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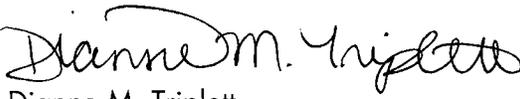
Re: In Re: Petition by Progress Energy Florida, Inc. to recover costs of
Crystal River Unit 3 Uprate through Fuel Clause
Docket No. 070052

Dear Chairman Edgar:

We received the Office of Public Counsel's ("OPC") February 2, 2007 letter to you in Docket 070052 and we must reluctantly respond. OPC asks you to abate the hearing date and dates for testimony in this proceeding pending any ruling on OPC's motion to abate Progress Energy Florida, Inc's (PEF) petition in this docket. OPC's request will result in OPC receiving immediately the relief. OPC requests in its motion to abate PEF's petition, which was just filed with the Commission, without an opportunity for PEF to respond to and be heard on the request in the letter or the motion.

We believe this request is improper, indeed OPC's request amounts to a temporary injunction against PEF's petition, without OPC having even attempted to demonstrate much less establish in its letter the elements of irreparable harm, inadequacy of the legal remedy available, or substantial likelihood of success on the merits of the request that must be established under Florida law to obtain such extraordinary relief. We, accordingly, are compelled to respond to OPC's letter and request the Commission to refuse to act on the immediate (and injunctive) relief requested in OPC's letter. Rather, OPC's motion to abate should be heard in due course by the prehearing officer after PEF has been afforded the opportunity to respond to and be heard on OPC's motion. PEF will file its formal response to OPC's motion soon.

Sincerely,


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