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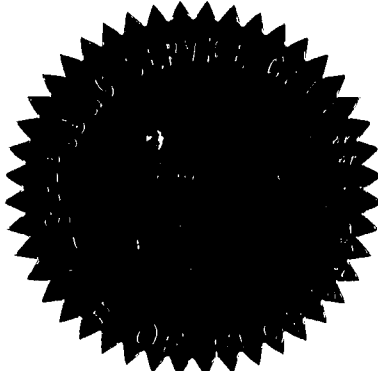
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3 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: We will move on and take up docket
4 07. So the record for the 07 docket is now open.

5 Preliminary matters.

6 MS. BROWN: Yes, Madam Chairman, there are a few
7 preliminary matters I'd like to mention at this time. We have
8 provided language to stipulate the position on Issue 10A.

9 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Ms. Brown, I'm having a little
10 difficulty hearing you, and I think others may be as well.

11 MS. BROWN: Is that better?

12 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: I think that's -- I don't know.
13 Let's --

14 MS. BROWN: Well --

15 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Okay. Can you begin from the
16 beginning for me?

17 MS. BROWN: I will.

18 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Thank you.

19 MS. BROWN: We have provided language to stipulate
20 the position on Issue 10A regarding Progress Energy's
21 modifications to its Integrated Clean Air Compliance Program.
22 With that stipulation, there are now proposed stipulations on
23 all the issues in the 07 docket and the witnesses have been
24 excused.

25 Also, I need to mention that when we get to the

1 exhibits, FP&L will have an additional exhibit to move into the
2 record. And when we get to the stipulated issues, FPL will
3 also have a minor computation adjustment to make to Issues 3,
4 4 and 7. The parties do not intend to make any opening
5 statements. We will recommend that you can finalize the
6 evidentiary record by admitting the prefiled testimony and
7 exhibits, and staff's composite discovery exhibit into the
8 record. And we will also suggest that the Commission can make
9 a bench decision in this case.

10 So with that, we ask that the prefiled testimony of
11 all witnesses identified in Section VI of the Prehearing Order
12 be inserted into the record as though read. Cross-examination
13 has been waived.

14 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Okay. Okay. So we are going to go
15 ahead and get the record in order and get us in a procedural
16 posture so that we are ready for a vote. And so with that, the
17 prefiled testimony for each of the witnesses in the 07 docket
18 will be entered into the record for this docket.

19 MS. BROWN: As to the exhibits, we ask that you mark
20 and move the Comprehensive Stipulated Exhibit List into the
21 record. The list itself is Exhibit 1. And all other exhibits
22 on the list should be numbered as indicated and moved into the
23 record at this time.

24 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Okay. So the Comprehensive Exhibit
25 List will be marked as Exhibit 1. And then do we have

1 additional exhibits to add to the list? Mr. Butler?

2 MR. BUTLER: We do. There is one. And I provided
3 each of the Commissioners and the other parties intervening as
4 to FPL in this docket copies of what we've marked as Exhibit
5 46, and this was identified at staff's request. It is the
6 March 30, 2007, FPL Supplemental CAIR/CAMR filing that was made
7 on, or filed with the Commission on that date in this docket.
8 And my understanding is staff wants to have it as part of the
9 record because it is referred to in the stipulated position on
10 Issue 9G.

11 CHAIRMAN EDGAR: Okay. So we will mark as Exhibit 46
12 the document that has been distributed and label it FPL's
13 Supplemental CAIR/CAMR filing. Commissioners, any questions?
14 Does everybody have -- okay. So marked.

15 MR. BUTLER: Thank you.

16 (Exhibits 1 through 46 marked for identification.)
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1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

3 **TESTIMONY OF KOREL M. DUBIN**

4 **DOCKET NO. 070007-EI**

5 **APRIL 2, 2007**

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8 **Q. Please state your name and address.**

9 A. My name is Korel M. Dubin and my business address is 9250 West
10 Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, 33174.

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12 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

13 A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) as the Manager
14 of Regulatory Issues in the Regulatory Affairs Department.

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16 **Q. Have you previously testified in the predecessors to this docket?**

17 A. Yes, I have.

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19 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

20 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present for Commission review and
21 approval the Environmental Cost Recovery (ECR) Clause true-up costs
22 associated with FPL Environmental Compliance activities for the period
23 January through December 2006.

1 **Q. Have you prepared or caused to be prepared under your direction,**
2 **supervision or control an exhibit in this proceeding?**

3 **A.** Yes, I have. My Exhibit KMD-1 consists of eight forms.

- 4 • Form 42-1A reflects the final true-up for the period January through
5 December 2006.
- 6 • Form 42-2A consists of the final true-up calculation for the period.
- 7 • Form 42-3A consists of the calculation of the interest provision for the
8 period.
- 9 • Form 42-4A reflects the calculation of variances between actual and
10 estimated/actual costs for O&M Activities.
- 11 • Form 42-5A presents a summary of actual monthly costs for the
12 period for O&M Activities.
- 13 • Form 42-6A reflects the calculation of variances between actual and
14 estimated/actual costs for Capital Investment Projects.
- 15 • Form 42-7A presents a summary of actual monthly costs for the
16 period for Capital Investment Projects.
- 17 • Form 42-8A consists of the calculation of depreciation expense and
18 return on capital investment. Form 42-8A, Pages 39 through 41
19 provide the beginning of period and end of period depreciable base by
20 production plant name, unit or plant account and applicable
21 depreciation rate or amortization period for each Capital Investment
22 Project.

1 **Q. What is the source of the actuals data which you will present by way**
2 **of testimony or exhibits in this proceeding?**

3 A. Unless otherwise indicated, the actuals data are taken from the books
4 and records of FPL. The books and records are kept in the regular
5 course of our business in accordance with generally accepted accounting
6 principles and practices, and with the provisions of the Uniform System of
7 Accounts as prescribed by this Commission.

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9 **Q. Please explain the calculation of the Net True-up Amount.**

10 A. Form 42-1A, entitled "Calculation of the Final True-up" shows the
11 calculation of the Net True-Up for the period January 2006 through
12 December 2006, an over-recovery of \$1,563,849, which I am requesting
13 to be included in the calculation of the ECR factors for the January
14 through December 2008 period.

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16 The actual End-of-Period over-recovery for the period January through
17 December 2006 of \$14,973,593 (shown on Form 42-1A, line 3) adjusted
18 for the estimated/actual End-of-Period over-recovery for the same period
19 of \$13,409,744 (shown on Form 42-1A, line 6) results in the Net True-Up
20 over-recovery for the period January through December 2006 (shown on
21 Form 42-1A, line 7) of \$1,563,849.

1 **Q. Have you provided a schedule showing the calculation of the End-of-**
2 **Period true-up?**

3 A. Yes. Form 42-2A, entitled "Calculation of Final True-up Amount", shows
4 the calculation of the Environmental End of Period true-up for the period
5 January through December 2006. The End of Period true-up shown on
6 page 2 of 2, Lines 5 plus 6 is an over-recovery of \$14,973,593.
7 Additionally, Form 42-3A shows the calculation of the Interest Provision of
8 \$651,087, which is applicable to end of period true-up over-recovery of
9 \$14,973,593.

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11 **Q. Is the true-up calculation consistent with the true-up methodology**
12 **used for the other cost recovery clauses?**

13 A. Yes, it is. The calculation of the true-up amount follows the procedures
14 established by the Commission as set forth on Commission Schedule A-2
15 "Calculation of the True-Up and Interest Provisions" for the Fuel Cost
16 Recovery Clause.

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18 **Q. Are all costs listed in Forms 42-4A through 42-8A attributable to**
19 **Environmental Compliance Projects approved by the Commission?**

20 A. Yes, they are.

1 **Q. How did actual expenditures for January through December 2006**
2 **compare with FPL's estimated/actual projections as presented in**
3 **previous testimony and exhibits?**

4 A. Form 42-4A shows that total O&M project costs were \$548,957, or 38.1%
5 lower than projected and Form 42-6A shows that total capital investment
6 project costs were \$1,364,259 or 8.0% lower than projected. Following
7 are explanations for those O&M Projects and Capital Investment Projects
8 with significant variances. Individual project variances are provided on
9 Forms 42-4A and 42-6A. Return on Capital Investment, Depreciation and
10 Taxes for each project for the actual period January through December
11 2006 are provided on Form 42-8A.

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13 **1. Maintenance of Stationary Above Ground Fuel Storage Tanks**
14 **- O & M (Project 5a)**

15 Project expenditures were \$200,087, or 16.0% higher than previously
16 projected. Actual expenditures for the Port Everglades Plant #4 Metering
17 Tank were approximately \$70,000 higher due to internal coating of the
18 vapor space area of the tank being added to the original scope of work.
19 This addition was based on subject matter expert advice to mitigate the
20 internal corrosion caused by fuel oil fumes.

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22 Most of the balance of the variance was associated with additional costs
23 to remove sediment and to make repairs on the bottom plates, steam
24 tubing and related pipe supports on Tank 802 at the Port Everglades

1 Terminal. Required repairs could not be determined until the oil level was
2 dropped below the manway, the manway's cover was removed, and the
3 API inspector physically entered the tank and conducted the inspection.
4 When this inspection was performed, FPL discovered that there were
5 actually 9" of sediment vs. the 4" that had been originally estimated, and
6 that there was damage to the bottom plates, steam tubing and related
7 pipe supports.

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9 Finally, disposal of storm water trapped inside the tank was not in the
10 original bid scope of potential work. This scope has now been added to
11 the bid packages for all future work.

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13 **2. Disposal of Non-containerized Liquid Waste – O & M (Project**
14 **17a)**

15 Project expenditures were \$59,943, or 15.8% lower than previously
16 projected due to project delays resulting from required maintenance work
17 on the fly ash filter press. Maintenance of the filter press required
18 approximately five months to complete, which delayed performing ash
19 removal work at the Sanford, Turkey Point, and Port Everglades plants.

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21 **3. Substation Pollutant Discharge Prevention & Removal –**
22 **Distribution - O&M (Project 19a)**

23 Project expenditures were \$278,679, or 29.0% lower than anticipated.
24 Project activities were delayed due to the re-bidding of work activities and

1 specification revisions. The re-bidding of the Project activities brought
2 about streamlined work activity descriptions and favorable pricing for FPL
3 and its customers, resulting in lower overall costs moving forward. The
4 specification revision was due to the encapsulation process for
5 distribution breakers and regulators. Specifically, a fast-dry primer and a
6 dry-fall paint required introduction and approval from the FPL Coatings
7 Specialist in order to make this effort both feasible and safe in view of the
8 close proximity of energized equipment.

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10 **4. Substation Pollutant Discharge Prevention & Removal -**
11 **Transmission - O&M (Project 19b)**

12 Project expenditures were \$42,144, or 23.0% lower than anticipated.
13 Projected work was decreased due to the retirement of transmission
14 breakers, resulting in less equipment requiring project work. Additionally,
15 FPL was unable to obtain the necessary clearances to perform certain
16 project work; resulting in that work being deferred.

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18 **5. Pipeline Integrity Management (PIM) – O&M (Project 22)**

19 Project expenditures were \$247,397, or 63.5% lower than previously
20 projected. Approximately \$200,000 was included in the mid-year estimate
21 for work on a 20" gas line Smart Pig. FPL subsequently determined,
22 based on the scope of this work, that the work was misclassified and is
23 not clause recoverable. The balance of the variance is related to the

1 delay of a 50' dig on an 18" pipeline due to standing water in the area of
2 the dig.

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4 **6. Manatee Reburn – O&M (Project 24)**

5 Project expenditures were \$208,466, or 99.3% lower than previously
6 projected. Reburn burner maintenance inspections at the Manatee Plant
7 revealed less damage than anticipated. Additionally, some projected
8 maintenance costs were covered under warranty.

9

10 **7. Port Everglades Precipitator (ESP) – O & M (Project 25)**

11 Project expenditures were \$124,948, or 17.3% lower than previously
12 projected. Due to the relative cost to FPL of oil and gas, less oil and more
13 gas was burned than originally expected at the Plant and as a result, less
14 operational and maintenance activities were needed for the ESPs. This
15 decreased usage of oil also contributed to less ash being produced.
16 Finally, the failure rates of ESP equipment have proven to be better than
17 originally expected (more reliable), thus requiring less maintenance.

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19 **8. UST Replacement/Removal – O&M (Project 26)**

20 Project expenditures were \$141,539, or 40.4% higher than projected.
21 This variance is primarily due to an increase in scope. A tank located at
22 the Physical Distribution Center was inspected and found to qualify for the
23 UST Project. The inspection took place after the 2006 Estimated/Actual
24 filing was made.

1 **9. Lowest Quality Water Source (LQWS) – O&M (Project 27)**

2 Project expenditures were \$45,977, or 14.3% lower than previously
3 projected. The Wastewater Permit for the Cape Canaveral Plant was
4 issued by the FDEP. However, there were delays due to water quality
5 technical issues associated with the treatment systems, and ongoing
6 discussions with Brevard County. For these reasons, reclaimed water
7 was not used at the plant; therefore, there was not a cost for the
8 additional water treatment that would be required in order to use
9 reclaimed water.

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11 **10. Manatee Hydro-biological Monitoring Program (HBMP) –**
12 **O & M (Project 30)**

13 Project expenditures were \$6,872 or 44.6% higher than previously
14 projected. This increase is primarily due to unanticipated testing required
15 by the implementation of Emergency Diversion Curves (EDC) as a result
16 of drought conditions.

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18 **11. Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) Compliance – O & M (Project**
19 **31)**

20 Project expenditures were \$450,965, or 74.8% higher than expected.
21 This variance is primarily due to expenses associated with FPL's
22 challenge to the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) rules
23 implementing CAIR in Florida. As explained in Randall R. LaBauve's
24 testimony filed on September 1, 2006, these costs were not reflected in

1 FPL's 2006 estimated/actual or 2007 projected ECRC costs due to the
2 timing of FPL's decision to pursue the challenge.

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4 **12. Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) – O & M (Project**
5 **32)**

6 Project expenditures were \$27,803, or 54.9% lower than expected
7 primarily due to a reduction in the project's scope. The original estimate
8 included the need for modeling on all plants. Only one plant required a
9 full model review by the vendor, and several plants required only partial
10 modeling.

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12 **13. SO2 Allowances – Negative Return on Investment**

13 Project depreciation and return on investment were \$50,513, or 8.3%
14 lower than anticipated. The return on the unamortized gains on sales of
15 SO2 allowances decreased primarily due to the reduction in the pre-tax
16 return on capital investment rate from approximately 11.7% (based on
17 2002 capital ratios and rates used in the estimated/actual filing) to
18 approximately 11.1% (based on 2006 capital ratios and rates used in
19 actual calculations).

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21 **14. Manatee Reburn – Capital (Project 24)**

22 Project depreciation and return on investment were \$464,710, or 11.9%
23 lower than anticipated. Vendor payments scheduled for 2006 were not
24 made due to performance and scheduled milestones not being met.

1 Results of initial testing of boiler operating conditions and unit
2 performance did not meet guaranteed emissions rates. Delivery of results
3 from follow-up testing is expected in June/July 2007.

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5 **15. Port Everglades Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) Technology –**
6 **Capital (Project 25)**

7 Project depreciation and return on investment were \$532,014, or 7.5%
8 lower than anticipated, primarily due to a delay in the set-up of the work
9 order due to a computer programming problem which has since been
10 corrected.

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12 **16. UST Replacement / Removal – Capital (Project 26)**

13 Project depreciation and return on investment were \$26,471, or 100.0%
14 lower than anticipated. Work on the General Office tank was completed
15 later than originally expected and so the related expenses were not
16 recorded until January 2007.

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18 **17. Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) Compliance – Capital (Project**
19 **31)**

20 Project depreciation and return on investment were \$113,492, or 54.0%
21 lower than anticipated. 2006 estimates assumed Reburn technology
22 would be installed on Cape Canaveral Units 1 & 2, Port Everglades Units
23 3 & 4 and Turkey Point Units 1 & 2. Further analysis of necessary
24 modifications within FPL's fleet to address CAIR compliance has indicated

1 that the addition of Reburn technology on these units may not be
2 necessary. As a result, the plan to implement these modifications, and
3 the associated expenditures, has been deferred.

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5 **18. Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR) Compliance – Capital (Project**
6 **33)**

7 Project depreciation and return on investment were \$13,648, or 100.0%
8 lower than anticipated. CAMR expenditures of \$361,479 incurred in 2006
9 related to the Scherer Plant were charged to a non-recoverable account
10 pending receipt of the Commission Order approving the CAMR
11 Compliance Project. These charges were transferred from a non-
12 recoverable account to an ECRC recoverable account in 2007.

