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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Nuclear Power Plant Cost  
Recovery Clause

Docket No. 110009-EI  
Submitting for filing: June 23, 2011

**AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN ELNITSKY IN SUPPORT OF PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA,  
INC.'S EIGHTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

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

1. My name is John Elnitsky. I am over the age of 18 years 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 regarding portions of its responses to the Florida Public Service Commission's Staff's ("Staff") Third Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 12-16), specifically numbers 14 and 16 (the "Request"). The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

2. As Vice President of New Generation Programs and Projects ("NGPP"), I am responsible for the licensing and construction of the Levy Nuclear Project ("LNP"), including the direct management of the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Agreement ("EPC Agreement") with Westinghouse and Shaw, Stone, & Webster (the "Consortium").

3. PEF is seeking confidential classification of portions of its responses to Staff's Third Set of Interrogatories, specifically portions of the responses to interrogatories numbers 14 and 16. A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in

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confidential Attachment A to PEF's Request and is outlined in PEF's Justification Matrix that is attached to PEF's Request as Appendix C.

4. The Company is requesting confidential classification of this information because it contains proprietary and confidential information that would impair PEF's competitive business interests if publicly disclosed, such as details regarding PEF's debt service obligations, specifically contractual mortgage information. The disclosure of this would impair the Company's ability to contract on favorable terms. If such information was disclosed to PEF's competitors and/or other potential suppliers, PEF's efforts to obtain competitive nuclear equipment and service options that provide economic value to both the Company and its customers could be compromised by the Company's competitors and/or suppliers changing their offers, consumption, or purchasing behavior within the relevant markets.

5. Also included in the responses is information related to the ongoing negotiations with potential joint-owners of the LNP. The Company is maintaining the confidentiality of the details of these negotiations, including the identity of the potential joint-owners. Public release of the identities and other details of the negotiations could harm PEF's competitive negotiating position, and possibly lead to the end of negotiations all together. PEF must be able to maintain the confidentiality of its negotiations with potential joint owners in order to be in the best position to negotiate a favorable agreement that benefits the Company and its customers. Without the Company's measures to maintain the confidentiality of the negotiation process, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive contracts could be undermined to the detriment of PEF and its ratepayers.

6. Upon receipt of all this confidential information, and with its own confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the

terms of the documents and information provided, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company. At no time has the Company publicly disclosed the information at issue. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

7. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011.



(Signature)  
John Elnitsky, Vice President of New Generation Programs and Projects

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011 by John Elnitsky. He is (personally known to me), or has produced his \_\_\_\_\_ driver's license, or his \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.



(Signature)  
Joanne A. Godsey-Baur  
(Printed Name)

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