## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Environmental Cost Recovery Clause

Docket No. 060007-EI

Dated: June 23, 2006

## PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S MOTION FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER

PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC. ("PEF" or "the Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes ("F.S."), and Commission Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code ("F.A.C."), hereby moves the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission" or "FPSC"), acting through its designated Prehearing Officer, for a temporary protective order to safeguard and protect from public disclosure certain confidential information that PEF is providing in response to Citizens' (OPC's) First Request to Produce Documents (Nos. 1-12). In support, PEF states:

1. OPC has requested PEF to produce certain documents relating to PEF's Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan ("Plan"), which was filed as Exhibit No. \_\_\_ (DJR-1) to the testimony of Daniel J. Roeder on March 31, 2006. In response to Request Nos. 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10 of OPC's First Request to Produce Documents, PEF is providing information which constitutes confidential proprietary business information. The Confidential Information concerns PEF's estimated or forecasted costs for equipment, materials and fuels to implement the Plan and constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. The Confidential Information identifies PEF's estimates of future costs for coal, other fuels and other materials. Disclosure of this information would provide a supplier of coal, other fuels and materials knowledge of what the Company expects to pay for such fuels and material in the future. This knowledge could give potential

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suppliers of coal and other fuels and materials a significant competitive advantage in future contract negotiations because the suppliers would no longer need to make their best offers to ensure the competitiveness of their prices against PEF's estimates of future costs. Instead, the

supplier would simply offer the highest prices that allowed it to maintain a marginally

competitive position against Progress Energy's estimates of cost for fuel and other materials.

The Confidential Information also contains information and reports on equipment and

construction services and costs to implement the Plan. Disclosure of this information would

provide a supplier of these equipment and construction services knowledge of what the company

expects to pay for such equipment and construction services in the future. Disclosure of this

Confidential Information would give potential suppliers of equipment and construction service a

significant competitive advantage in future contract negotiations because the suppliers would no

longer need to make their best offers to ensure the competitiveness of their prices for equipment

and services against PEF's estimates of future costs. Instead, the supplier would simply offer the

highest prices that allowed it to maintain a marginally competitive advantage against PEF's

estimates of costs for equipment and construction services. As a result, PEF could incur higher

costs for fuel, other material equipment and construction services than if the company's supplier

was not forearmed with this sensitive and competitively damaging information. Because these

higher costs would ultimately be borne by customers of PEF through the charges on their electric

bills, disclosure of the estimated future costs for coal, other fuels and materials, equipment and

construction services contained in the Plan and the Confidential Information would be contrary

to the best interests of PEF's customers. The disclosure of this information would impair the

efforts of the Company or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. See

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§ 366.093(3)(d), F.S. Furthermore, 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), F.S. Accordingly, such information constitutes "proprietary

confidential business information" which is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records

Act pursuant to Section 366.093(1), F.S. PEF is willing to provide the requested information to

OPC, so long as the confidential information is protected from the harm that would result from

public disclosure.

2. Subsection (6)(c) of the Commission's confidentiality rule, 25-22.006, states:

When a utility or other person agrees to allow Public Counsel to inspect or take possession of utility information for the purpose of determining what information is to be used in a proceeding before the Commission, the utility may request a temporary protective order exempting the information from section 119.07(1), F.S. If the information is to be used in a proceeding before the Commission, then the utility must file a specific request for a protective order under paragraph (a) above. If the information is not to be used in a proceeding before the Commission, then Public Counsel shall return the information to the utility in accordance with the record retention requirements of the Department of State.

The temporary protective order provided for by subsection (6)(c) is ideally suited to the circumstances presented by this motion and will afford the protection needed by the Company.

3. The undersigned has conferred with counsel for OPC on this motion and is authorized to state that OPC does not object to this motion.

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SERVED this day of June, 2006.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, on behalf of Progress Energy Florida, PEF's Motion for Temporary Protective Order in Docket No. 060007-EI has been furnished by electronic mail (\*) or regular U.S. mail to the following this 27. day of June, 2006.

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