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14 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

15 **A. Yes, it does.**

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2 **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**
3 **TESTIMONY OF KOREL M. DUBIN**
4 **DOCKET NO. 070007-EI**
5 **August 3, 2007**

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8 **Q. Please state your name and address.**

9 A. My name is Korel M. Dubin and my business address is 9250 West
10 Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, 33174.

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12 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

13 A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) as Manager of
14 Cost Recovery Clauses.

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16 **Q. Have you previously testified in this docket?**

17 A. Yes, I have.

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19 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

20 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present for Commission review and
21 approval the Estimated/Actual True-up associated with FPL
22 Environmental Compliance activities for the period January 2007 through
23 December 2007.

1 **Q. Have you prepared or caused to be prepared under your direction,**
2 **supervision or control an exhibit in this proceeding?**

3 A. Yes, I have. My exhibit KMD-2 consists of eight forms, PSC Forms 42-1E
4 through 42-8E, included in Appendix I. Form 42-1E provides a summary
5 of the Estimated/Actual True-up amount for the period January 2007
6 through December 2007. Forms 42-2E and 42-3E reflect the calculation
7 of the Estimated/Actual True-up amount for the period. Forms 42-4E and
8 42-6E reflect the Estimated/Actual O&M and Capital cost variances as
9 compared to original projections for the period. Forms 42-5E and 42-7E
10 reflect jurisdictional recoverable O&M and Capital project costs for the
11 period. Form 42-8E (pages 1 through 43) reflects return on capital
12 investments, depreciation, and taxes by project.

13
14 **Q. Please explain the calculation of the ECRC Estimated/Actual True-up**
15 **amount you are requesting this Commission to approve.**

16 A. Forms 42-2E and 42-3E show the calculation of the ECRC
17 Estimated/Actual True-up amount. The calculation for the
18 Estimated/Actual True-up amount for the period January 2007 through
19 December 2007 is an under-recovery, including interest, of \$683,962
20 (Appendix I, Page 4, line 5 plus line 6). This Estimated/Actual True-up
21 under-recovery of \$683,962 consists of January through June 2007
22 actuals and revised estimates for July through December 2007, compared
23 to original projections for the same period.

1 **Q. Are all costs listed in Forms 42-1E through 42-8E attributable to**
2 **Environmental Compliance projects previously approved by the**
3 **Commission?**

4 A. Yes, with the exception of the Martin Plant Drinking Water System
5 Compliance Project, which is discussed and supported in the testimony of
6 Randall R. LaBauve, and the St. Lucie Cooling Water System Inspection
7 and Maintenance Project, which is discussed and supported in FPL's
8 petition filed with the Commission on January 8, 2007.

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10 **Q. How do the Estimated/Actual project expenditures for January 2007**
11 **through December 2007 period compare with original projections?**

12 A. Form 42-4E (Appendix I, Page 7) shows that total O&M project costs were
13 \$5,491,607 (43.3%) higher than projected and Form 42-6E (Appendix I,
14 Page 10) shows that total capital investment project costs were
15 \$4,472,647 (15.7%) lower than projected. Below are variance
16 explanations for those O&M Projects and Capital Investment Projects with
17 significant variances. Individual project variances are provided on Forms
18 42-4E and 42-6E. Return on Capital Investment, Depreciation and Taxes
19 for each project for the Estimated/Actual period are provided as Form 42-
20 8E (Appendix I, Pages 13 through 55).

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22 **1. Maintenance of Stationary Above Ground Fuel Storage Tanks**
23 **(Project No. 5a) - O&M**

1 Project expenditures are estimated to be \$41,805 (1.9%) higher than
2 previously projected. The variance is primarily due to the high demand in
3 the tank repair market, which has increased the cost of labor.

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5 **2. Disposal of Noncontainerized Liquid Waste (Project No. 17a) -**
6 **O&M**

7 Project expenditures are estimated to be \$22,368 (8.3%) higher than
8 previously projected. The variance is primarily due to greater than
9 anticipated ash accumulation in the storage basins. As a result of the
10 increase in ash material to be handled for removal, the site incurred extra
11 expenses due to the use of additional moving equipment to support the
12 job. Also, the time associated with the contractor completing the job
13 contributed to the increases in manpower hours. This increase in time and
14 materials to clean out ash accumulation ultimately resulted in increased
15 expenditures.

16

17 **3. Substation Pollutant Discharge Prevention & Removal –**
18 **Transmission (Project No. 19b) - O&M**

19 Project expenditures are estimated to be \$108,161 (138.4%) higher than
20 projected. In the first and second quarter of 2007, additional transmission
21 transformers requiring leak repairs or re-gasket work activities were
22 discovered and scheduled to be worked during the remainder of 2007.
23 The original projected work activities included one transmission
24 transformer re-gaskets and a few leak repairs. The number increased to

1 five transmission transformer re-gaskets and additional leak repairs.

2

3 **4. Amortization of Gains on Sales of Emissions Allowances –**
4 **O&M**

5 The variance of \$523,338 (109%) higher than projected is due to much
6 higher than anticipated gains from the DOE sales of emissions
7 allowances in 2007.

8

9 **5. Pipeline Integrity Management – Distribution (Project No. 22) -**
10 **O&M**

11 Project expenditures are estimated to be \$400,354 (47.7%) lower than
12 projected. The variance is primarily due to lower than projected bids for
13 cathodic protection work and the 30" pipeline inspection. Additionally,
14 work was completed prior to the rainy season and costs associated with
15 ground water issues, which were included in the original projections, were
16 avoided.

17

18 **6. Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures - SPCC**
19 **(Project No. 23) - O&M**

20 Project expenditures are estimated to be \$220,753 (237.4%) higher than
21 projected. Additional required upgrades at the Sanford Plant, Martin
22 Plant, Martin Terminal, Port Everglades Plant, Port Everglades Terminal,
23 Manatee Plant, Manatee Terminal, Turkey Point Plans Units 1 and 2, and
24 Cape Canaveral Plant were identified during development of the plan.

1 Additional engineering was required to develop conceptual designs and
2 cost estimates for the upgrades, which are scheduled for implementation
3 in 2008. These upgrades were not anticipated at the time FPL filed its
4 original projections for 2007.

5
6 At Turkey Point Units 3 and 4, longer than estimated construction
7 durations and the replacement of degraded gas tanks that did not pass
8 Miami-Dade county inspections contributed to the variance. The original
9 projections planned to utilize existing tanks. Once the work began it was
10 discovered the tanks were degraded and needed to be replaced.

11

12 **7. Manatee Reburn (Project No. 24) - O&M**

13 Project expenditures are estimated to be \$41,868 (8.4%) lower than
14 projected. The variance is primarily due to limited maintenance time
15 available during the May and June high load period.

16

17 **8. Port Everglades Electrostatic Precipitator – ESP (Project No.**
18 **25) - O&M**

19 Project expenditures are estimated to be \$872,150 (41.4%) lower than
20 projected. Fuel economics to date have dictated that the units at the Port
21 Everglades Plant be run on gas because it is less expensive. Therefore,
22 the ESPs have not had to be operated as much as was initially predicted
23 for 2007, which reduced the equipment deterioration and generated
24 significantly less ash for disposal.

1 **9. Lowest Quality Water Source - LQWS (Project No. 27) – O&M**

2 Project expenditures are estimated to be \$161,771 (30.5%) lower than
3 projected. The Wastewater Permit for the Cape Canaveral Plant was
4 issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).
5 However, there were delays due to water quality technical issues
6 associated with the treatment systems and reclaimed water was not used
7 at the plant; therefore, there was not a cost for the additional water
8 treatment that would be required in order to use reclaimed water.

9

10 **10. CWA 316(b) Phase II Rule (Project No. 28) – O&M**

11 Project expenditures are estimated to be \$1,018,188 (43.4%) lower than
12 projected. This variance is primarily due to economies of scale achieved
13 by the use of one contractor to perform the necessary work. Original
14 estimates included the use of three contractors.

15

16 **11. Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) Consumables (Project**
17 **No. 29) – O&M**

18 Project expenditures are estimated to be \$34,685 (15.4%) higher than
19 projected. The Manatee and Martin Plants are expected to operate at high
20 capacity factors for the remaining months of the year thereby increasing the
21 amount of consumables used. Additionally, catalyst sampling and testing
22 expenses were higher than originally projected.

23

24 **12. Hydrobiological Monitoring Plan (HBMP) (Project No. 30) –**

1 **O&M**

2 Project expenditures are estimated to be \$17,895 (71.6%) higher than
3 projected. The variance is primarily due to additional monitoring required
4 due to unexpected drought conditions. The permit requires that while we are
5 on the Emergency Diversion Curves, we conduct additional river monitoring
6 and submit a report.

7

8 **13. CAIR Compliance Project (Project No. 31) – O&M**

9 Project expenditures are estimated to be \$156,047 (70.9%) higher than
10 projected. This variance is due to costs associated with the 800 MW unit
11 cycling study, which was not included in the original estimates for 2007.
12 This study and its role in helping FPL cost-effectively comply with CAIR is
13 discussed in the direct testimony of Mr. Randall R. LaBauve.

14

15 **14. Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) Project (Project**
16 **No. 32) – O&M**

17 Project expenditures are estimated to be \$3,397, whereas FPL did not
18 anticipate any 2007 expenditures for this project originally. The DEP
19 requested additional information on FPL's BART Determination for Turkey
20 Point Units 1 and 2, which necessitated the use of a contractor. This
21 activity was not anticipated at the time FPL filed its original projections for
22 2007.

23

24 **15. Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems - CEMS (Project**

1 **No. 3b) - Capital**

2 The variance in depreciation and return is \$60,189, or 5.5% lower than
3 projected. This variance is primarily due to the procurement of a much lower
4 cost per unit pricing from the vendor (California Analytical). In addition,
5 several installations and in-service dates shifted from 2007 to 2008 due to
6 equipment availability delays and schedule changes.

7

8 **16. SO2 Allowances – Negative Return on Investment – Capital**

9 The variance of \$68,038, or 26.8% lower than projected is due to higher
10 than anticipated gains amortization from the DOE sales of emissions
11 allowances in 2007. This higher amortization resulted in a lower balance
12 on which a return was calculated.

13

14 **17. Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures - SPCC**
15 **(Project No. 23) - Capital**

16 The variance in depreciation and return is \$107,778, or 5.0% lower than
17 projected. Previously planned diversionary structure work activities have
18 been postponed, pending the completion of an assessment of existing
19 diversionary structures. The Final Rule issued February 26, 2007
20 amending the existing SPCC Rule allows regulatory relief from
21 containment requirements at facilities with oil-filled equipment by allowing
22 an oil spill contingency planning option or active containment in addition to
23 an inspection and monitoring program for oil-filled equipment in lieu of
24 installing secondary containment or diversionary structures.

1 **18. Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) Compliance (Project No. 31) -**
2 **Capital**

3 The variance in the return on CWIP is estimated to be \$2,742,160, or
4 63.9% lower than projected. This variance is primarily due to the Reburn
5 and Low NOx Burner projects at Cape Canaveral Units 1 and 2, Port
6 Everglades Units 3 and 4, and Turkey Point Units 1 and 2 being put on
7 hold. This change in strategy is related to FPL's 800 MW unit cycling
8 project and is discussed in Mr. LaBauve's direct testimony.

9

10 **19. Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR) Compliance (Project No. 33) -**
11 **Capital**

12 The variance in the return on CWIP is estimated to be \$1,254,563 or
13 78.7% lower than projected. Engineering and procurement activities
14 associated with Scherer, which were projected for 2007, will now be
15 performed in 2008.

16

17 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

18 **A. Yes, it does.**

1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
2 **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**
3 **TESTIMONY OF KOREL M. DUBIN**
4 **DOCKET NO. 070007-EI**
5 **AUGUST 31, 2007**

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7
8 **Q. Please state your name and address.**

9 A. My name is Korel M. Dubin and my business address is 9250 West
10 Flagler Street, Miami, Florida, 33174.

11

12 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

13 A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) as Manager of
14 Cost Recovery Clauses in the Regulatory Affairs Department.

15

16 **Q. Have you previously testified in this docket?**

17 A. Yes, I have.

18

19 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

20 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present for Commission review FPL's
21 Environmental Cost Recovery Clause (ECRC) projections for the January
22 2008 through December 2008 period. Additionally, I am including a
23 revised 2007 Estimated/Actual True-up amount.

1 **Q. Is this filing by FPL in compliance with Order No. PSC-93-1580-FOF-**
2 **EI, issued in Docket No. 930661-EI?**

3 A. Yes. The costs being submitted for the projected period are consistent
4 with that order.

5

6 **Q. What is FPL's revised 2007 Estimated/Actual True-up amount?**

7 A. The revised 2007 Estimated/Actual True-up amount is an under-recovery
8 of \$585,826. The revised schedules that support this \$585,826 under-
9 recovery are included on pages 95 through 104 in Appendix I.

10

11 **Q. Why has FPL revised its 2007 Estimated/Actual True-up amount that**
12 **was filed on August 3, 2007?**

13 A. The negative return on emission allowances amount was revised to
14 properly reflect the return on the proceeds from the DOE sales of
15 emission allowances in the second quarter of 2007.

16

17 **Q. Have you prepared or caused to be prepared under your direction,**
18 **supervision or control an exhibit in this proceeding?**

19 A. Yes. KMD-3 consists of seven documents, PSC Forms 42-1P through
20 42-7P provided in Appendix I. Form 42-1P summarizes the costs being
21 presented at this time. Form 42-2P reflects the total jurisdictional costs
22 for O&M activities. Form 42-3P reflects the total jurisdictional costs for
23 capital investment projects. Form 42-4P consists of the calculation of
24 depreciation expense and return on capital investment for each project.

1 Form 42-5P gives the description and progress of environmental
2 compliance activities and projects for the projected period. Form 42-6P
3 reflects the calculation of the energy and demand allocation percentages
4 by rate class. Form 42-7P reflects the calculation of the ECRC factors.
5 Additionally, pages 95 through 104 contain revised Forms 42-1E, 42-2E,
6 42-3E, 42-6E, 42-7E, and 42-8E, pages 39 and 40.

7

8 **Q. Please describe Form 42-1P.**

9 A. Form 42-1P (Appendix I, Page 2) provides a summary of projected
10 environmental costs being presented for the period January 2008 through
11 December 2008. Total environmental costs, adjusted for revenue taxes,
12 amount to \$43,765,627 (Appendix I, Page 2, Line 5) and include
13 \$44,712,161 of environmental project costs (Appendix I, Page 2, Line 1c)
14 increased by the revised estimated/actual true-up under-recovery of
15 \$585,826 for the January 2007 - December 2007 period (Appendix I,
16 Page 2, Line 2), and decreased by the final true-up over-recovery of
17 \$1,563,849 for the January 2006 – December 2006 period (Appendix I,
18 Page 2, Line 3).

19

20 **Q. Please describe Forms 42-2P and 42-3P.**

21 A. Form 42-2P (Appendix I, Pages 3 and 4) presents the environmental
22 project O&M costs for the projected period along with the calculation of
23 total jurisdictional costs for these projects, classified by energy and
24 demand. Form 42-3P (Appendix I, Pages 5 and 6) presents the

1 environmental project capital investment costs for the projected period.
2 Form 42-3P also provides the calculation of total jurisdictional costs for
3 these projects, classified by energy and demand.

4

5 The method of classifying costs presented in Forms 42-2P and 42-3P is
6 consistent with Order No. PSC-94-0393-FOF-EI for all projects.

7

8 **Q. Please describe Form 42-4P.**

9 A. Form 42-4P (Appendix I, Pages 7 through 51) presents the calculation of
10 depreciation expense and return on capital investment for each project for
11 the projected period.

12

13 **Q. Please describe Form 42-5P.**

14 A. Form 42-5P (Appendix I, Pages 52 through 92) provides the description
15 and progress of environmental projects included in the projected period.

16

17 **Q. Please describe Form 42-6P.**

18 A. Form 42-6P (Appendix I, Page 93) calculates the allocation factors for
19 demand and energy at generation. The demand allocation factors are
20 calculated by determining the percentage each rate class contributes to
21 the monthly system peaks. The energy allocators are calculated by
22 determining the percentage each rate contributes to total kWh sales, as
23 adjusted for losses, for each rate class.

24

1 **Q. Please describe Form 42-7P.**

2 A. Form 42-7P (Appendix I, Page 94) presents the calculation of the
3 proposed ECRC factors by rate class.

4

5 **Q. Are all costs listed in Forms 42-1P through 42-7P attributable to**
6 **Environmental Compliance projects previously approved by the**
7 **Commission?**

8 A. Yes, with the exception of the Low Level Radioactive Waste Storage
9 Project, which is discussed and supported in the testimony of Randall R.
10 LaBauve, the Martin Plant Drinking Water System Compliance Project,
11 which is discussed and supported in Mr. LaBauve's testimony filed on
12 August 3, 2007, and the St. Lucie Cooling Water System Inspection and
13 Maintenance Project, which is discussed and supported in FPL's petition
14 filed with the Commission on January 8, 2007.

