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◇ The attached two-page letter in support of the filing by Progress Energy Florida to establish a solar water heating with load management program is hereby filed by and on behalf of:
 Colleen Kettles, Executive Director
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 Docket Number 060647-EG Petition for Approval of Modifications to Demand Side Management Programs by Progress Energy Florida.

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The Honorable Lisa Polak Edgar
Chairman, Florida Public Service Commission
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RE: Docket 060647-EG Petition for Approval of Modifications to Demand
Side Management Programs by Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

Dear Chairman Edgar:

Please accept this letter in support of the PSC staff recommendation to approve the above captioned docket. The Florida Solar Energy Research and Education Foundation (FlaSEREF) was established in 1995 by the Florida Solar Energy Industries Association to further the development and use of solar energy in Florida. Our mission is to raise public awareness of the economic and environmental benefits of solar energy. FlaSEREF has filed as an interested party in this docket.

Progress Energy Florida has achieved what the solar energy industry has championed for decades: electric utility incentives for customers installing solar water heaters. The Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FEECA) was enacted to encourage the use of, among other things, solar energy systems. The inability of utility sponsored solar energy programs to pass the Rate Impact Measure (RIM) Test has had a decidedly negative effect on the rate of consumer acceptance of solar water heating systems. With the exception of the Florida Power and Light solar water heating program offered in the 1980s and early 90s¹, there has been no solar incentive available under FEECA.

Progress Energy Florida is to be commended for its initiative in designing a solar water heater program that was able to pass RIM. It is evident that a great deal of thought, time and effort went into assuring this result. Further, Progress has conducted several meetings with the solar energy industry to get their input into program implementation, and we look forward to working with them to assure program success.

As the Commission considers its decision with regard to program approval, please also consider how other utilities subject to PSC regulation might encourage their customers to

¹ The FPL incentive program did not meet RIM, but was approved by the PSC under FEECA as good public policy.

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use solar energy to heat their water and to power their homes and businesses. Progress Energy's Solar Photovoltaics with Energy Management program and the recently approved FPL Green Pricing program are excellent examples of how Florida's utilities can support customer investment in a solar energy future.

Sincerely,
s/ Colleen Kettles

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