

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by Progress Energy Florida, Inc., for approval to recover modular cooling tower costs through the fuel cost recovery clause.

Docket No. 060162-EI

Filed: April 10, 2006

**PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.'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 (F.A.C.), submits this Request For Confidential Classification of certain information provided in response to Staff’s request for additional information in the above docket. In support of this Request for Confidential Classification, PEF states as follows:

1. The following exhibits are included with this request:

(a) Exhibit A is a package containing two copies of redacted versions of the document for which PEF 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 PEF 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.

2. The document at issue in this request is a spreadsheet containing the fuel and purchased power forecasts used in fuel costs savings analyses that the Company performed in support of its petition in this matter.

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3. Subsection 366.093(1), F.S., provides that any records "found by the commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from s. 119.07(1) [requiring disclosure under the Public Records Act]." Proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to, "[i]nformation concerning . . . contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms." § 366.093(3)(d), F.S. The information highlighted in yellow for which PEF requests confidential classification is "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S.

4. The redacted information on Lines 1 through 8 and Lines 21 through 68 on page one of Exhibit A provides PEF's price forecasts for coal, natural gas, and oil, as well as PEF's price forecasts for purchased power costs. Disclosure of this information would provide potential fuel and purchased power suppliers knowledge of what the Company expects to pay for these commodities in the future (2007 through 2010). This knowledge could give potential suppliers a significant competitive advantage in future negotiations because the suppliers would no longer need to make their best offers to ensure the competitiveness of their rates against PEF's forecasts. Instead, the supplier would simply offer the highest rates that allowed it to maintain a marginally competitive position against PEF's forecasts. As a result, PEF could incur higher fuel and/or purchased power costs than if potential suppliers were not forearmed with this sensitive and competitively damaging information. Because any such higher fuel costs would ultimately be borne by customers of PEF through the fuel charge on their electric bills, disclosure of the forecasts would be contrary to the best interests of PEF's customers.

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5. The designated information for which confidential classification is sought by this Request is intended to be and is treated by the Company as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

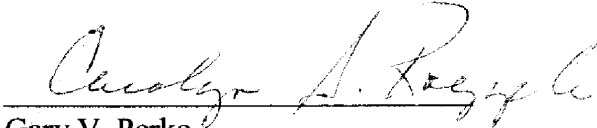
6. PEF requests an 18-month confidentiality period, consistent with Rule 25-22.006(9)(a), F.A.C.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

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