15

16 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

17 A. Yes, it does.

1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
2 **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**
3 **TESTIMONY OF RANDALL R. LABAUVE**
4 **DOCKET NO. 070007-EI**
5 **August 3, 2007**

6
7 **Q. Please state your name and address.**

8 A. My name is Randall R. LaBauve and my business address is 700
9 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, Florida 33408.

10
11 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

12 A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) as Vice
13 President of Environmental Services.

14
15 **Q. Have you previously testified in predecessors to this docket?**

16 A. Yes, I have.

17
18 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

19 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present for the Commission's review
20 and approval a new ECRC project, the Martin Plant Drinking Water
21 System Compliance Project. Additionally, my testimony provides an
22 update on FPL's approved Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) Compliance
23 and BART (CAVR) Projects, and discusses a new activity that will be
24 required for FPL's approved St. Lucie Turtle Net Project.

1 **Q. Have you prepared, or caused to be prepared under your direction,**
2 **supervision, or control, an exhibit in this proceeding?**

3 A. Yes. Exhibits RRL-1 through RRL-8 listed below are included in
4 Appendix II.

- 5 • Exhibit RRL-1 – Florida Department of Environmental Protection Rule
6 62-550.310, Florida Administrative Code – Primary Drinking Water
7 Standards: Maximum Contaminant Levels and Maximum Residual
8 Disinfectant Levels
- 9 • Exhibit RRL-2 – Consent Order in OGC Case Number 06-0744 FPL
10 Martin Plant Public Water System PWS #4431748
- 11 • Exhibit RRL-3 – Golder Associates Inc. FPL Martin Plant Potable
12 Water System DBP (THM & HAA5) Analysis
- 13 • Exhibit RRL-4 – Department of Environmental Protection – Letter
14 approving Corrective Action Plan for FPL Martin Plant PWS #4431748
- 15 • Exhibit RRL-5 – Clean Air Interstate Rule – Summary of FPL 800 MW
16 Unit Cycling Project
- 17 • Exhibit RRL-6 – Clean Air Interstate Rule – Summary of FPL Peaking
18 Gas Turbine CEMS
- 19 • Exhibit RRL-7 – Clean Air Visibility Rule – Update Summary of FPL
20 BART Project
- 21 • Exhibit RRL-8 – Clean Air Visibility Rule – Florida Department of
22 Environmental Protection – Reasonable Progress Rule Workshop
23 Slides

1 **Martin Plant Drinking Water System Compliance Project**

2

3 **Q. Please describe the law or regulation requiring the Martin Plant**
4 **Drinking Water System Compliance Project.**

5 A. Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Rule 62-
6 550.310(3), Florida Administrative Code, imposed drinking water limits on
7 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs) to implement the U.S.
8 Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Stage 1 Disinfection and
9 Byproducts Rule, 40 CFR Parts 9, 141, and 142. A copy of Rule 62-
10 550.310(3), F.A.C. is provided as Exhibit RRL-1 of Appendix II. The
11 FDEP's Rule applies to community water systems (CWSs) and
12 nontransient noncommunity water systems (NTNCWSs) that treat their
13 water with a chemical disinfectant for either primary or residual treatment.
14 Among other things, the FDEP Rule established maximum contaminant
15 levels for four certain trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids
16 (HAA5s), which are DBPs.

17 FPL's Martin Plant is a NTNCWS subject to the FDEP Rule. FPL has
18 tried unsuccessfully for several years to bring the drinking water system at
19 the Martin Plant into compliance with the FDEP Rule. However, samples
20 collected from the drinking water system on March 15, 2005, April 12,
21 2005, September 14, 2005, and December 28, 2005, were all found to be
22 above the levels permitted for THMs and HAA5s. On September 22,
23 2006, FPL and the FDEP entered into a Consent Order to reach a

1 settlement on the matter of the Martin Plant drinking water system's
2 continuing non-compliance with the FDEP Rule. The Consent Order is
3 provided as Exhibit RRL-2 of Appendix II.

4

5 **Q. How is FPL complying with the requirements of the Consent Order?**

6 A. Per the corrective actions specified in the Consent Order, FPL retained
7 Golder Associates, Inc., which performed a site visit at the Martin Plant
8 and inspected the drinking water system, reviewed well data, performed a
9 literature search, and evaluated FPL's situation. Golder provided
10 recommendations as to how to achieve compliance with the drinking
11 water limits for THMs and HAA5s at the plant via a final report dated
12 August 29, 2006. A copy of this final report is provided as Exhibit RRL-3
13 of Appendix II. In its final report, Golder concluded that the two DBP
14 treatment technologies used in the drinking water system, which are
15 aeration and activated carbon filtration, are at present the best
16 technologies for the removal of DBPs and no additional treatment
17 technology is necessary. Nonetheless, Golder concluded that the existing
18 system at the Martin Plant would need corrective modifications in order to
19 achieve the THM and HAA5 levels required per the FDEP and EPA
20 Rules.

21

22 **Q. What is FPL's corrective action plan and milestone dates?**

- 1 A. On November 17, 2006, and pursuant to the Consent Order, FPL
2 provided its final corrective action plan and milestone dates to the FDEP.
3 FPL's corrective action plan and milestone dates are as follows:
- 4 • September 1, 2006 – FPL submits signed Consent Order and
5 signed/sealed corrective action plan
 - 6 • October 17, 2006 – FDEP issues written request for additional
7 information (RFI)
 - 8 • November 17, 2006 – FPL provides additional information to FDEP
 - 9 • December 20, 2006 – FDEP issues written approval of the plan
 - 10 • January 12, 2007 – FPL completes measurements of physical
11 characteristics of aeration system, and takes synoptic samples of inlet
12 and outlet water for both the aerator and the carbon filter, and sends
13 those samples to the laboratory
 - 14 • January 26, 2007 – FPL receives results/report from laboratory
 - 15 • March 23, 2007 – Install pilot equipment for testing
 - 16 • June 20, 2007 – Complete testing of pilot
 - 17 • October 1, 2007 – FPL issues performance specifications to bidders
18 to provide new aerator and carbon filter units
 - 19 • November 1, 2007 – FPL receives bids to provide new aerator and
20 carbon filter units
 - 21 • December 1, 2007 – FPL awards contract to successful bidder to
22 install new aerator and carbon filter units

- 1 • January 2008 – Installation of new aerator and carbon filter units is
2 complete
- 3 • June 2008 – Testing of new aerator and carbon filter units is
4 complete, FPL submits engineer's certification of completion of
5 construction and required supporting documentation
- 6 • July 2008 – FDEP issues written clearance to place the system
7 modifications into service

8

9 **Q. What milestones has FPL completed to date?**

10 A. FPL has completed the pilot testing on a small scale system to test the
11 effectiveness of the proposed treatment process. FPL is awaiting the
12 results of the testing. Once the results are received from the vendor,
13 drawings detailing the necessary changes to the existing system will be
14 obtained. These drawings will be used as part of the bid package to
15 select the contractor for the installation of the final system. The next
16 major milestone will be the issuance of the performance specifications to
17 the bidders to provide new aerator and carbon filter units. The issuance of
18 the performance specifications is scheduled to be completed on October
19 1, 2007.

20

21 **Q. Why has FPL not submitted this Project for cost recovery through
22 the ECRC previously?**

23 A. At the time that the Martin Plant drinking water system became subject to
24 the FDEP and EPA rules, FPL reasonably expected that the system would

1 provide adequate water treatment to comply with the THM and HAA5
2 MCLs established by the rules. It was not until after the unsuccessful
3 tests were performed in 2005, Golder completed its evaluation of the
4 System in August 2006, and FPL negotiated the Consent Order with
5 FDEP in September 2006 that FPL was aware that it would have to
6 conduct the pilot test and implement modifications to the drinking water
7 system required by the Consent Order.

8

9 **Q. What activities is FPL asking to recover through the ECRC?**

10 A. FPL is requesting to recover costs associated with implementing the
11 treatment options resulting from the pilot test plan, that are found to be
12 necessary to achieve compliance with the FDEP rule. The results of the
13 pilot test plan will determine the most cost-effective and reliable treatment
14 option to achieve compliance.

15

16 **Q. Has FPL estimated the cost of the proposed Project?**

17 A. Following are FPL's preliminary capital estimates for potential treatment
18 options:

- 19 • Addition of larger carbon bed - \$40,000 - \$60,000
- 20 • Addition of multimedia filter bed - \$30,000 - \$50,000
- 21 • Addition of high velocity stripper - \$15,000 - \$30,000

22

23 Additionally, annual O&M estimates for the removal and replacement of
24 the exhausted carbon bed and multimedia filter bed (every 8 to 12

1 months) are \$11,000 to \$17,000 to begin in 2008.

2

3 **Q. Does FPL expect to incur any Project costs in 2007?**

4 A. Yes. FPL expects to incur \$4,000 of Capital expenses associated with
5 engineering and drawings detailing the changes to the existing system.
6 These expenses are projected for October and November of 2007.

7

8 **Q. Has FPL estimated how much will be spent on the Project in 2008?**

9 A. Yes. FPL expects to incur \$17,000 of O&M expenses and \$140,000 of
10 Capital expenses associated with the installation and maintenance of the
11 new aerator and carbon bed.

12

13 **Q. How will FPL ensure that the costs incurred are prudent and
14 reasonable?**

15 A. The activities outlined in the preceding paragraphs represent a cost-
16 effective strategy for complying with the Consent Order. FPL will utilize
17 competitive bidding to procure the necessary services.

18

19 **Q. Is FPL recovering the costs for the Martin Plant Drinking Water
20 System Compliance Project through any other mechanism?**

21 A. No.

1 CAIR Compliance Project Update

2

3 **Q. What updates has FPL made to its CAIR Compliance Project?**

4 A. There are two updates. The first relates to FPL's 800 MW Unit Cycling
5 Project, which FPL believes will help it comply with CAIR more cost-
6 effectively. The second update relates to FPL's determination that a more
7 extensive Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS) Plan is
8 needed for its gas turbine units.

9

10 **Q. Please discuss FPL's 800 MW Unit Cycling plans.**

11 A. FPL commissioned a study, with the Commission's approval, to evaluate
12 emission reductions and necessary countermeasures to implement the
13 800 MW Unit Cycling project. Phase one and two of the 800 MW unit
14 cycling study was completed in June of 2007. FPL has reviewed the
15 results of the study and has concluded that implementation of the project
16 on FPL's 800 MW fossil steam Electric Generating Units (EGUs) at the
17 Martin and Manatee Plants would provide cost effective reductions in NOx
18 emissions to help comply with CAIR. The study has identified several
19 modifications that must be undertaken to allow the 800 MW units to cycle
20 as needed without adversely affecting unit availability and reliability.
21 Exhibit RRL-5 to this filing provides a summary of the 800 MW Unit
22 Cycling Report, a discussion of the preliminary project scope to implement
23 the 800 MW Unit Cycling project, a preliminary estimate of project costs,
24 and the resultant projected emission reductions. Evaluation of detailed

1 project cost schedules and implementation plan is currently underway
2 following the determination that the project would provide highly cost
3 effective emission reductions for CAIR compliance. I discussed this
4 project in my October 13, 2006 testimony, but neither its cost nor its
5 impact on the cost of other CAIR compliance projects was known at the
6 time of FPL's 2007 ECRC projections.

7
8 As discussed in Exhibit RRL-5, FPL now expects to implement the 800
9 MW unit cycling project from 2007 through 2010 at its Manatee Units 1 &
10 2 and Martin Units 1 & 2, at an estimated capital cost of \$97 million. Upon
11 completion of the plan on all four 800 MW units, FPL projects an annual
12 NOx reduction of 1,773 tons and an ozone season NOx reduction of
13 1,563 tons. As a result, FPL will not need to acquire as many additional
14 allowances from the annual and ozone season NOx allowance markets
15 for compliance with CAIR. FPL has provided a detailed description and
16 implementation plan for the 800 MW Unit Cycling Project in Exhibit RRL-
17 5. This exhibit also provides a discussion of FPL's selection of the project
18 for compliance with CAIR.

19

20 **Q. Has FPL identified potential changes to its CAIR compliance plan**
21 **that could affect the decision to proceed on implementation of the**
22 **800 MW Unit Cycling Project on all of the project units?**

23 A. Yes. On July 13, 2007, Florida Governor Charlie Crist signed three
24 executive orders initiating climate change requirements for Florida.

1 Executive Order 07-127 requires the FDEP to initiate rulemaking to
2 reduce CO₂ emissions from electricity production to year 2000 levels by
3 2017, year 1990 levels by 2025, and to a level 80% below the 1990 levels
4 by 2050. The goals established in Executive Order 07-127 may require
5 significant CO₂ emissions reductions from existing fossil power plants,
6 which may impact FPL's decision to fully implement the 800 MW Unit
7 Cycling Project. FPL is currently participating in the FDEP rulemaking
8 and we will be evaluating strategies that may be required to meet the
9 compliance requirements of the new rule. FPL's implementation of the
10 800 MW Unit Cycling Project, and any other NO_x or SO₂ reduction project
11 to comply with the CAIR requirements, will be evaluated to ensure that
12 projects will provide the most cost effective overall compliance strategy to
13 meet all new environmental requirements.

14
15 **Q. Please discuss the changes FPL has made to its CEMS plans for gas**
16 **turbine units and why these changes are necessary to comply with**
17 **CAIR.**

18 A. FPL has recently identified the need to change the CEMS Plan for the
19 small peaking gas turbine units and to implement a Gas Turbine CEMS
20 CAIR Compliance strategy within the CAIR Compliance Project. CAIR
21 requires that generating unit emissions from all CAIR affected sources
22 monitor NO_x and SO₂ emissions through implementation of CEMS that
23 comply with the applicable federal emission monitoring requirements
24 under 40 CFR Part 75. FPL's fossil generation is compliant with these

1 requirements of Part 75 through the CEMS, which had been installed to
2 comply with Acid Rain requirements, with the exception of the small
3 combustion turbine peaking units located at the Lauderdale, Port
4 Everglades and Ft. Myers plants. FPL's gas turbine peaking units were
5 not subject to Acid Rain monitoring requirements and historically have not
6 had CEMS.

7
8 Initially, FPL planned to comply with the CEMS monitoring requirements
9 for these peaking units through use of Low Mass Emission (LME) default
10 emission rate requirements under Part 75, which require only limited
11 emission monitoring system requirements. Subsequent reviews of FPL's
12 compliance strategy for CAIR identified an increased compliance risk and
13 potential increases in monitoring system costs if FPL adopts the default
14 emission rate monitoring requirements. FPL now proposes to implement
15 LME "Identical Units" Part 75 CEMS requirements, which provide for
16 monitoring of representative units for groups of similar generating units.
17 FPL proposes to implement the revised monitoring plan for the peaking
18 gas turbines at an estimated cost of \$396,273 as the least cost alternative
19 for compliance with this part of the CAIR requirements. Exhibit RRL-6 to
20 this filing provides a discussion of the LME monitoring options under 40
21 CFR Part 75.19, a description of "Similar Units" CEMS option
22 implementation as the preferred compliance method, and the preliminary
23 cost projections for implementation.

1 **Q. What is the status of FPL's legal challenge to CAIR?**

2 A. On December 23, 2007, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) ruled against
3 FPL's challenge in the Division of Administrative Hearings of the FDEP's
4 implementation rules for CAIR. FPL appealed the ALJ's decision in the
5 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals. FPL filed its initial brief on June 8, 2007, the
6 FDEP filed its answer brief on July 16, 2007, and FPL will file its reply
7 brief by August 15, 2007. FPL is also continuing its challenge to EPA's
8 CAIR through an appeal filed in the DC Circuit Court. Initial briefs were
9 filed on March 5, 2007 and final briefs are due September 5, 2007. There
10 is no formal timetable for decisions on CAIR challenges, but FPL
11 anticipates that the state and federal appellate courts will decide late this
12 year or in the first half of 2008.

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14 **BART Project Update**

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16 **Q. What updates has FPL made to its BART Project?**

17 A. There are two updates to FPL's BART Project, which recovers costs
18 associated with the Regional Haze Rule – Best Available Retrofit
19 Technology (BART), now referred to as the Clean Air Visibility Rule
20 (CAVR). The first relates to the current status of FPL's BART Project.
21 The second relates to the determination that the FDEP's requirement for
22 Reasonable Further Progress towards meeting the visibility goals
23 established in Section 169A of the Clean Air Act will require additional
24 analyses to identify generating units within FPL's system that may require

1 additional compliance measures.

