
SIXTEENTH 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 Fifteenth Request for Confidential Classification. The facts attested to in my  
affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

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 business strategies, projected earnings, and budget information.

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4. In its Sixteenth Request for Confidential Classification, PEF is seeking confidential classification for portions of PEF's responses to Staff's Eighth Requests for Production (Nos. 57-64). The information for which PEF seeks confidential classification is more specifically described in Attachment C to PEF's Sixteenth Request for Confidential Classification.

5. Portions of the documents responsive to Request No. 59 contain meeting minutes from the Company's Board of Directors which disclose PEF's internal business plans and strategies. If PEF's suppliers or competitors were made aware of PEF's internal business plans, strategies or analyses, 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.

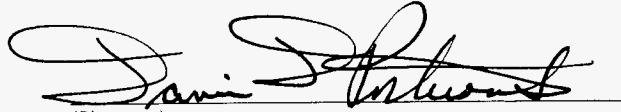
6. Portions of the documents responsive to Request No. 60 contain sensitive business information such as budgets, projected earnings, projected costs, and proprietary third party information, the disclosure of which would adversely impact PEF's competitive business interests. For example, if PEF's suppliers or providers were made aware of such budgets, projected earnings, projected costs, and/or proprietary third party information, they may adjust their behavior in the market place with respect to activity such as pricing and the provision of goods, materials, and services.

7. Strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of the confidential documents and information at issue, including restricting access to those persons who need the information and documents to assist the Company. At no time has the Company publicly disclosed the confidential information or documents at issue. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information and documents at issue as confidential.

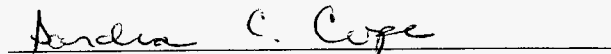
8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2005.

  
(Signature)

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2005 by Javier Portuondo. He is personally known to me, or has produced his \_\_\_\_\_ driver's license, or his \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

  
(Signature)

Sandra C. Cope  
(Printed Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FL

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(Commission Expiration Date)

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