

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

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Docket No. 090079-EI  
Submitted for filing: September 11, 2009

**NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVIT OF BRUCE BARKLEY IN SUPPORT OF PEF'S  
TWELFTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Notice is hereby given, through the undersigned counsel, on behalf of Progress Energy Florida, Inc. of filing the Affidavit of BRUCE BARKLEY in support of Progress Energy Florida's Twelfth Request for Confidential Classification.

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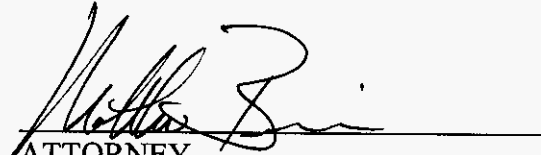
  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served via electronic and U.S. Mail to the following counsel of record as indicated below on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

  
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FLORIDA'S TWELFTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Bruce Barkley, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Bruce Barkley. I am over the age of 18 years old and I have been authorized by Progress Energy Florida (hereinafter "PEF" or the "Company") to give this affidavit in the above-styled proceeding on PEF's behalf and in support of PEF's Request for Confidential Classification. The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.
2. I am the Manager – Fuel Forecasting and Regulatory support in the Fuels and Power Optimization Department. My primary duties include the preparation of fuel forecasts, support of fuel-related regulatory proceedings and internal reporting of fuel costs.
3. PEF is seeking confidential classification of portions of the responsive documents to Staff's Eighteenth Request for Production of Documents. A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Attachment A to PEF's Request for Confidential Classification and is outlined in PEF's Justification Matrix that is attached to PEF's

Request for Confidential Classification as Exhibit C. PEF is requesting confidential classification of this information because it includes confidential and proprietary information related to the Company's competitive business interests, as well as information regarding PEF's contractual agreements, the disclosure of which would compromise PEF's competitive business interests.

4. Specifically, the documents produced in response to this Request for Production includes confidential information regarding the Company's projected fuel costs. Specifically, these documents include the Company's projected No. 2 Oil and No. 6 Oil Price Forecasts, Fuel and Operations Forecasts and Coal Cost Forecasts. Also included in these responsive documents is information related to contractually agreed upon coal contracts, including the pricing agreements. Disclosure of this information would impair PEF's competitive business interests by providing third parties with sensitive information which would provide third parties a competitive advantage when negotiating contracts related to such commodities in the future. Therefore, public disclosure of this information could adversely affect the Company's ability to purchase these commodities at advantageous prices, therefore impacting the Company's competitive interests and ultimately having a detrimental impact on PEF's ratepayers.

5. Strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the documents and information provided, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company, and restricting the number of, and access to the information. At no time since receiving the information in question has the Company publicly disclosed that information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

6. This concludes my affidavit.