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3 **Q. Please explain the purpose of your testimony as it relates to the**
4 **BART Project.**

5 A. In Order No. PSC-05-1251-FOF-EI, the Commission found that the costs
6 associated with complying with the Clean Air Visibility Rule (CAVR)
7 requirements through the BART Project are eligible for recovery through
8 the ECRC, subject to the demonstration that costs for specific activities
9 are reasonable and prudent. To comply with the requirements of the
10 CAVR, FPL evaluated the impacts of generating units affected by the
11 BART requirements to reduce regional haze.

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13 In testimony submitted to the Commission on the BART Project in Docket
14 No. 050007-EI, and approved in Order No. PSC-05-1251-FOF-EI, FPL
15 identified compliance options for FPL units meeting the CAVR
16 requirements. The following issues were addressed as part of the CAVR:

- 17 • The available retrofit control options
- 18 • Existing pollution control equipment in use at the facility
- 19 • Compliance costs associated with each available control
20 option
- 21 • The remaining useful life of the unit
- 22 • The energy and non-air impacts associated with
23 implementing a control option
- 24 • The control options impact on visibility (as determined

1 through modeling)

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3 The evaluation required FPL to have detailed visibility modeling
4 performed to determine the impacts on Federal Class 1 areas (National
5 Parks and Wildlife Areas). Affected units, which are determined to
6 adversely impact Class 1 areas and meet the CAVR technology
7 requirements, will be required to reduce emissions. FPL has now
8 completed the required visibility modeling at a total cost of \$26,203. A
9 summary of the results of this study has been included in Exhibit RRL-7.
10 Screening analyses performed to evaluate CAVR applicability identified
11 that most of FPL's BART eligible units were exempt from CAVR control
12 requirements. FPL's Turkey Point Fossil Units 1 & 2 did not pass the
13 screening analysis and were subject to the more detailed determination
14 required by the rule. FPL provided the CAVR determination for
15 Particulate Matter impacts from Turkey Point Fossil Units 1 & 2 to the
16 Florida FDEP on January 31, 2007.

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18 **Q. Please discuss FDEP's proposed Reasonable Progress rulemaking.**

19 A. On May 25, 2007 the FDEP published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
20 to adopt Rule 62-296.341, "Regional Haze – Reasonable Progress,"
21 which would implement the Reasonable Progress portion of CAVR.

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23 The CAVR requires states to achieve "natural background" visibility in
24 Class 1 areas by 2064. The Reasonable Progress portion of CAVR

1 requires that a "glide path" be established for each Class 1 area, which is
2 effectively the slope from the baseline visibility to the calculated natural
3 background visibility that must be reached by the year 2064. Periodic
4 points along the "glide path" then become "Reasonable Progress" goals to
5 help assure that the natural background visibility deadline is met. States
6 are required to submit State Implementation Plans which demonstrate
7 that the Reasonable Progress goals will be met through achieving visibility
8 improvements periodically along the "glide path". The FDEP held a
9 workshop on its proposed "Reasonable Progress" rule on June 14, 2007.
10 Materials from that workshop have been included in Exhibit RRL-8.

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12 In support of the Reasonable Progress requirements of CAVR, the FDEP
13 performed a screening analysis to identify potential applicable sources
14 and made available those results. FDEP has initially identified 12 of
15 FPL's oil-burning units as Proposed Sources subject to the Reasonable
16 Progress Four-Factor analysis. Under the proposed rule, FPL's sources
17 will have to undergo an evaluation against those four factors to select the
18 appropriate control technology to reduce impacts to Class 1 areas. Units
19 which have been identified as affected units under the Four-Factor test
20 would be required to implement Reasonable Progress Control Technology
21 (RPCT) under the FDEP's proposed rule.

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23 Exhibit RRL-8 provides a detailed description of the EPA guidance on the
24 Four-Factor test. To determine whether FPL's oil burning units will be

1 affected by the proposed rule, FPL plans to engage a consultant to
2 prepare the required four-factor analyses. FPL has projected a year 2007
3 project cost of \$25,000 in O&M costs for the required analyses.

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5 Results from the FDEP screening study for Reasonable Progress
6 indicated that Turkey Point Fossil Units 1 & 2, Port Everglades Units 1 –
7 4, Riviera Units 3 & 4, Martin Units 1 & 2, and Manatee Units 1 & 2 have
8 potential adverse impacts to Class 1 Areas within Florida. Results from
9 the required Four-Factor analysis will be used to identify FPL fossil steam
10 generating unit emission reduction requirements under the Reasonable
11 Progress rule. FPL anticipates that some additional reductions in
12 emissions of SO₂ and Particulate Matter from FPL EGUs may be required
13 to achieve the Reasonable Progress goals for Florida Class 1 areas.
14 Once the FDEP Reasonable Progress Rule has been finalized, FPL will
15 be required to submit a plan to achieve the Reasonable Progress goals.
16 FPL anticipates that a detailed engineering study to identify the least cost
17 compliance options for Reasonable Progress will be required to develop
18 its compliance plan which is due to the FDEP by January 31, 2008.

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20 **St. Lucie Turtle Net Project – New Activity**

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22 **Q. Please briefly describe FPL's currently approved St. Lucie Turtle Net**
23 **Project.**

24 A. FPL's current St. Lucie Turtle Net Project was approved by the

1 Commission in Order PSC-02-1421-PAA-EI, issued on October 17, 2002.
2 The Project included the replacement and enhancement of an existing
3 mesh net system that was located across the intake canal at the St. Lucie
4 Plant to prevent several species of endangered sea turtles from being
5 drawn into the cooling water inlets on the generating units. The existing
6 net system had become deformed to the point that it could trap turtles
7 when large influxes of seaweed and jellyfish entered the intake canal.
8 The net replacement and enhancement of the net system was performed
9 in 2002.

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11 **Q. What new activities is FPL now having to undertake pursuant to the**
12 **St. Lucie Turtle Net Project?**

13 A. The antifoulant and protective coating on the existing 5-inch net located at
14 the intake canal at the St. Lucie Plant has deteriorated, permitting marine
15 growth to adhere to the net material. The net has also experienced UV
16 damage. Because of this determination, the net must be replaced.

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18 The existing deteriorated 5-inch net will be removed and sent back to the
19 manufacturer to be re-coated. FPL will purchase and install a new 5-inch
20 barrier net, and the re-coated original net will be stored on-site as a back-
21 up.

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23 **Q. Why didn't FPL include costs for a net replacement in its original**
24 **filing in 2002?**

- 1 A. FPL's petition for recovery of the St. Lucie Turtle Net Project was filed on
2 June 18, 2002. At the time the petition was filed, FPL had not yet
3 selected the manufacturer of the net. When the manufacturer and net
4 material were chosen, it was determined that a protective coating would
5 be required in order to maintain the integrity of the net. Per the
6 manufacturer, the protective coating had a five-year life expectancy,
7 information that was not known at the time of the original filing.
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- 9 **Q. How will FPL ensure that the costs incurred for re-coating the
10 current net and the purchase of the net are prudent and reasonable?**
- 11 A. The project scope will be awarded based on competitive bid. Qualified
12 bidders will be selected to bid on the project. The lowest bid that meets
13 the specification requirements will be awarded the contract. Project
14 implementation will be supervised by FPL.
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- 16 **Q. When does FPL expect to incur costs for the new activity associated
17 with the St. Lucie Turtle Net Project?**
- 18 A. FPL expects to purchase the new 5-inch net in the last quarter of 2007.
19 The current net will be sent to the manufacturer for re-coating during the
20 first quarter of 2008 at which time the new net will be installed.
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- 22 **Q. What is FPL's estimated cost for the new activities associated with
23 the St. Lucie Turtle Net Project?**
- 24 A. The estimated capital cost for the new 5-inch net is \$288,000, to be

1 incurred in the last quarter of 2007. The estimated O&M cost associated
2 with re-coating the existing net is \$10,000, to be incurred in the first
3 quarter of 2008.

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5 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

6 **A. Yes, it does.**

1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

3 **TESTIMONY OF RANDALL R. LABAUVE**

4 **DOCKET NO. 070007-EI**

5 **August 31, 2007**

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7 **Q. Please state your name and address.**

8 A. My name is Randall R. LaBauve and my business address is 700
9 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, Florida 33408.

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11 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

12 A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) as Vice
13 President of Environmental Services.

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15 **Q. Have you previously testified in this docket?**

16 A. Yes, I have.

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18 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

19 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present for Commission review and
20 approval FPL's plans for a new environmental compliance project, the
21 Low Level Radioactive Waste (LLW) Storage Project.

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23 **Q. Have you prepared, or caused to be prepared under your direction,
24 supervision, or control any exhibits in this proceeding?**

1 A. Yes, I am sponsoring the following exhibits:

- 2 • RRL-9 - 10 CFR Part 20, Subpart K – Nuclear Regulatory
3 Commission - Waste Disposal.
- 4 • RRL-10 - South Carolina State Statutes - Title 48 - Environmental
5 Protection and Conservation, Chapter 46 - Atlantic Interstate Low-
6 Level Radioactive Waste Compact Implementation Act.
- 7 • RRL-11 – 10 CFR Part 50 Subpart 54 – Nuclear Regulatory
8 Commission – Conditions of licenses.

9
10 **Q. Please describe the need for the LLW Storage Project**

11 A. FPL operates four (4) nuclear electrical generating units, St. Lucie Units 1
12 and 2 and Turkey Point Units 3 and 4. Each unit is operated in
13 accordance with an operating license, which is issued by the Nuclear
14 Regulatory Commission (NRC). The operating licenses require FPL to
15 operate each of their nuclear units in compliance with NRC regulations,
16 including NRC regulations regarding Standards for Protection Against
17 Radiation at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20 (referred to
18 here as “Part 20”).

19
20 A byproduct of the nuclear electrical generation process is the generation
21 of low-level radioactive waste (LLW). LLW is physically similar to the type
22 of wastes that are produced in other industrial processes except that LLW
23 has become contaminated with radioactive isotopes that were produced
24 by the nuclear reactor. LLW includes radioactively contaminated rags,

1 absorbents, used protective clothing, laboratory ware, worn out metal
2 parts and components, spent ion exchange (resin) media and spent filter
3 media. LLW is classified based on its radioactive content, as Class A,
4 Class B and Class C. Class A LLW is the least radioactive and Class C
5 LLW is the most radioactive that can be disposed of at burial facilities. 10
6 CFR 20.2001 provides the NRC regulatory requirements for disposing of
7 LLW. In general, Class A, Class B or Class C LLW must be disposed of
8 at a licensed LLW disposal facility. The NRC also allows LLW to be
9 stored on-site at licensed power generation facilities such as FPL's St.
10 Lucie and Turkey Point plants, but it must be stored in a manner that
11 protects on-site workers and members of the public against harmful
12 radiation exposure.

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14 Since beginning operation of FPL's nuclear reactors in 1972, FPL has
15 disposed of LLW at the Barnwell Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal
16 Facility located in Barnwell County, South Carolina (Barnwell). Although
17 FPL has two sites available to dispose of Class A LLW (one in Barnwell
18 and the other in Clive, Utah), Barnwell is presently the only facility
19 available to FPL (and most other nuclear utilities) for disposal of Class B
20 and Class C LLW. After June 30, 2008 FPL will no longer be able to
21 dispose of LLW at Barnwell because of recent changes to South Carolina
22 environmental law. Consequently, after that date, FPL will not have a
23 licensed disposal facility available to dispose of its Class B and Class C
24 LLW. Disposal of Class A LLW at Clive, Utah will not be affected.

1 Because the only NRC-authorized method for disposal of FPL's Class B
2 and Class C LLW is by transfer to a licensed low-level radioactive waste
3 disposal facility (physical and radiological characteristics of Class B and
4 Class C LLW preclude alternative disposal methods such as decay in
5 storage, release in effluents, and release into sanitary sewerage), FPL will
6 be required to construct on-site facilities to store its Class B and Class C
7 LLW safely until new disposal options become available.

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9 **Q. Please describe the environmental laws or regulations requiring the**
10 **project.**

11 A. The project is necessitated by the NRC's restrictions on how LLW may be
12 disposed of, coupled with FPL's loss of access to Barnwell due to the
13 prohibition under South Carolina law on FPL's use of Barnwell after June
14 30, 2008.

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16 **Q. How does FPL intend to respond to the loss of access to the**
17 **Barnwell LLW disposal site?**

18 A. FPL plans to construct interim on-site storage facilities to safely store its
19 Class B and Class C LLW until alternative disposal facilities become
20 available. This will result in capital and on-going O&M expenses related
21 to the on-site storage of Class B and Class C LLW.

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23 **Q. How long does FPL anticipate having to store LLW on-site at its**
24 **nuclear plants?**

1 A. At the present time, FPL does not know how long it will be required to
2 store its Class B and Class C LLW on-site before an authorized LLW
3 disposal facility becomes available. If necessary, FPL could safely store
4 its Class B and Class C LLW on-site for the life of each plant and then
5 disposition the LLW during decommissioning of the plant.

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7 **Q. Won't FPL's costs for the LLW Storage Project be offset by the**
8 **elimination of the LLW disposal fees that FPL is currently paying to**
9 **the Barnwell LLW disposal site?**

10 A. No. In accordance with the current Generally Accepted Accounting
11 Principles (GAAP), FPL accrues the costs for disposal of its LLW when
12 the LLW is first generated. The accrual process is repeated each year for
13 all waste that has been generated during that year but has not been
14 disposed of. Accruals are based on the projected costs to dispose of the
15 material at the time the accrual is assessed. Accrual of disposal costs on
16 the LLW that FPL must store on-site is appropriate because FPL remains
17 responsible for disposing of that LLW at some future date. In the
18 absence of more specific information, FPL is currently accruing disposal
19 costs based on the existing Barnwell disposal fees. FPL expects that the
20 ultimate actual disposal cost will be at least as much as the accruals,
21 because it does not appear likely at this time that a new disposal facility
22 would charge lower fees than what is currently being charged at Barnwell.

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24 FPL's on-site storage of its Class B and Class C LLW will result in

1 incremental increases in capital and O&M costs associated with the
2 construction of facilities and the management and handling of the LLW
3 on-site, which would not be required if the LLW could be disposed of as
4 contemplated at the time of FPL's last base rate proceeding.

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6 FPL is seeking to recover through the ECRC only its incremental costs
7 associated with the on-site storage of LLW.

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9 **Q. Please describe the LLW storage facilities FPL intends to build.**

10 A. Although the final design for the interim on-site LLW storage facilities has
11 not been determined, FPL will likely base its storage facility projects on
12 past interim storage plans that were prepared during the 1990s when
13 Barnwell was previously scheduled to close. Barnwell did not close and
14 the storage facilities were never constructed. FPL is currently reviewing
15 those project plans to determine if they remain suitable.

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17 The interim storage facilities would be constructed within the Radiation
18 Controlled Area (RCA) at each of FPL's nuclear plants, on a concrete or
19 gravel pad foundation with appropriate concrete curbs. The LLW would
20 be containerized in cylindrical liners compatible with the LLW that is being
21 stored. The liners are placed inside engineered thick concrete outer
22 containers that completely enclose the liners and will provide both
23 radiation shielding and protection for the enclosed liners. The container
24 array within the facility would be surrounded by an additional shield wall

1 and measures would be implemented to prevent inadvertent entry to
2 ensure radiation standards for the public and for workers are met.

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4 **Q. When does FPL expect the new on-site LLW storage facilities to**
5 **become operational?**

6 A. FPL expects that the LLW storage facility at each nuclear plant site will be
7 available to store LLW starting in 2009. FPL is allowing approximately
8 one year between the expected date that access to Barnwell will be lost
9 and completion of the on-site storage facilities, in order to provide as
10 much time as possible for a political solution to the disposal dilemma to
11 present itself and thus avoid the need for the storage facilities.

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13 **Q. If the Barnwell facility is no longer available for LLW disposal after**
14 **June 30, 2008, how will FPL store the LLW until the on-site facility**
15 **becomes operational in 2009?**

16 A. FPL currently has a limited amount of temporary on-site LLW storage
17 capability. FPL intends to dispose its current Class B and Class C LLW
18 inventory at Barnwell prior to June 30, 2008, thus freeing up the
19 temporary space to store LLW after that date. Assuming that Barnwell
20 indeed is unavailable after June 30, 2008, FPL will manage any new
21 Class B and/or C LLW using the temporary on-site storage space until the
22 new storage facilities become operational.

