

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

A) APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.

DOCKET NO. COMPANY NAME
120236-TX O1 Communications East, LLC

B) Docket No. 120242-EI - Application for authority to
issue and sell securities during 12 months ending
December 31, 2013, by Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

C) Docket No. 120245-EI - Application for authority to
issue and sell securities and to receive common
equity contributions during 12 months ending
December 31, 2013, pursuant to Section 366.04, F.S.,
and Chapter 25-8, F.A.C., by Gulf Power Company.

D) Docket No. 120264-GU - Application for certificate
to provide local telecommunications service by O1
Communications East, LLC.

PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE
ITEM NO. 1 - CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN RONALD A. BRISÉ
COMMISSIONER LISA POLAK EDGAR
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER EDUARDO E. BALBIS
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN

DATE: Tuesday, November 27, 2012

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2 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. Thank you. So
3 now we will officially call this meeting to order.

4 Shortly we will take up the Move Staff List,
5 but before we do that there are a couple of people we
6 want to take the time to mention. It's a bittersweet
7 moment, I'm sure, for them, and it's a bittersweet
8 moment for us, as well. Some individuals, this is
9 their last agenda with us, so we want to take the time
10 to thank you for your service. And we certainly hope
11 that as you transition that you will find that whatever
12 you are going to do next is going to be as exciting as
13 the Public Service Commission, at the very least.

14 So we want to thank Connie Kummer for your
15 service, and we have certainly -- I know I have
16 certainly appreciated working with you for the time
17 that I have been here.

18 Mr. Trapp, Bob Trapp, thank you for your
19 service here at the Commission with us. And I have
20 certainly appreciated it. I know that all of us have
21 certainly appreciated working with you, as well. I
22 think our first interaction was when I was in the
23 House, and you actually came down, and we were dealing
24 with an issue back then, so we had a good interaction
25 back then, as well.

1 And I also want to thank Lisa Bennett. I
2 know that you are transitioning, and we thank you for
3 your service, and we certainly hope you the very best
4 as you transition to more -- different things.

5 I know that some of my fellow Commissioners
6 want to say some words as well. The first light I saw
7 was Commissioner Balbis.

8 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Thank you, Mr.
9 Chairman. And I share your sentiments.

10 Mr. Trapp, you have been a welcomed resource
11 and a wealth of knowledge, and I appreciate all of your
12 hard work and information that you have provided me.
13 It has been helpful, and you will be sorely missed.

14 I also want to take this opportunity to thank
15 Lisa Bennett. When I was appointed, it was kind of a
16 surprise early appointment, and I attended my first
17 agenda conference with little or no notice, and did not
18 have an advisor. And Lisa jumped up, and I may have
19 coerced her to become my advisor in a very difficult
20 time, and she was a tremendous asset and a very good
21 attorney. And I'm really -- you know, it's not
22 bittersweet, it's just bitter at this point that she is
23 leaving.

24 (Laughter.)

25 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** But I know that -- I

1 understand that she is going to the City of
2 Gainesville, and I know that she will be a welcomed
3 asset there, and she will be sorely missed here, as
4 well.

5 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right.

6 Commissioner Edgar.

7 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8 Very briefly. I obviously have had the opportunity to
9 work with all three of these exceptional staff members
10 over the years, and they have each been particularly
11 patient with me, and have taught me so, so much over
12 the years. I'm personally grateful.

13 I also wanted to point out that I know
14 Ms. Kummer received the Gunter Award just a few years
15 ago, and I believe Mr. Trapp has, as well, although
16 that was prior to my tenure here, and I'm sure that
17 Ms. Bennett would have at some point if she had decided
18 to hang around long enough.

19 So, again, I personally thank you for all
20 that you have done to help me get on my feet, and
21 hopefully stay there, and I wish you well.

22 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. So I think it's
23 sort of fitting, and Commissioner Graham just sort of
24 hinted in my ear that in other places we give standing
25 ovations to people who are transitioning, and we are

1 proud of them, so we are going to do that here.

2 (Applause.)

3 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. So let's see if
4 we can move to the Move Staff List, recognizing that
5 Issues 2 and 3 have been deferred, and Item 5 has been
6 withdrawn.

7 Commissioner Edgar.

8 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Thank you.

9 Mr. Chairman, I would move the staff
10 recommendation on Items 1, 6, 7, and 10.

11 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. Is there a
12 second?

13 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** Second.

14 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** It has been moved and
15 seconded. Any further comments?

16 Commissioner Balbis.

17 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Thank you, Mr.
18 Chairman.

19 Just briefly. I made some comments
20 yesterday, and Item 10 represents the inclusion of
21 those uprates into base rates, and I just want to point
22 out again that this represents over 500 megawatts of
23 additional generation that in the first full year of
24 operation will save customers \$114 million in fuel
25 savings, and over the life of the projects over

1 \$3.8 billion in fuel savings. So I think this is a
2 good project and should be recognized that it is coming
3 on-line as expected. So with that I support the
4 motion.

5 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** All right. It has been
6 moved and seconded.

7 All in favor say aye.

8 (Vote taken.)

9 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. Thank you.

10 Commissioner Edgar.

11 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Thank you.

12 Mr. Chairman, Item 9, procedurally I would
13 like to ask that we reconsider the vote by which we
14 approved Item 1C in this docket previously. This is
15 purely for procedural reasons. It was a 4-0 vote, and
16 I was on the prevailing side.

17 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. Is there a
18 second?

19 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Second.

20 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. It has been
21 moved and seconded.

22 Commissioner Brown.

23 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** Thank you. And thank
24 you, Commissioner Edgar, for that reconsideration.

25 I re-read the transcript, and I support the

1 motion.

2 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. It has been
3 moved and seconded. So all in favor of reconsidering
4 say aye.

5 (Vote taken.)

6 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. Now let's take
7 up the item.

8 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Mr. Chairman, I would
9 move approval of Item 1C in Docket Number 120001-EI.

10 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. It has been
11 moved. Is there a second?

12 **COMMISSIONER GRAHAM:** Second.

13 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** It has been moved and
14 seconded. All in favor say aye.

15 (Vote taken.)

16 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. It has been
17 approved.

18 Commissioner Edgar.

19 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** I would move the staff
20 recommendation on Item 9.

21 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. It has been
22 moved. Is there a second?

23 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** Second.

24 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay. Moved and seconded.
25 All in favor say aye.

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(Vote taken.)

CHAIRMAN BRISÉ: All right. Thank you.

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