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May 30, 2007 – **VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 070297-EI
Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to
Rule 25-6.0342, FAC, submitted by Tampa Electric Company

Docket No. 070298-EI
Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to
Rule 25-6.0342, FAC, submitted by Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

Docket No. 070301-EI
Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to
Rule 25-6.0342, FAC, submitted by Florida Power & Light Company

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed are the Preliminary Comments of Verizon Florida LLC for filing in the above-referenced matters. Service has been made as indicated on the Certificate of Service. If there are any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (770) 284-5498.

Sincerely,

s/ Dulaney L. O’Roark III

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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25-6.0342, FAC, submitted by Progress)	
Energy Florida, Inc.)	
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Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to Rule)	
25-6.0342, FAC, submitted by Florida Power &)	
Light Company)	
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PRELIMINARY COMMENTS OF VERIZON FLORIDA LLC

In response to Staff’s Memorandum dated May 14, 2007, Verizon Florida LLC (“Verizon”) files these preliminary comments concerning the storm hardening plans filed by Tampa Electric Company (“TECO”), Progress Energy Florida, Inc. (“PEF”) and Florida Power & Light Company (“FP&L”).

Verizon has reviewed the storm hardening plans of TECO, PEF and FP&L, which are the three investor-owned utilities in its service territory. The plans provide a general description of the work each company has proposed, but lack the detail necessary to evaluate the costs to third-party attachers such as Verizon. Verizon cannot assess hardening projects without knowing in advance engineering detail such as what routes will be included. Verizon has met with TECO, PEF and FP&L to gain a better understanding of plan implementation and intends to continue working with them to obtain engineering detail before construction of each project. If Verizon determines that

implementation of the storm hardening plans would impose undue costs, Verizon will make an appropriate filing with the Commission.

Respectfully submitted on May 30, 2007.

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