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24 **Q. What alternatives to the construction of on-site storage facilities did**

1 **FPL consider?**

2 A. Due to the physical and radiological characteristics of the Class B and
3 Class C LLW, the anticipated unavailability of disposal capacity for Class
4 B and Class C LLW, and the lack of development of new LLW disposal
5 facilities, FPL believes that safe on-site storage of its Class B and C LLW
6 is the only current viable alternative to address the loss of disposal at
7 Barnwell. FPL is continuing to evaluate with vendors and industry groups
8 potential measures to minimize the impact of the loss of the Barnwell
9 disposal site; however, at the present time FPL believes that it will be
10 required to provide on-site storage for Class B and Class C LLW.

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12 FPL is by no means the only utility with nuclear plants that is faced with
13 the loss of disposal at Barnwell. In fact, if the Barnwell access restrictions
14 are imposed as planned, after June 30, 2008 there will be more nuclear
15 plants without access to dispose of Class B and Class C LLW than those
16 ones that still have that access.

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18 **Q. Has FPL estimated the total cost of the proposed LLW Storage**
19 **Project?**

20 A. FPL's preliminary capital estimate to construct the interim storage
21 facilities is approximately \$12 million for both of FPL's nuclear plants.

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23 **Q. What is the 2008 projected cost for the LLW Storage Project?**

24 A. FPL's projected 2008 capital expenditures for the LLW Storage Project

1 are approximately \$1.5 million. This projection reflects costs for project
2 planning and scoping analyses; alternatives analyses; siting evaluations;
3 conceptual designs; and initiation of design implementation planning for
4 the two facilities, including pre-construction preparations, engineering,
5 design inputs, storage container design, cost studies, plant change
6 evaluations and licensing and permitting activities.

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8 **Q. How will FPL ensure that the construction and O&M costs incurred**
9 **are prudent and reasonable?**

10 A. FPL's construction plans are based on just-in-time delivery in order to
11 allow ample time for a political solution to the current disposal dilemma to
12 present itself.

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14 FPL's construction of a LLW storage facility will initially be based on an
15 interim storage facility with a capacity of approximately five years.
16 Containers will be procured on an as needed or optimized basis. FPL will
17 expand the storage facility as necessary to accommodate additional
18 required on-site storage. By constructing the storage facility so that it can
19 be expanded for future storage increments, FPL will minimize its capital
20 investment costs so that in the event that Barnwell or another LLW
21 disposal facility eventually becomes available, FPL will not have built
22 more capacity than is needed.

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24 FPL will construct and operate its storage facilities in accordance with

1 industry guidelines that have been prepared by experts from within the
2 nuclear industry. In addition, FPL will continue to evaluate and apply, as
3 appropriate, best practices and proven waste minimization and volume
4 reduction principles in order to minimize the scope and size of the on-site
5 radioactive waste storage facilities.

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7 The development and implementation of the new on-site storage facility
8 will be subject to rigid procurement and cost controls. FPL will use
9 competitive bidding for the procurement of materials and services
10 associated with the LLW Storage Project to ensure a safe, reliable and
11 least-cost approach.

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13 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

14 **A.** Yes, it does.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

WILL GARRETT

ON BEHALF OF

PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA

DOCKET NO. 070007-EI

April 2, 2007

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Will Garrett. My business address is 299 First Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am employed by Progress Energy Service Company, LLC as Controller of Progress Energy Florida.

Q. What are your responsibilities in that position?

A. As legal entity Controller for Progress Energy Florida (PEF), I am responsible for all accounting matters that impact the reported financial results of this Progress Energy Corporation entity. I have direct management and oversight of the employees involved in PEF Regulatory Accounting, Property Plant and Materials Accounting, and PEF Financial Reporting and General Accounting. I assumed the responsibilities for the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause (ECRC) True-Up filing in February 2006, from Javier Portuondo.

1 **Q. Please describe your educational background and professional experience.**

2 A. I joined the company as Controller of PEF on November 7, 2005. My direct
3 relevant experience includes 2 ½ years as the Corporate Controller for DPL, Inc.
4 and its major subsidiary, Dayton Power and Light, headquartered in Dayton, Ohio.
5 Prior to this position, I held a number of finance and accounting positions for 8
6 years at Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Inc. (NMPC) in Syracuse, New
7 York, including Executive Director of Financial Operations, Director of Finance
8 and Assistant Controller. As the Director of Finance and Assistant Controller, my
9 responsibilities included regulatory proceedings, rates, and financial planning,
10 providing testimony on a variety of matters before the New York Public Service
11 Commission. Prior to joining NMPC, I was a Senior Audit Manager at Price
12 Waterhouse (PW) in upstate New York, with 10 years of direct experience with
13 investor owned utilities and publicly traded companies. I am a graduate of the State
14 University of New York in Binghamton, with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting
15 and I am a Certified Public Accountant in the State of New York.

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17 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

18 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present for Commission review and approval,
19 Progress Energy Florida's Actual True-up costs associated with Environmental
20 Compliance activities for the period January 2006 through December 2006.

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22 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits in support of your testimony?**

23 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibit No. __ WG-1, which consists of eight forms and
24 Exhibit No. __ WG-2, which provides details of four capital projects by site.

1 Exhibit No. __ WG-1 consists of the following: Form 42-1A reflects the final true-
2 up for the period January 2006 through December 2006. Form 42-2A reflects the
3 final true-up calculation for the period. Form 42-3A reflects the calculation of the
4 Interest Provision for the period. Form 42-4A reflects the calculation of variances
5 between actual and estimated/actual costs for O&M activities. Form 42-5A
6 presents a summary of actual monthly costs for the period of O&M activities. Form
7 42-6A reflects the calculation of variances between actual and estimated/actual
8 costs for Capital Investment Projects. Form 42-7A presents a summary of actual
9 monthly costs for the period for Capital Investment Projects. Form 42-8A, pages 1
10 through 11, consist of the calculation of depreciation expense, property tax expense,
11 and return on capital investment for each project that is being recovered through the
12 ECRC. Exhibit No. __ WG-2 consists of detailed support for the following capital
13 projects: Above Ground Storage Tank Secondary Containment (CPD, pages 2
14 through 6), CAIR/CAMR (CPD, pages 7 through 8), CAIR CTs (CPD, pages 9
15 through 12), and Underground Storage Tanks (CPD, page 13).

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17 **Q. What is the source of the data that you will present by way of testimony or**
18 **exhibits in this proceeding?**

19 A. The actual data is taken from the books and records of PEF. The books and records
20 are kept in the regular course of our business in accordance with generally accepted
21 accounting principles and practices, and provisions of the Uniform System of
22 Accounts as prescribed by this Commission.

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1 **Q. What is the final true-up amount for which PEF is requesting for the period**
2 **January 2006 through December 2006?**

3 A. PEF is requesting approval of an under-recovery amount of \$14,323,932 for the
4 calendar period ending December 31, 2006. This amount is shown on Form 42-1A,
5 Line 1.

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7 **Q. What is the net true-up amount PEF is requesting for the January 2006**
8 **through December 2006 period which is to be applied in the calculation of the**
9 **environmental cost recovery factors to be refunded/recovered in the next**
10 **projection period?**

11 A. PEF has calculated and is requesting approval of an over-recovery amount of
12 \$2,446,714 reflected on Line 3 of Form 42-1A, as the adjusted net true-up amount
13 for the January 2006 through December 2006 period. This amount is the difference
14 between the actual under-recovery amount of \$14,323,932 and the actual/estimated
15 under-recovery of \$16,770,646, as approved in Order PSC-06-0972-FOF-EI, for the
16 period of January 2006 through December 2006.

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18 **Q. Are all costs listed in Forms 42-1A through 42-8A attributable to**
19 **environmental compliance projects approved by the Commission?**

20 A. Yes, they are.

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22 **Q. How did actual O&M expenditures for January 2006 through December 2006**
23 **compare with PEF's estimated/actual projections as presented in previous**
24 **testimony and exhibits?**

1 A. Form 42-4A shows that total O&M project costs were \$2,359,910 or 6.8% lower
2 than projected. Following are variance explanations for those O&M projects with
3 significant variances. Individual project variances are provided on Form 42-4A.

4 **O&M Project Variances**

5 **1. Substation Environmental Investigation, Remediation, and Pollution**

6 **Prevention (Project No. 1):** Project expenditures were \$1,583,097 or 44.0%
7 more than projected. This variance is primarily attributable to remediations at 6
8 substation sites requiring more work to be performed than was estimated. This
9 project is further discussed in Kent D. Hedrick's testimony.

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11 **2. Distribution System Environmental Investigation, Remediation, and**

12 **Pollution Prevention (Project No. 2):** Project expenditures were \$2,617,485
13 or 16.1% lower than projected. This variance is primarily attributable to the
14 inability to complete the number of remediations assumed in the 2006 work
15 plan for the last quarter of 2006. This project is further discussed in Kent D.
16 Hedrick's testimony.

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18 **3. Pipeline Integrity Management Program (Project No. 3a):** The Pipeline

19 Integrity Management (PIM) O&M project expenditures were \$412,091 or
20 58.2% lower than projected. The majority of the variance is being driven by
21 delays on several projects due to contract and performance issues with third
22 party vendors. This project is further discussed in Patty Q. West's testimony.

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1 **4. Phase II Cooling Water Intake (Project No. 6):** Project expenditures were
2 \$202,280 or 22.7% lower than projected. The variance is attributable to some
3 program studies being deemed unnecessary that were originally projected to be
4 performed. This project is further discussed in Patty Q. West's testimony.

5
6 **5. Sea Turtle – Coastal Street Lighting (Project No. 9):** Project expenditures
7 were \$72,631 or 66.8% lower than expected. This variance is attributable to not
8 performing the lighting research that was planned and not fully completing
9 compliance activities in certain areas. This project is further discussed in Kent
10 D. Hedrick's testimony.

11
12 **Q. How did actual Capital recoverable expenditures for January 2006 through**
13 **December 2006 compare with PEF's estimated/actual projections as presented**
14 **in previous testimony and exhibits?**

15 A. Form 42-6A shows that total Capital Investment project recoverable costs were
16 \$14,805 or 1.5% lower than projected. Actual costs and variance by individual
17 project are provided on Form 42-6A. Following are variance explanations for those
18 Capital projects with significant variances. Return on Capital Investment,
19 Depreciation, and Taxes for each project for the period are provided on Form 42-
20 8A, pages 1 through 11.

21 **Capital Investment Project Variances:**

22 **1. Above Ground Tank Secondary Containment (Project No. 4):** Recoverable
23 costs were \$41,947 or 11.6% lower than projected. The variance is primarily
24 attributable to depreciation and property tax costs that were not recovered due

1 to two tanks that were not placed in service as projected. This project is further
2 discussed in Patty Q. West's testimony.

3
4 **2. Sea Turtle – Coastal Street Lighting (Project No. 9):** Project expenditures
5 were expected to be \$125,615 in 2006. However, \$0 were actually spent
6 causing recoverable costs to be \$8,021 or 100% lower than projected. This
7 variance is primarily attributable to ongoing research activities necessary before
8 capital is expended. This project is further discussed in Kent D. Hedrick's
9 testimony.

10
11 **3. CAIR/CAMR - Anclote & CAIR CTs (Project 7.1 & 7.2):** Recoverable costs
12 were \$13,737 or 34.8% lower than projected. The variance is primarily
13 attributable to lower actual capital expenditures and subsequent return on
14 capital for these projects than was projected. These projects are further
15 discussed in Patty Q. West's testimony.

16
17 **4. CAIR/CAMR – AFUDC (Project 7.3):** These capital expenditures qualify for
18 AFUDC and therefore will not be included in the recoverable costs until the
19 associated pollution controls are placed in service. PEF projected total capital
20 expenditures to be \$34,650,045 in 2006. However, actual expenditures in 2006
21 were \$10,698,570 or 30.9% lower than projected. The variance is primarily
22 attributable to a delay in finalization of engineering, procurement, and
23 construction contracts. This project is further discussed in Patty Q. West's
24 testimony.

1 **Other Matters**

2 **Q. Did PEF include any costs relative to PEF's Modular Cooling Tower Project**
3 **subject to refund including interest pending resolution of Docket No. 060162-**
4 **EI in this true-up filing?**

5 A. Yes. PEF has included \$4,635,743 in O&M expenses and \$516,221 in capital
6 expenditures which the Commission approved in Order No. PSC-06-0972-FOF-EI
7 subject to refund, including interest, pending resolution of Docket No. 060162-EI.

8

9 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

10 A. Yes, it does.

1 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

3 KENT D. HEDRICK

4 ON BEHALF OF

5 PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA

6 DOCKET NO. 070007-EI

7 April 2, 2007

8

9 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

10 A. My name is Kent D. Hedrick. My business address is 299 First Avenue North,
11 St. Petersburg, Florida 33701.

12

13 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

14 A. I am employed by Progress Energy Carolina as Manager, Performance Support.

15

16 **Q. Please describe your educational and professional background in the
17 environmental field.**

18 A. I received a Bachelors of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from the
19 University of Florida. In addition, I am a registered professional engineer in the
20 State of Florida.

21

22 **Q. Have you previously filed testimony before this Commission in connection
23 with Progress Energy Florida's Environmental Cost Recovery Clause?**

1 A. Yes, I have.

2

3 **Q. Have your duties and responsibilities remained the same since you last filed**
4 **testimony in this proceeding?**

5 A. Yes.

6

7 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

8 A. My testimony provides Progress Energy Florida's Actual True-Up costs
9 associated with the following environmental compliance activities for the period
10 January 2006 through December 2006: Substation Environmental Investigation,
11 Remediation, and Pollution Prevention (Project No.1); Distribution System
12 Environmental Investigation, Remediation, and Pollution Prevention (Project
13 No.2); and Sea Turtle – Coastal Street Lighting (Project No.9).

14

15 **Q. How did actual O&M and Capital expenditures for January 2006 thru**
16 **December 2006 compare with PEF's estimated / actual projections as**
17 **presented in previous testimony and exhibits?**

18 A. Details regarding each of the identified projects are provided below:

19 **O&M Project Variances:**

20 **1. Substation Environmental Investigation, Remediation, and Pollution**

21 **Prevention (Project No.1):** Project expenditures were \$1,583,097 or 44.0%
22 more than projected. This variance is primarily attributable to remediations
23 at 6 substation sites having more work performed than was estimated. The

1 amount of remediation needed at substations is difficult to estimate because
2 of the potential spread of contamination beneath the surface. The full
3 magnitude of contamination is not known until work begins.
4

5 **2. Distribution System Environmental Investigation, Remediation, and**
6 **Pollution Prevention (Project No.2):** Program expenses were \$2,617,485
7 or 16.1% less than projected. This variance is primarily due to a lower
8 number of sites being remediated than re-projected for the 2006 work plan.
9 The lower number of sites remediated was caused primarily by insufficient
10 contract resource availability during the fourth quarter of 2006.

11 Remediation work identified in 2006 that was not completed is planned to be
12 completed in 2007. Progress Energy Florida has also implemented changes
13 to our work process to better optimize resource planning and scheduling.
14 These changes include: performance metrics tied directly with
15 environmental objectives; advanced communication with contractors starting
16 in December 2006 regarding the 2007 work plan; and applying the
17 operational experience gained with the high volume of environmental work
18 during 2006.
19

20 **3. Sea Turtle – Coastal Street Lighting (Project No.9):** Project expenditures
21 were \$72,631 or 66.8% lower than expected. This variance is attributable to
22 not performing the lighting research that was planned and not fully
23 completing compliance activities in certain areas. Progress Energy Florida

1 is working with the University of Florida to conduct research on identifying
2 the lighting characteristics that are not adverse to sea turtles. This research
3 is intended to be used to develop new lighting technology that will add to the
4 limited compliance options that exist presently. The research was delayed
5 until 2007 to allow time to better develop the components of the research
6 and to identify a potential lighting supplier to take part in the technology
7 evaluation and development. Progress Energy Florida has identified a
8 potential lighting partner and is currently working with the University of
9 Florida to finalize the research plan. These research activities are expected
10 to occur in 2007. Progress Energy Florida completed compliance activities
11 on St. George Island in Franklin County. Additional compliance activity
12 was planned for Mexico Beach but was not completed because of continued
13 evaluation to determine the most prudent compliance options to implement.
14 These compliance activities are expected to occur in 2007.

