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Thanks.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE:
PETITION FOR INCREASE IN RATES
BY PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.

Docket No. 090079-EI
Submitted for filing: June 18, 2009

**PEF'S OBJECTIONS TO CITIZENS' EIGHTH SET
OF INTERROGATORIES (NOS. 318-341)**

Pursuant to Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-106.206, Rule 1.350 of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Order Establishing Procedure in this matter, Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF") hereby serves its objections to the Office of Public Counsel's ("OPC" or "Citizens") Eighth Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 318-341) and states as follows:

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

PEF will make all responsive documents available for inspection and copying at the offices of PEF, 106 E. College Ave., Suite 800, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301 at a mutually-convenient time, or will produce the documents in some other manner or at some other place that is mutually convenient to both PEF and OPC for purposes of inspection, copying, or handling of the responsive documents.

With respect to any "Definitions" and "Instructions" in OPC's Interrogatories, PEF objects to any definitions or instructions that are inconsistent with PEF's discovery obligations under applicable rules. If some question arises as to PEF's discovery obligations, PEF will comply with applicable rules and not with any of OPC's definitions or instructions that are inconsistent with those rules. Furthermore, PEF objects to any definition or request that seeks to encompass persons or entities other than PEF who are not parties to this action and thus are not subject to discovery. No responses to the requests will be made on behalf of persons or entities

other than PEF. PEF also objects to OPC's request that PEF provide documents in a specific electronic format. Furthermore, PEF objects to any request that calls for PEF to create documents that it otherwise does not have because there is no such requirement under the applicable rules and law.

Additionally, PEF generally objects to OPC's requests to the extent that they call for documents protected by the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, the accountant-client privilege, the trade secret privilege, or any other applicable privilege or protection afforded by law. PEF will provide a privilege log in accordance with the applicable law or as may be agreed to by the parties to the extent, if at all, that any document request calls for the production of privileged or protected documents.

Further, in certain circumstances, PEF may determine upon investigation and analysis that documents responsive to certain requests to which objections are not otherwise asserted are confidential and proprietary and should be produced only under an appropriate confidentiality agreement and protective order, if at all. By agreeing to provide such information in response to such a request, PEF is not waiving its right to insist upon appropriate protection of confidentiality by means of a confidentiality agreement, protective order, or the procedures otherwise provided by law or in the Order Establishing Procedure (the "Order"). PEF hereby asserts its right to require such protection of any and all information that may qualify for protection under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the Order, and all other applicable statutes, rules and legal principles.

PEF generally objects to OPC's Interrogatories to the extent that they call for the production of "all" documents of any nature, including, every copy of every document responsive to the requests. PEF will make a good faith, reasonably diligent attempt to identify

and obtain responsive documents when no objection has been asserted to the production of such documents, but it is not practicable or even possible to identify, obtain, and produce “all” documents. In addition, PEF reserves the right to supplement any of its responses to OPC’s Interrogatories if PEF cannot produce documents immediately due to their magnitude and the work required to aggregate them, or if PEF later discovers additional responsive documents in the course of this proceeding.

PEF also objects to any request that calls for projected data or information beyond the year 2010 because such data or information is wholly irrelevant to this case and has no bearing on this proceeding, nor is such data or information likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Furthermore, if a request does not specify a timeframe for which data or information is sought, PEF will interpret such request as calling only for data and information relevant to the years 2006-2010.

By making these general objections at this time, PEF does not waive or relinquish its right to assert additional general and specific objections to OPC’s discovery at the time PEF’s response is due under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and the Order. PEF provides these general objections at this time to comply with the intent of the Order to reduce the delay in identifying and resolving any potential discovery disputes.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS

Request 325: PEF objects to Citizens’ interrogatory 325 to the extent that it requests PEF to produce the requested information in multiple formats, as well as in a specific electronic format (i.e. “Excel format”), regardless of the format in which the information exists. PEF will provide the responsive information in the format in which it is currently maintained.

Request 326: PEF objects to Citizens' interrogatory 326 to the extent that it requests PEF to produce the requested information in multiple formats, as well as in a specific electronic format (i.e. "Excel format"), regardless of the format in which the information exists. PEF will provide the responsive information in the format in which it is currently maintained.

Request 330: PEF objects to Citizens' interrogatory number 330 to the extent that it seeks information from 2005 (i.e. "all instances during . . . 2005 . . . that the Company purchased in-transit coal from Progress Energy Fuel Corporation and the amount" thereof), as that information is irrelevant and has no bearing on these proceedings, nor is it reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible information.

Request 334: PEF objects to Citizens' interrogatory number 334 to the extent that it seeks information from 2004 and 2005 (i.e. "identify all asset transfers from [PEF] to an affiliate for the years, 2004, 2005 . . ."), as that information is irrelevant and has no bearing on these proceedings, nor is it reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible information.

Request 335: PEF objects to Citizens' interrogatory number 335 to the extent that it requires PEF to "describe in detail," as the Rules require that PEF provide an answer and not some subjective characteristic thereof.

Request 340: PEF objects to Citizens' interrogatory number 340 to the extent that it seeks information from 2005 as that information is irrelevant and has no bearing on these proceedings, nor is it reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible information.

Requests 318-341: PEF objects to OPC's interrogatories numbers 318-341 because these interrogatories are in violation of the Order limiting each party to 500 interrogatories, including subparts.

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