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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Petition for determination of need for expansion of Crystal River 3 nuclear power plant, for exemption from Bid Rule 25-22.082, F.A.C., and for cost recovery through fuel clause, by Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 060642-EI

FILED: DECEMBER 18, 2006

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STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to the case management schedule of events in this docket which establishes filing deadlines, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

Staff is not sponsoring witnesses at this time.

b. All Known Exhibits

Staff has no exhibits at this time.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

CMP _____ ISSUE 1: Should PEF's request for exemption from the requirements of Rule 25-22.082, Florida Administrative Code, be granted?

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CTR _____ POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ECR _____

GCL _____ ISSUE 2: Is there a need for the proposed Crystal River Unit 3 Uprate, taking into account the need for electric system reliability and integrity, as the criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

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RCA _____

SCR _____ POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

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ISSUE 3: Is there a need for the proposed Crystal River Unit 3 Uprate, taking into account the need for adequate electricity at a reasonable cost, as the criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 4: Is there a need for the proposed Crystal River Unit 3 Uprate, taking into account the need for fuel diversity and supply reliability, as the criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 5: Are there any conservation measures taken by or reasonably available to PEF which might mitigate the need for the proposed Crystal River Unit 3 Uprate?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 6: Is the proposed Crystal River Unit 3 Uprate the most cost-effective alternative available, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 7: Based on the resolution of the foregoing issues, should the Commission grant PEF's petition to determine the need for proposed Crystal River Unit 3 Uprate?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 8: Should this docket be closed?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

e. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions at this time.

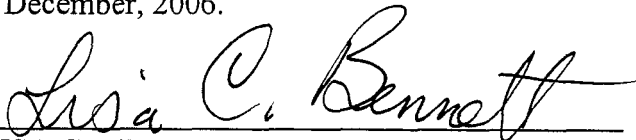
f. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests at this time.

g. Compliance with Case Management Schedule

Staff has complied with all filing deadlines established by the Case Management Procedure. Once an Order Establishing Procedure has been issued, staff will comply with all requirements or set forth reasons why it can not.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of December, 2006.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT was furnished to the following, by U.S. Mail, on this 18th day of December, 2006:

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