15

16 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

17 A. Yes it does.

18

1 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
3 PATRICIA Q. WEST
4 ON BEHALF OF
5 PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA
6 DOCKET NO. 070007-EI
7 APRIL 2, 2007
8

9 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

10 A. My name is Patricia Q. West. My business address is 299 First Avenue North,
11 St. Petersburg, Florida 33701.
12

13 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

14 A. I am employed by the Environmental, Health and Safety Services Section of
15 Progress Energy Florida (“Progress Energy” or “Company”) as Manager of
16 Environmental Services / Power Operations Group. In that position, I have
17 responsibility to provide regulatory support and obtain necessary environmental
18 permits for the implementation of compliance strategies pertaining to
19 environmental requirements for power generation facilities in Florida.
20

21 **Q. Please describe your background and experience in the environmental field.**

22 A. I obtained my B.S. degree in Biology from New College of the University of
23 South Florida in 1983. I was employed by the Polk County Health Department
24 from 1983-1986 and by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

1 ("DEP") from 1986-1990. At DEP, I was involved in compliance and
2 enforcement efforts associated with petroleum storage facilities. In 1990, I
3 joined Florida Power Corporation as an Environmental Project Manager and
4 then held progressively responsible positions in the company's environmental
5 services department, including the position of team leader for the integration of
6 the environmental functions of Florida Power and Carolina Power and Light. I
7 previously served as Manager of Water Programs in the Environmental Services
8 Section of PEF's Technical Services Department and as Manager of
9 Environmental Programs and Strategy. In 2005, I assumed my present position
10 as Manager of Environmental Services / Power Operations Group.

11

12 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

13 A. This testimony provides Progress Energy Florida's Actual True-Up costs
14 associated with the following environmental compliance activities for the period
15 January 2006 thru December 2006: the Pipeline Integrity Management Program
16 (Project No. 3a); Phase II Cooling Water Intake (Project No. 6); Above Ground
17 Tank Secondary Containment (Project No. 4); Clean Air Projects for Anclote
18 (Project No. 7.1), Combustion Turbines (Project No. 7.2) and Crystal River
19 AFUDC (Project No. 7.3).

20

21 **Q. How did actual O&M expenditures for January 2006 thru December 2006**
22 **compare with PEF's estimated / actual projections as presented in previous**
23 **testimony and exhibits?**

24 A. Details regarding each of the identified projects are provided below:

1 **O&M Project Variances:**

2 **1. The Pipeline Integrity Management Program (Project No. 3a):** The
3 Pipeline Integrity Management (PIM) O&M project expenditures were
4 \$412,091 or 58.2% lower than projected. The majority of the variance was
5 the result of delays on various projects for the following reasons: (1)
6 research and design phase took longer than anticipated, (2) inability to
7 finalize contractual agreement with vendor, and (3) termination of agreement
8 with design vendor that was not performing as expected. An effort will be
9 made to include the work not completed in 2006 in the 2007 work plan.

10

11 **2. Phase II Cooling Water Intake Program (Project No. 6):** Project
12 expenditures were \$202,280 or 22.7% lower than projected. The variance is
13 attributable to some program studies being deemed unnecessary that were
14 originally projected to be performed. The program was originally budgeted
15 assuming that all possible studies would be required; however, initial studies
16 at Crystal River Units 1, 2, 3, and Suwannee plants rendered subsequent
17 studies unnecessary. Also, contractor use of graduate students for field work
18 at Crystal River and Suwannee resulted in lower labor costs than originally
19 anticipated. This approach could not be determined until the bids were
20 received.

21

22 **Q. Have there been any recent developments that affect the status of the Phase**
23 **II Cooling Water Intake Program?**

1 A. Yes. On January 25, 2007, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
2 remanded several substantive portions of the Phase II rules back to the U.S.
3 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for further action. In light of the
4 Court's decision, on March 20, 2007, EPA's Assistant Administrator issued a
5 memorandum stating that EPA expects to issue a Federal Register notice in the
6 near future to formally suspend the rule. The memorandum further states that,
7 in the meantime, all permits for Phase II facilities should include conditions
8 under Section 316(b) developed based on Best Professional Judgment (BPJ).
9 BPJ permit conditions are yet to be determined.

10

11 **Q. How does the Second Circuit's decision affect Progress Energy's**
12 **implementation of the Phase II Cooling Water Intake Program?**

13 A. Because they may provide information relevant to the development of Section
14 316(b) conditions under EPA's "BPJ" approach and future regulations adopted
15 in response to the Second Circuit's decision, Progress Energy is completing
16 certain cooling water intake studies that were initiated before the Court's
17 decision and are nearing completion. Whether and the extent to which any
18 further action will be required depends upon discussions with DEP as well as
19 any further action taken by EPA in response to the Second Circuit's decision.

20

21 **Q. How did actual Capital recoverable costs for January 2006 thru December**
22 **2006 compare with PEF's estimated / actual projections as presented in**
23 **previous testimony and exhibits?**

24 A. Details regarding each of the identified projects are provided below:

1 **Capital Project Variances:**

2 **1. Above Ground Tank Secondary Containment (Project No. 4):**

3 Recoverable costs were \$41,947 or 11.6% lower than projected. The
4 variance is primarily attributable to a delay in placing the Intercession City
5 tanks in service to begin depreciation due to invoices that were in dispute.
6 These tanks were placed in service in March 2007 with the projected in
7 service date of November 2006. Also, the Turner project has not been
8 placed in service due to continuing efforts to resolve material quality issues.
9 Evaluation of these materials will continue into 2007.

10

11 **2. Clean Air Projects**

- 12 • **Anclote CAIR (Project No. 7.1):** Actual capital expenditures were
13 \$66,645 or 55.1% less than projected. The variance is due to a delay in
14 the completion of studies to analyze emission control technology options
15 and identify a cost effective approach. This work is now planned for
16 2007.
- 17 • **Combustion Turbine CAIR (Project No. 7.2):** Actual capital
18 expenditures were \$398,417 or 44.1% less than projected. The variance
19 is the result of several factors, including the unavailability of work crews
20 due to extended outage work at Bartow, material usage costs less than
21 projected in late 2006, and the ability to reuse some fuel oil flow meters
22 rather than purchase new meters.
- 23 • **Crystal River AFUDC (Project No. 7.3):** These capital expenditures
24 for engineering, design, and construction of emission control facilities at

1 Crystal River qualify for AFUDC and therefore will not be included in
2 the recoverable costs until the associated pollution controls are placed in
3 service. Progress Energy projected total capital expenditures to be
4 \$34,650,045 in 2006 and anticipated the signing of the construction
5 contract and mobilization of equipment and personnel by December
6 2006. Actual expenditures were \$10,698,570 or 30.9% less than
7 expected because the contract for engineering, procurement, construction
8 and project management ("EPC contract") has not been finalized;
9 finalization is expected in the second quarter of 2007.

10

11 **Q. Have there been any other developments concerning Progress Energy's**
12 **Clean Air Compliance Plan?**

13 A. Yes. As Mr. Portuondo stated in supplemental testimony in last year's docket
14 (No. 060007-EI), costs for major construction projects have increased over
15 original projections due to continued price increases in commodities, equipment
16 and labor. Progress Energy continues to monitor project costs and anticipates
17 adjustments to the Clean Air compliance strategy in order to achieve compliance
18 in the most cost-effective manner. Progress Energy plans to update the
19 Commission on the status of the Company's compliance strategy after the EPC
20 contract has been finalized.

21

22 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

23 A. Yes it does.

1 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
3 PATRICIA Q. WEST
4 ON BEHALF OF
5 PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA
6 DOCKET NO. 070007-EI
7 AUGUST 3, 2007

8
9 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

10 **A.** My name is Patricia Q. West. My business address is 299 First Avenue North,
11 St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

12
13 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

14 **A.** I am employed by the Environmental Health and Safety Services Section of
15 Progress Energy Florida (“Progress Energy” or “Company”) as Manager of
16 Environmental Services / Energy Supply Florida. In that position I have
17 responsibility to ensure that environmental technical and regulatory support is
18 provided to the implementation of compliance strategies associated with the
19 environmental requirements for power generation facilities in Florida.

20
21 **Q. Have you previously filed testimony before this Commission in connection**
22 **with Progress Energy Florida’s Environmental Cost Recovery Clause?**

23 **A.** Yes, I have.

1 **Q. Have your duties and responsibilities remained the same since you last filed**
2 **testimony in this proceeding?**

3 **A.** Yes.
4

5 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

6 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to explain material variances between the
7 Estimated/Actual project expenditures and the original cost projections for
8 environmental compliance costs associated with PEF's Pipeline Integrity
9 Management Program, Aboveground Storage Tank Secondary Containment
10 Program, Underground Storage Tank Program, Phase II Cooling Water Intake
11 Program, the Integrated Air Compliance Program for the Clean Air Interstate
12 Rule (CAIR) and Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR), Arsenic Groundwater
13 Standard Project and the Modular Cooling Towers for the period January 2007
14 through December 2007.
15

16 **Q. Please explain the variance between the Estimated/Actual project**
17 **expenditures and the original projections for the Pipeline Integrity**
18 **Management Program for the period January 2007 to December 2007.**

19 **A.** PEF is projecting O&M expenditures to be \$511,427 higher than previously
20 projected due to work that was not completed from the 2006 work plan being
21 carried over into 2007. This work includes general program management and
22 oversight by PEF employees as well as contractors who assist with regulatory
23 review, auditing and procedures management; the installation of guardrails
24 along US 19 to protect valve mechanisms along the road right-of-way; and

1 installation of a pipeline telemetry system that allows remote control of valves
2 designed to isolate sections of the pipeline in the event of a leak, thereby
3 minimizing impact to nearby environmentally sensitive areas.

4
5 PEF is projecting project capital expenditures to be \$19,741 lower than
6 originally projected and they will occur later in the year than previously
7 projected. This variance is primarily attributable to fewer consultant hours
8 being needed than projected and a delay in the Pipeline Control System Upgrade
9 study which was conducted to evaluate means of upgrading the existing control
10 system to new standards, consistent with recommendations from the National
11 Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Department of Transportation.
12 This study had to be completed before the capital project could proceed.

13
14 **Q. Please explain the variance between the Estimated/Actual project**
15 **expenditures and the original projections for the Above Ground Tank**
16 **Secondary Containment Program for the period January 2007 to December**
17 **2007.**

18 **A.** PEF is projecting capital expenditures to be \$536,893 higher for this program
19 than originally projected. This variance is primarily attributable to costs
20 associated with the two Anclote storage tank projects being performed in 2007
21 rather than 2008 as originally planned. This change in schedule is the result of
22 changing work priorities at the plant site. In addition, there was a need to
23 transfer fuel oil from the Suwannee tank to allow required upgrades to be
24 performed.

1 **Q. Please explain the variance between the Estimated/Actual project**
2 **expenditures and the original projections for the Phase II Cooling Water**
3 **Intake Project for the period January 2007 to December 2007.**

4 **A.** PEF is projecting O&M expenditures to be \$931,199 lower than previously
5 projected for this program. The variance is primarily attributable to regulatory
6 matters that will result in ceasing work after the original baseline biological field
7 studies are complete, thereby not completing the Comprehensive Demonstration
8 Studies as originally anticipated. This change in approach is due to EPA's
9 official suspension of the 316(b) Phase II rule in the July 9, 2007 Federal
10 Register.

11

12 **Q. Please explain the variance between the Estimated/Actual project**
13 **expenditures and the original projections for the Clean Air Interstate Rule**
14 **and the Clean Air Mercury Rule for the period January 2007 to December**
15 **2007?**

16 **A.** Capital expenditures for Crystal River are projected to be approximately \$85.3
17 million higher than previously projected for this program for various reasons.
18 First, when the original projections were submitted in 2006 a comprehensive
19 engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contract was anticipated to be
20 in place by the end of 2006. PEF is still in negotiations with the vendor to
21 finalize the scope of the project and ultimately secure the contract. Due to the
22 further refinement of the project scope, the overall projected costs of the project
23 have increased. Second, because of the competitive nature of the construction
24 industry, we have seen significant escalations in the cost of basic construction

1 materials and in labor costs especially for SCR and scrubber equipment and
2 installations. Lastly, for certain project components with long-lead time, PEF
3 has already contracted with qualified vendors to ensure that required in service
4 dates are met. The Crystal River project has no bearing on the ECRC
5 recoverable balance because it is accruing AFUDC.

6
7 PEF is also projecting capital expenditures for the Combustion Turbine (CT)
8 projects to be \$351,951 higher than previously projected primarily attributable
9 to the acceleration of work from 2008 into the 2007 work plan as well as the
10 carry over of work not being performed in 2006 being completed in 2007.

11
12 The Anclote CAIR project is expected to be lower than the original capital
13 expenditure projection by \$51,103 primarily attributable to work that has shifted
14 to later in the year due to a delay in the completion of studies to analyze
15 emission control technology options.

16

17 **Q. Please explain the variance between the Estimated/Actual project**
18 **expenditures and the original projections for the Arsenic Groundwater**
19 **Standard Project for the period January 2007 to December 2007.**

20 **A.** PEF projects O&M expenditures to be \$69,616 lower for this program than
21 originally projected. PEF continues working with the FDEP to establish an
22 arsenic compliance plan and schedule, in accordance with the FDEP Industrial
23 Waste Water Permit that was issued on January 9, 2007. Some of this work will

1 continue into 2008 as PEF implements the compliance plan that is just now
2 being developed through negotiations with FDEP.

3

4 **Q. Please explain the variance between the Estimated/Actual project**
5 **expenditures and the original projections for the Underground Storage**
6 **Tank Program for the period January 2007 to December 2007.**

7 **A.** PEF is projecting capital expenditures to be \$67,230 lower than originally
8 projected. PEF had a reduction in costs for the original Bartow and Crystal
9 River projects. The reduction is due to an adjustment to subtract removal costs
10 of the original assets that were incorrectly included as part of the asset addition
11 costs.

12

13 **Q. Please explain the variance between the Estimated / Actual project**
14 **expenditure and the original projections for the Modular Cooling Towers**
15 **for the period January 2007 and December 2007.**

16 **A.** PEF is projecting capital expenditures to be \$147,916 higher than originally
17 projected for the Modular Cooling Towers. This variance is attributable to the
18 increased costs associated with the installation of two permanent breakers that
19 are needed to ensure the proper functionality of the cooling towers.

20

21 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

22 **A.** Yes it does.

1 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
3 PATRICIA Q. WEST
4 ON BEHALF OF
5 PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA
6 DOCKET NO. 070007-EI
7 August 31, 2007
8

9 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

10 A. My name is Patricia Q. West. My business address is 299 1st Avenue North, St.
11 Petersburg, Florida, 33701.
12

13 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

14 A. I am employed by the Environmental Health and Safety Services Section of
15 Progress Energy Florida (“Progress Energy” or “Company”) as Manager of
16 Environmental Services / Energy Supply Florida. In that position I have
17 responsibility to ensure that environmental technical and regulatory support is
18 provided during the implementation of compliance strategies associated with the
19 environmental requirements for power generation facilities in Florida.
20

21 **Q. Have you previously filed testimony before this Commission in connection**
22 **with Progress Energy Florida’s Environmental Cost Recovery Clause?**

23 A. Yes, I have.

1 **Q. Have your duties and responsibilities remained the same since you last filed**
2 **testimony in this proceeding?**

3 A. Yes.

4
5 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

6 A. This testimony provides estimates of the costs that will be incurred in the year
7 2008 for environmental programs that fall within the scope of my
8 responsibilities to support Progress Energy's power generation group. These
9 programs include the Pipeline Integrity Management Program (Project 3),
10 Aboveground Storage Tanks Secondary Containment Program (Project 4),
11 Phase II Cooling Water Intake 316(b) Program (Project 6), the Integrated Air
12 Compliance Program for the new Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) and the
13 Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR) (Project 7), Arsenic Groundwater Standard
14 Program (Project 8), Underground Storage Tank Program (Project 10), as well
15 as the Modular Cooling Tower Program (Project 11).

16
17 **Q. Have you prepared or caused to be prepared under your direction,**
18 **supervision or control any exhibits in this proceeding?**

19 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following exhibit:

20 1. Exhibit No. ___PW-1, which provides a summary of the CAIR/CAMR
21 project costs.

22

23 **Q. What costs do you expect to incur in 2008 in connection with the Pipeline**
24 **Integrity Management Program (Project 3)?**

1 A. For 2008, we project that Progress Energy will incur a total of \$337,000 in
2 O&M and \$657,500 in capital expenditures to comply with the Pipeline Integrity
3 Management (“PIM”) regulations (49 CFR Part 195). PEF is projecting to
4 spend \$237,000 in O&M on PIM Program Administration, which includes risk
5 modeling, program auditing, and procedure development. In addition, we are
6 projecting O&M costs of \$100,000 for pipeline mapping of the GIS database to
7 enhance the risk modeling and analysis and the continued start-up and
8 commissioning support, operator training, project close-out and documentation
9 of the implementation of the Pipeline Telemetry System. Capital expenditures
10 of \$657,500 are projected for the upgrade of the existing control systems and
11 decommissioning of an obsolete system in order to improve monitoring and
12 management capabilities of operations (e.g., flow, pressure, temperature) as well
13 as recording operational data. This work includes the detailed design and
14 implementation phases of the project.

