

October 4, 2006

Ms. Blanca S. Bayó, Director Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Joint petition for approval of modification to qualifying facility contract between Polk Power Partners, L.P. and Progress Energy Florida, Inc.; Docket No. <u>060664-EQ</u>

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Please find enclosed for filing on behalf of Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF") and Polk Power Partners, L.P. ("Polk") the original and fifteen (15) copies of the joint petition for approval of modification to qualifying facility contract between PEF and Polk.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by stamping a copy of this letter and returning to the undersigned. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

John T. Burnett Lms

JTB/lms Enclosure

cc: Mr. Malcolm Jacobson

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint Petition for Approval of Modification to Qualifying Facility Contract between Polk Power Partners, L.P. and Progress Energy Florida, Inc. Docket No.: <u>060664</u>-EQ

Submitted for filing:

October <u>4</u>, 2006

JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION TO QUALIFYING FACILITY CONTRACT BETWEEN POLK POWER PARTNERS, L.P. AND PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.

Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF") and Polk Power Partners, L.P. ("Polk"), pursuant to Rule 25-17.0836, F.A.C., petition the Commission for approval of a contract modification to a negotiated power purchase contract for the purchase of firm capacity and energy from a qualifying facility between Mulberry Energy Company, Inc. and Florida Power Corporation dated March 12, 1991 ("the Contract"). In support of this joint petition, the Joint Petitioners state as follows:

- 1. PEF is an investor-owned utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under Chapter 366, Florida Statutes. PEF's general offices are located at 100 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33701. Polk is a qualifying facility whose offices are located at 2929 Allen Parkway, Suite 2200, Houston, Texas, 77019.
- 2. All notices, pleadings and other communications required to be served on Joint Petitioners should be directed to:

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- 3. By Order No. 24734, dated July 1, 1991 in Docket No. 910401-EQ, the Commission approved the firm capacity and energy contract between Mulberry Energy Company, Inc. (now Polk) and Florida Power Corporation (now PEF). The Commission found that the Contract was reasonable and cost-effective for PEF's ratepayers.
- 4. PEF and Polk request Commission approval to add new language to Article XII of the Contract, after Section 12.1.4, to read as follows:
 - Section 12.1.5 In the event that an error in the amount of a payment or payments is discovered more than twelve (12) months from the date on which the payment or payments is/are made, then the Party claiming such error shall not be entitled to any additional remuneration with respect thereto, unless the error shall have resulted from the fraud of the other Party.
- 5. PEF and Polk wish to add the new Section 12.1.5 to the Contract to add more definitive parameters to the Contract with respect to potential payment errors that may be made during the administration of the Contract. By adding the time limitations set forth in the proposed Section 12.1.5, the Joint Petitioners will be able to operate under objective and definitive parameters should such payment errors occur, and this will allow the Joint Petitioners to more effectively administer and implement the Contract and will help to avoid potential disputes between the Joint Petitioners. Furthermore, by adding such language, it brings consistency in limitations set forth in other PEF wholesale contracts and PEF has comprehensive

controls and audit procedures in place that reduce the risk of such an error not being identified within a 12-month period. Aside from the additional language proposed in Section 12.1.5, the Joint Petitioners are not requesting any other changes to the Contract.

WHEREFORE, PEF and Polk respectfully requests the Commission to enter an order granting this joint petition and approving the additional language to the Contract as stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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