

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Docket No. 090079-EL
Submitted for filing: September 14, 2009

**PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.'S TWELFTH
MOTION FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF"), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby moves pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006(6), Florida Administrative Code, for entry of a Temporary Protective Order covering confidential documents and information sought in discovery by the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") and as grounds therefore states as follows:

1. In its Fifteenth Set of Requests for Production of Documents (Nos. 281-295), specifically number 288, OPC has requested the discovery of confidential information the disclosure of which could harm PEF's competitive business interests and would violate contractual confidentiality provisions.

2. Specifically, the responses to these requests include sensitive and confidential information relating to internal audit reports and controls, the disclosure of which would harm PEF's competitive business interests. Such information, if made available to the public, could compromise PEF's ability to successfully perform internal audits by inhibiting full and candid disclosure to internal auditors.. See § 366.093(3)(b), Fla. Stat.

3. Section 366.093(2), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006(6), Florida Administrative Code, direct that all records produced pursuant to a discovery request for which proprietary confidential status is requested shall be treated by Public Counsel as confidential and

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shall be exempt from the public records law, Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes. PEF, by this motion, is seeking protection of all confidential information that PEF will produce to OPC in this matter pursuant to OPC's Fifteenth Set of Requests for Production of Documents (Nos. 281-295), as more specifically set forth above. PEF has recorded the appropriate objections to providing such confidential, proprietary business information, and will provide documents and information responsive to these requests marked as confidential subject to this motion, the law, Commission rules, and PEF's objections. By following this procedure and producing this information, PEF is not waiving its right to seek further relief as necessary to make certain that its confidential, proprietary, business information is not publicly disclosed.

4. PEF further requests that in connection with the entry of a temporary protective order, the Commission also require Public Counsel to provide PEF with notice of its intent to use such confidential information in connection with the hearing in this matter.

WHEREFORE, PEF requests that the Commission enter an Order granting its Motion for Temporary Protective Order relating to information identified as confidential and produced in response to OPC's Fifteenth Set of Requests for Production of Documents (Nos. 281-295), specifically number 288, instructing Public Counsel to continue to treat it as confidential, and requiring Public Counsel to provide PEF with notice of its intent to use such confidential information in connection with the hearing in accordance with the prehearing order governing procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 14th day of August, 2009.


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