15

16 **Q. What steps is the Company taking to ensure that the level of expenditures**
17 **for the Pipeline Integrity Management Program is reasonable and prudent?**

18 A. As additional work is identified to comply with the PIM regulations, Progress
19 Energy Florida will identify qualified suppliers of the necessary services through
20 a competitive bidding process.

21

22 **Q. What costs do you expect to incur in 2008 in connection with the**
23 **Aboveground Storage Tank Secondary Containment Program (Project 4)?**

1 A. Progress Energy is projecting to spend \$2.8 million in capital expenditures in
2 2008. These costs are for the tank upgrade work at DeBary which includes:
3 cleaning the tank, performing required inspections, installing and testing new
4 steel double bottom, preparing and coating new bottom and pipe modifications
5 as well as engineering of a double-walled piping project at the Crystal River
6 power plant that is now scheduled for installation in 2009.

7

8 **Q. What steps is the Company taking to ensure that the level of expenditures**
9 **for the Aboveground Storage Tank Secondary Containment Program is**
10 **reasonable and prudent?**

11 A. As additional work is identified to comply with the Aboveground Storage Tank
12 regulations, Progress Energy Florida will identify qualified suppliers of the
13 necessary services through a competitive bidding process.

14

15 **Q. What costs do you expect to incur in 2008 in connection with the Phase II**
16 **Cooling Water Intake Program (Project 6)?**

17 A. Progress Energy is projecting to spend \$147,500 in O&M expenditures in 2008.
18 These costs are for consultant fees that may be incurred in the event the EPA
19 and / or Florida DEP (FDEP) provides direction on proceeding with the
20 Comprehensive Demonstration Study work. This work was recently ceased due
21 to the suspension of the rule; however, even though the rule has been suspended,
22 the FDEP has preliminarily indicated that additional study work will be
23 required. This work would be associated with the cooling water intake
24 structures at the Anclote, Bartow, Crystal River, and Suwannee sites.

1

2 **Q. What steps is the Company taking to ensure that the level of expenditures**
3 **for the Phase II Cooling Water Intake Program is reasonable and prudent?**

4 A. As additional work is identified to comply with the Phase II Cooling Water
5 Intake Program, Progress Energy Florida will identify qualified suppliers of the
6 necessary services through a competitive bidding process.

7

8 **Q. What costs do you expect to incur in 2008 in connection with the CAIR /**
9 **CAMR Program (Project 7)?**

10 A. PEF is projecting to spend approximately \$573 million in capital expenditures
11 on the CAIR / CAMR compliance projects at the Crystal River and Anclote
12 generating facilities in the year 2008 as referenced in Exhibit No. __ (PW-1).
13 Of that amount, approximately \$570 million projected to be spent on Crystal
14 River activities has no bearing on the ECRC recoverable balance because it will
15 accrue AFUDC. A breakout of the costs includes:

- 16 ○ Installation of permanent Continuous Mercury Monitoring
- 17 Systems on Crystal River Units 1 and 2 and temporary
- 18 Continuous Mercury Monitoring Systems on Crystal River Units
- 19 4 and 5. PEF is seeking a waiver from the EPA to delay the
- 20 installation of permanent monitoring equipment at facilities that
- 21 are currently undergoing plant modifications to install scrubber
- 22 systems, as we are doing on Units 4 and 5. EPA has already
- 23 granted a waiver to at least one Southeast utility and has
- 24 encouraged other utilities with scrubbers under construction to

- 1 submit similar requests; therefore, Progress Energy expects to be
2 successful in obtaining approval of the waiver. Upon the
3 agency's authorization, temporary EPA-approved mercury
4 monitors will be installed on these units in late 2008. The current
5 cost estimate for the installation of permanent systems on Units 1
6 and 2 and temporary systems on Units 4 and 5 is approximately
7 \$2.7 million. Permanent mercury monitoring equipment will be
8 installed on Unit 5 in early 2009 and on Unit 4 in early 2010.
- 9 ○ Crystal River (CAIR) Controls: PEF estimates approximately
10 \$570 million to be spent in 2008. The scope of this work
11 includes finalization of engineering, procurement and installation
12 of the following components of the project: Unit 4 Low NOx
13 burners, Unit 5 SCRs, absorber towers for the FGD on Units 4
14 and 5, and a common chimney. Other equipment and systems
15 that will be worked on in 2008 include: limestone handling,
16 dewatering, gypsum removal, coal pond liners, settling ponds,
17 make-up water system, storage tanks, piping, and electrical and
18 control system.
 - 19 ○ Anclote NOx Reduction: PEF is planning on spending
20 approximately \$300,000 in 2008 to investigate and conduct tests
21 or trials of alternative NOx reduction technologies that may be
22 capable of cost-effectively reducing NOx emissions without
23 significantly increasing particulate matter emissions.

1 PEF will also incur \$48,500 in O&M expenditures for the new emission
2 monitoring systems at the combustion turbine sites. During 2007 the affected 44
3 combustion turbine unit stacks were retrofitted with sampling ports, fuel flow
4 meters, analyzers and software systems to ensure compliance with the new rule.
5 Beginning in 2008 data from these new emissions monitoring systems must be
6 collected and submitted quarterly to the EPA. New data acquisition systems
7 (DAS) have been installed and will be used to retrieve the required operational
8 data from the plant DCS. This data will then be used by the DAS to estimate the
9 total NOX and SO2 emissions (per the 40 CFR 75 regulations) generated by
10 each individual unit. The amount, in tons, of each pollutant will be totaled and
11 reported to the EPA in accordance with the current rule. PEF estimates that
12 O&M costs for ongoing software vendor support of these new systems will be
13 \$48,500 in 2008.

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15 **Q. Are there any additional costs that you expect to incur in 2008 in**
16 **connection with the CAIR / CAMR Program (Project 7)?**

17 A. [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]
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23 [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED]

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7 **Q. What steps is the Company taking to ensure that the level of expenditures**
8 **for the CAIR / CAMR Program is reasonable and prudent?**

9 **A.** An initial screening of technology and fuel choice options was performed by the
10 Company's Technical Services Department and System Planning and
11 Operations Department when the preliminary CAIR and CAMR rules were
12 announced in 2004. Subsequent to this initial screening and the March 2005
13 issuance of the final CAIR and CAMR, a more detailed series of analyses were
14 performed and a plan was developed (the "Progress Energy Florida Integrated
15 Clean Air Compliance Plan", submitted on March 31, 2006) to demonstrate that
16 the selected technologies and fuel choice options were the most cost effective
17 ways for PEF to comply with the CAIR and CAMR at Crystal River and
18 Anclote. As discussed in the direct testimony of Samuel Waters submitted on
19 June 1, 2007, the plan was re-evaluated in 2007 and the revised plan was
20 submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission on June 1, 2007.

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22 As discussed in detail in the pre-filed testimony of Thomas Cornell submitted on
23 June 1, 2007, the primary component of PEF's contracting strategy for the
24 Crystal River SCR and FGD projects is the utilization of a "lump sum"

1 Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (“EPC”) structure with a joint
2 venture consisting of the prime engineering and construction companies. For
3 certain project components with long-lead times, PEF has contracted with other
4 qualified vendors to ensure that required in-service dates are met. As Mr.
5 Cornell explains, the goal of this overall strategy is to mitigate the risk of price
6 increases to PEF and its customers, to encourage safe construction, and assure
7 timely and cost-effective construction in order to ensure compliance with
8 regulatory requirements.

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10 **Q. What costs do you expect to incur in 2008 in connection with the Arsenic
11 Groundwater Standard Program (Project 8)?**

12 **A.** Progress Energy is currently working with the Florida Department of
13 Environmental Protection to comply with the terms of the renewed industrial
14 wastewater permit for the Crystal River Energy Complex. Based upon
15 preliminary discussions, PEF is projecting O&M expenditures of approximately
16 \$78,000. These costs are being deferred from 2007 because of delays in
17 obtaining the renewed permit and will include groundwater study costs, results
18 assessment, and possible remediation to address potential exceedances of the
19 new standard.

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21 **Q. What steps is the Company taking to ensure that the level of expenditures
22 for the Arsenic Groundwater Standard Program is reasonable and
23 prudent?**

1 **A.** As additional work is identified to comply with the new Arsenic standard,
2 Progress Energy Florida will identify qualified suppliers of the necessary
3 services through a competitive bidding process.

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5 **Q.** **What costs do you expect to incur in 2008 in connection with the**
6 **Underground Storage Tanks Program (Project 10)?**

7 **A.** Progress Energy is not anticipating any costs to be incurred in 2008.

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9 **Q.** **What costs do you expect to incur in 2008 in connection with the Modular**
10 **Cooling Tower Program (Project 11)?**

11 **A.** PEF is projecting to spend approximately \$3.4 million in O&M expenditures in
12 2008. These costs are for rental fees associated with the five-year lease
13 agreement that began in 2006.

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15 **Q.** **Does this conclude your testimony?**

16 **A.** Yes it does.

1 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

3 LISA LOHSS

4 ON BEHALF OF

5 PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA

6 DOCKET NO. 070007-EI

7 AUGUST 3, 2007

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9 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

10 **A.** My name is Lisa Lohss. My business address is 299 First Avenue North, St.
11 Petersburg, Florida 33701.

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13 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

14 **A.** I am employed by Progress Energy Florida as Supervisor, Distribution
15 Component Performance.

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17 **Q. What is the scope of your duties?**

18 **A.** Currently, my responsibilities include supervising Distribution component life
19 cycle and maintenance activities for the Energy Delivery Florida organization.

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21 **Q. Please describe your educational background and professional experience.**

22 **A.** I received a Bachelors of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and a Masters
23 of Business Administration degree from University of South Florida. In

1 addition, I hold an EIT from the Florida Board of Professional Regulation.
2 Currently I hold the position of Supervisor, Distribution Component
3 Performance. Prior to my current assignment, I held several engineering
4 positions with Progress Energy Florida (PEF).

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6 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

7 A. The purpose of my testimony is to explain material variances between the
8 Estimated/Actual project expenditures versus the original cost projections for
9 environmental compliance costs associated with Progress Energy Florida's
10 Distribution System Environmental Investigation, Remediation, and Pollution
11 Prevention Programs for the period January 2007 through December 2007.

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13 **Q. Please explain the variance between the Estimated/Actual project**
14 **expenditures and the original projections for the Distribution System**
15 **Program for the period January 2007 to December 2007.**

16 A. O&M project expenditures for the Distribution System Program are estimated to
17 be \$1,010,677 higher than originally projected. This increase is primarily
18 attributable to the projected completion of a greater number of sites than were
19 originally planned, including carryover from the 2006 workplan.

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21 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

22 A. Yes.

1 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

3 LISA C. LOHSS

4 ON BEHALF OF

5 PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA

6 DOCKET NO. 070007-EI

7 AUGUST 31, 2007

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9 **Q. Please state your name and business address,**

10 **A. My name is Lisa C. Lohss. My business address is 299 First Avenue North, St.**
11 **Petersburg, Florida 33733.**

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13 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

14 **A. I am employed by Progress Energy Florida as Supervisor, Distribution**
15 **Component Performance.**

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17 **Q. Have you previously filed testimony before this Commission in connection**
18 **with Progress Energy Florida's Environmental Cost Recovery Clause?**

19 **A. Yes.**

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21 **Q. Have your duties and responsibilities remained the same since you last filed**
22 **testimony in this proceeding?**

23 **A. Yes.**

1 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

2 **A.** My testimony provides estimates of the costs that will be incurred in the year
3 2008 for PEF's Distribution System Investigation, Remediation and Pollution
4 Prevention Programs (Project #2), which was previously approved in PSC Order
5 No. PSC-02-1735-FOF-EI.

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7 **Q. What costs do you expect to incur in 2008 in connection with the**
8 **Distribution System Investigation, Remediation and Pollution Prevention**
9 **Program (Project #2)?**

10 **A.** For 2008 we estimate total O&M expenditures of approximately \$15 million for
11 the Distribution System Investigation, Remediation and Pollution Prevention
12 Program to perform remediation activities at approximately 1,500 sites. This
13 estimate assumes approximately 220 3-phase transformer sites at an average cost
14 of \$14,500 per site, approximately 1,300 single-phase transformer sites at an
15 average cost of \$8,500 per site as well as program management costs.

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17 **Q. What steps is the Company taking to ensure that the level of expenditures**
18 **for the Distribution System program is reasonable and prudent?**

19 **A.** To ensure the level of expenditures is reasonable and prudent, the Company
20 selected contractors through a competitive bidding process and frequently
21 reviews invoices for accuracy and proper documentation. In addition, the
22 Company closely monitors remediation work, performs sample testing of

1 inspection results, and provides quarterly reports to the FDEP on progress made
2 in remediating distribution sites.

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4 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

5 **A.** Yes, it does.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

DONALD R. ENNIS

ON BEHALF OF

PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA

DOCKET NO. 070007-EI

August 31, 2007

Q. Please state your name and business address,

A. My name is Donald R. Ennis. My business address is 299 First Avenue North,
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am employed by Progress Energy Carolinas as Manager, Environmental
Permitting & Compliance.

Q. What is the scope of your duties?

A. Currently, my responsibilities include managing environmental permitting and
compliance activities for the Energy Delivery Florida and Energy Delivery
Carolinas organizations.

Q. Please describe your educational background and professional experience.

1 **A.** I received a Bachelors of Science degree in Biology from Campbell University.
2 In addition, I am a Registered Environmental Manager with the National
3 Registry of Environmental Professionals. Currently I hold the position of
4 Manager, Environmental Permitting & Compliance. Prior to my current
5 assignment, I held several environmental management positions with Progress
6 Energy Carolina and Progress Energy Service Company, LLC.

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8 **Q.** **What is the purpose of your testimony?**

9 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to provide estimates of the costs that will be
10 incurred in the year 2008 for Progress Energy Florida (PEF)'s Substation
11 System Investigation, Remediation and Pollution Prevention Programs (Project
12 #1), which was previously approved in PSC Order No. PSC-02-1735-FOF-EI,
13 and for PEF's Sea Turtle/Street Lighting Program (Project #9) which was
14 previously approved in PSC Order No. PSC-05-1251-FOF-EI.

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16 **Q.** **What costs do you expect to incur in 2008 in connection with the Substation**
17 **System Investigation, Remediation and Pollution Prevention Program**
18 **(Project #1)?**

19 **A.** For 2008, we estimate Progress Energy Florida will incur total O&M
20 expenditures of approximately \$2.2 million in remediation costs for the
21 Substation System Investigation, Remediation and Pollution Prevention
22 Program. This amount includes estimated costs for remediation activities at 40
23 substation sites that have already been identified as requiring remediation.

- 1 **Q. What steps is the Company taking to ensure that the level of expenditures**
2 **for the Substation System Program is reasonable and prudent?**
- 3 **A.** The Company works annually with the Florida Department of Environmental
4 Protection (FDEP) to determine the specific substation sites to be remediated to
5 ensure compliance with FDEP criteria. The Company also provides quarterly
6 reports to FDEP on progress made in remediating substation sites. To ensure the
7 level of expenditures is reasonable and prudent, the Company selected
8 contractors through a competitive bidding process and reviews invoices for
9 accuracy.
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- 11 **Q. What costs do you expect to incur in 2008 in connection with the Sea**
12 **Turtle/Street Lighting Program (Project #9)?**
- 13 **A.** For 2008, the projected expenses for the Sea Turtle/Street Lighting Program are
14 \$300,000. This amount includes \$280,000 in O&M costs and \$20,000 in capital
15 expenditures to satisfy new criteria that local governments are applying to
16 ensure compliance with sea turtle ordinances in Franklin and Gulf Counties and
17 the City of Mexico Beach. The capital expenditures will be spent on
18 modifications and/or replacement of applicable lighting fixtures. The estimated
19 O&M projections include research costs associated with street light technology
20 studies. Compliance plans are currently under review and are subject to change
21 pending regulatory agencies' determinations regarding the most cost-effective
22 and appropriate measures for specific sites.
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1 **Q. What steps is the Company taking to ensure that the level of expenditures**
2 **for the Sea Turtle/Street Lighting Program is reasonable and prudent?**

3 A. PEF is cooperating with local governments and appropriate regulatory agencies
4 to develop compliance plans that allow flexibility to make only those
5 modifications necessary to achieve compliance. PEF will ensure that evaluation
6 of each streetlight requiring modification occurs so that only those activities
7 necessary to achieve compliance are performed in a reasonable and prudent
8 manner. In addition, Progress Energy Florida will evaluate emerging
9 technologies and incorporate their use where reasonable and prudent.

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11 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

12 A. Yes, it does.

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

THOMAS CORNELL

ON BEHALF OF

PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA

DOCKET NO. 070007-EI

JUNE 1, 2007

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is Thomas Cornell. My business address is 410 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh,
3 North Carolina, 27602.

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5 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

6 A. I am employed by Progress Energy Carolinas ("PEC") as General Manager, Project
7 Development and Engineering in the Plant Construction Department. My section is
8 responsible for the development and engineering of new fossil fuel power plants and
9 major capital modifications to existing plants for both the PEC and Progress Energy
10 Florida ("PEF" or "Company") systems.

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12 **Q. What are your responsibilities as General Manager of Project Development and
13 Engineering?**

14 A I am responsible for all of the project development (siting, planning, permitting, scoping,
15 etc.) and engineering related activities (design, major procurements, contracting
16 strategies, construction support, start-up and commissioning support, etc.) associated

1 with new generation fossil fuel projects and air quality control projects for both PEC and
2 PEF, including the Flue Gas Desulfurization (“FGD” or “scrubber”), Low NOx Burners
3 (LNBs), Selective Catalytic Reduction (“SCR”) and other pollution control projects
4 included in PEF’s Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan.

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6 **Q. Please describe your educational and background.**

7 A. I received a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University and an M.S.
8 degree in Engineering Management from Florida Institute of Technology. I have over
9 eighteen years experience in the power industry related to engineering, manufacturing,
10 procurement, construction, start-up and commissioning, and project management
11 associated with combustion turbines, steam turbines, combined cycles, coal gasification
12 cycles, nuclear steam cycles, and air quality control systems (LNB systems, SCR
13 systems, CO systems, and FGD systems). In addition to Progress Energy I have been
14 employed by Siemens Westinghouse, General Electric, and Entergy Wholesale
15 Operations.

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17 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits with your testimony?**

18 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following exhibits:

- 19 • Exhibit No. __ (TC-1), which is an organization chart showing the Company’s
20 internal management structure for the projects being implemented under the
21 Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan;
- 22 • Exhibit No. __ (TC-2), which is an organization chart showing the organizational
23 structure the Company has established for management and oversight of
24 contractors involved in the Crystal River projects included in the compliance plan;

- 1 • Composite Exhibit No. __ (TC-3), which is a Letter of Intent (LOI) to enter an
2 Engineering, Procurement and Construction (“EPC”) contract with Environmental
3 Projects Crystal River (“EPCR”), along with four amendments to the LOI;
- 4 • Composite Exhibit No. __ (TC-4), which is a contract with The Babcock and
5 Wilcox Company (“B&W”), as well as associated work authorizations, for design,
6 engineering, equipment, and other work associated with the Crystal River SCR and
7 FGD projects;
- 8 • Composite Exhibit No. __ (TC-5), which is a contract with Worley Parsons (and
9 associated work authorizations) for preliminary design, engineering and other work
10 associated with the Crystal River SCR and FGD projects;
- 11 • Exhibit No. __ (TC-6), which is a contract with The Stebbins Engineering and
12 Manufacturing Company (“Stebbins”) for design, fabrication, construction, and
13 assembly of two FGD Absorber Towers for Crystal River Units 4 and 5;
- 14 • Exhibit No. __ (TC-7), which is a contract with CERAM Environmental, Inc.
15 (“CERAM”) for the design, fabrication, delivery, and testing of the SCR catalyst
16 for the Crystal River Units 4 and 5 SCR projects; and
- 17 • Exhibit No. __ (TC-8), which is a contract with Commonwealth Dynamics, Inc.
18 (“CDI”), for the design, fabrication, and construction of a Flue Gas Chimney as
19 part of the Crystal River Units 4 and 5 scrubber projects.

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21 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

22 A. The purpose of my testimony is to summarize the status of PEF’s implementation of its
23 integrated plan for complying with the Clean Air Interstate Rule (“CAIR”), Clean Air

1 Mercury Rule (“CAMR”) and Clean Air Visibility Rule (“CAVR”). I will describe the
2 organization PEF has established for project management and oversight. I will explain
3 the process the Company is following to ensure that costs incurred for the various
4 projects included in the integrated compliance plan are reasonable and prudent and that
5 the risks of potential cost increases to PEF and its customers are minimized. I also will
6 summarize the contracts that PEF has executed and a key contract it is currently
7 negotiating to implement the project in a cost-effective and timely manner.

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PEF’s Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan

10 **Q. What has been your involvement in the Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan that**
11 **PEF submitted to the Commission on March 31, 2006?**

12 A. I became involved with the integrated compliance plan in April, 2006. I am one of the
13 primary persons involved in developing and implementing the Company’s contracting
14 strategy. Among other things, I have worked with Company personnel, potential
15 vendors, and third-party estimators to further define the scope and potential costs of the
16 various projects included in the plan.

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18 **Q. Are you familiar with PEF’s Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan submitted to**
19 **the Commission last year?**

20 A. Yes. Although I became involved in the project after PEF submitted the plan to the
21 Commission last year, I am thoroughly familiar with the 2006 plan. It has served as the
22 starting point for my work in further defining the scope of the various projects.

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1 **Q. How does PEF’s current compliance plan compare to the one submitted to the**
2 **Commission on March 31, 2006?**

3 A. Like the original plan submitted in 2006, the current plan still calls for:

- 4 • Installation of FGD and SCRs (as well as LNBS) on Crystal River Units 4 and 5;
- 5 • Burning compliance coal at Crystal River Units 1 and 2 [REDACTED].
- 6 • Installation of LNBS and separated overfire air (“LNB/SOFA”) controls on Anclote
7 Units 1 and 2 in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] respectively; and
- 8 • For CAMR compliance, installation of a powder activated carbon (“PAC”)
9 injection system on Crystal River Unit 2 [REDACTED].

10 There are only limited changes to the plan submitted last year. First, the scheduled in-
11 service date for the Crystal River Unit 4 FGD system [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED], and the in-service date for the Unit 4 SCR project has been moved
13 [REDACTED]. In addition, as discussed in Mr. Waters’ testimony,
14 PEF has decided not to burn 40 percent natural gas in the Anclote Units as contemplated
15 in the plan presented in 2006.

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17 **Q. Why have the schedules for the Crystal River Unit 4 FGD and SCR projects**
18 **changed?**

19 A. We changed the Unit 4 FGD and SCR project schedules to (1) optimize the most
20 efficient construction schedule, which will mitigate cost escalation risks, and (2)
21 account for constrained labor and equipment availability in the [REDACTED] time frame.
22 The original schedule called for as much work as possible to be done on Crystal River
23 Unit 4, including installation of the SCR, during an outage planned for the [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED] so that the work necessary for the tie in of the FGD in [REDACTED], would be

1 minimal. This was necessary to avoid impacting an outage already planned for the [REDACTED]
2 [REDACTED] on PEF's Crystal River Unit 3. Due at least in part to the increased demand for
3 pollution control projects prompted by the adoption of CAIR, lead-times for critical SCR
4 equipment have increased. To compensate for the increased lead-times, the Company
5 decided in late 2006 to reschedule the Unit 4 SCR project for an outage in the [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]. As preliminary engineering and planning progressed, however, it became evident
7 that there was not adequate time to permit, design, engineer, procure, and construct the
8 Unit 4 SCR system by the [REDACTED]. PEF considered various options and chose to
9 combine the SCR and FGD work into one outage in the [REDACTED]. Given the scope
10 and amount of work to be performed at the Crystal River Energy Complex in the [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED], we determined that it would be reasonable and prudent to combine the CR4
12 SCR and FGD project into that outage.

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14 **Q. Have the schedules for the Crystal River Unit 5 FGD and SCR projects changed?**

15 A. No. As in the plan submitted last year, the Unit 5 FGD and SCR projects are scheduled
16 to be placed in-service in [REDACTED].

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18 **Q. Have the estimated costs of the Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan increased
19 since last year's submittal?**

20 A. Yes. Based on current estimates, over all construction costs projected for the plan have
21 increased 70 percent over the estimates provided last year.

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23 **Q. Why have the estimated costs increased?**

1 A. There are several reasons for the increase. One of the impacts of the final CAIR rule was
2 to create significant industry demand for major retrofit construction projects to engineer,
3 procure, and install the necessary air pollution control equipment. This occurred at a
4 time when there was already significant construction activity due, in part, to an
5 improving economy. The situation was exacerbated by even more construction demand
6 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and by the rising demand for steel, concrete and
7 other commodities in countries such as China and India. As a result of these world-wide
8 market conditions, PEF and the industry have seen significant increases in costs for
9 major construction projects, especially for SCR and scrubber equipment and
10 installations. The increases were primarily driven by significant escalation in the cost of
11 basic construction materials and in labor costs.

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13 **Project Management and Oversight**

14 **Q. How is the Company ensuring proper management and oversight of the projects**
15 **included in the Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan?**

16 A. In January of 2006 the Plant Construction Department was restructured to better align the
17 management of the future fossil fuel new generation projects as well as the air quality
18 control system projects (including, for example, North Carolina Clean Smokestacks,
19 CAIR, CAMR, and CAVR projects). As shown in Exhibit No. __ (TC-1) the Plant
20 Construction Department was structured with three primary project supporting sections;
21 (1) Project Development and Engineering, (2) Project Management and Construction,
22 and (3) Business Management and Compliance (Project Controls). From these sections
23 dedicated project teams were put in place for all of the major (> \$100 million) capital
24 projects with a project manager, development engineer(s), a project engineer, discipline

1 engineer(s), construction management, Environmental Health and Safety (“EHS”)
2 personnel, QA/QC engineer(s), start-up and commissioning engineer(s), project controls
3 and accounting personnel, and operations integration personnel. The specific team for
4 the Crystal River Unit 4 and 5 projects is as shown in Exhibit No.__(TC-2). The Project
5 Manager will oversee all of the internal team members as well as all of the external
6 contractors working on the project.

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Status of Crystal River Projects

9 **Q. How has the Company gone about securing contracts for the Crystal River work?**

10 A. The company’s process for selecting any contract typically involves multiple steps
11 beginning with review and selection of qualified bidders, development of a detailed
12 request for proposal (“RFP”), review and evaluation of bid responses, and the final stage
13 of negotiation on technical and commercial terms. The particular type of contract
14 pursued, the process used, and the details of the commercial terms vary depending on the
15 scope of work and market conditions at and during the time over which the contract will
16 be executed. The goal of the company in this process is to select highly qualified bidders
17 and utilize the type of contract and commercial terms that will allow the work to be
18 completed on time, within schedule constraints and limit the risk to the company and its
19 customers of potential cost increases due to market conditions.

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21 In light of the dramatic increases in costs for pollution control equipment and installation
22 that I previously discussed, one of the primary goals of the Company in negotiating with
23 contractors is to minimize the risk of future cost increases to PEF and its customers and
24 to allocate risk where it can be best managed. For Crystal River, the primary component

1 of PEF's contracting strategy is the utilization of an Engineering, Procurement, and
2 Construction ("EPC") structure with the prime engineering (Burns & McDonnell, Inc.
3 and Utility Engineering Corporation) and construction (Zachry Construction
4 Corporation) companies aligned in a joint venture structure. The joint venture
5 companies will be joint and several in fulfilling all obligations associated with the EPC
6 Contract.

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8 In negotiating the EPC contract, the Company is using an "open book" approach with
9 eventual conversion to lump sum once the detailed project scope is finalized, rather than
10 an open-ended "time-and-materials" contract structure. Under this approach, the scope
11 and costs for project components are being identified in detail to provide greater
12 certainty in the final cost of the Crystal River projects and to appropriately balance the
13 risk of costs increases between PEF and the EPC contractor.

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15 For certain project components with long-lead times, the Company has already
16 contracted with qualified vendors to ensure that required in-service dates are met. The
17 goal of this overall strategy is to mitigate the risk of price increases to PEF and its
18 customers, to encourage safe construction, and assure timely and cost-effective
19 construction in order to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

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21 **Q. What is the status of the EPC contract for the Crystal River Projects?**

22 A. PEF has executed a Letter of Intent ("LOI") to sign an EPC contract with Environmental
23 Partners Crystal River ("EPCR"), which is a joint venture between Zachry Construction

1 Corporation (“Zachry”), Utility Engineering Corporation, which is a subsidiary of
2 Zachry, and Burns & McDonnell, Inc.

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4 **Q. How did PEF decide to negotiate with EPCR for the EPC contract?**

5 A. In May 2006, PEF issued an RFP to Zachry, Fluor Enterprises, Shaw Stone & Webster,
6 Inc., and Bechtel Power Corporation, all of whom had been identified as qualified
7 vendors who were interested in performing the extensive work required to implement
8 PEF’s CAIR Compliance Plan projects at Crystal River. The RFP required submittal of
9 an open book, detailed cost breakdown structure aligned with an eventual conversion to a
10 lump sum type format. The cost breakdowns were required to be submitted in a specific
11 format so that the Company could review various components of the fixed price type
12 structure, among other things, scope of supply, quantities, subcontracts, equipment,
13 escalation rates, contingencies, fees, general and administrative (“G&A”) costs, and
14 indirect costs. The Company communicated with all four qualified vendors, but EPCR
15 was the only bidder willing to provide a competitive open book type approach bid with
16 the ability to convert to a lump sum, fixed price type format. Two of the bidders declined
17 to provide a competitive bid and were only interested in working on an exclusive basis
18 with the Company and one bidder determined that it did not have an available project
19 team to support the project.

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21 **Q. What is the status of the negotiations with EPCR?**

22 A. In November 2006, following a detailed review of the EPCR proposal and an evaluation
23 of the capabilities of the EPCR partners, the parties executed a LOI to provide time for

1 PEF to further define the scope of the project so that detailed pricing could be developed
2 and evaluated.

3 Due to the extensive nature of the work involved, the LOI has been extended and revised
4 to provide a framework for the ongoing negotiations as well as the basis for preliminary
5 engineering, procurement and initial site-related activities necessary to progress toward
6 meeting the in-service dates of the various projects. As amended, the LOI limits PEF's
7 cost exposure to a not-to-exceed cap of approximately [REDACTED] for costs associated
8 with the preliminary work. Copies of the LOI and amendments are provided as Exhibit
9 No. __ (TL-3) to my testimony.

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11 The amended LOI provides an expiration date of June 30, 2007. PEF and EPCR are in
12 the final stages of negotiation and both parties anticipate having a contract in place by
13 June 30, 2007.

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15 **Q. What steps have PEF taken to ensure the proposed price quoted by EPCR is**
16 **reasonable and fair?**

17 As part of the detail review process, Progress Energy personnel and outside engineers
18 and estimators have reviewed the scope and associated quantities of commodities,
19 equipment, subcontracts, labor and other project indirect components submitted by
20 EPCR, as well as the prices quoted by EPCR. In addition, an assessment of project
21 scope has enabled PEF to evaluate potential cost reduction opportunities, such as further
22 engineering and scope optimization and removing project components from the scope of
23 the EPC contract if they can be more cost-effectively performed by PEF or other
24 contractors. The final contract will include the benefits of this work.

1 **Q. What responsibilities will the individual members of the EPCR joint venture have**
2 **under the EPC contract?**

3 A. The joint venture companies, each of whom is jointly and severally liable in the EPC
4 Contract, have an ownership structure as follows:

- 5 • Zachry Construction Corporation 50%
- 6 • Burns & McDonnell, Inc. 45%
- 7 • Utility Engineering Corporation 5%

8 Under this joint venture arrangement Burns & McDonnell, Inc. will have ultimate
9 responsibility for all balance of plant engineering, specification of engineered equipment,
10 and technical support during construction and start-up and commissioning. Utility
11 Engineering Corporation will support Burns and McDonnell engineering efforts in
12 specialized areas, namely detailed civil design and material handling. Zachry
13 Construction Corporation will perform or manage all aspects of procurement and
14 construction of the project and shall furnish all required management, labor, tools,
15 equipment, material, parts, transportation, and supervision necessary to complete the
16 project. The joint venture also has the responsibility to act as the owner's agent to
17 administer all of the Company's purchased equipment (B&W equipment, stack,
18 absorbers, induced draft ("ID") fans, catalyst, field erected tanks, precipitators, etc.).

19

20 **Q. What are the anticipated costs for the EPC contract?**

21 A. PEF has been working with EPCR to refine scope and negotiate all aspects of the final
22 contract. EPCR has provided price estimates at various intervals during the negotiations.

23 To date, Zachry provided indicative, lump sum pricing of approximately [REDACTED].

1 The final price contract value will be determined at the completion of the contract
2 negotiations.

3
4 **Q. You mentioned that preliminary engineering, design and procurement work being**
5 **done by B&W and WorleyParsons under existing agreements. Please explain how**
6 **those agreements came about.**

7 A. In June 2002, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted the North Carolina Clean
8 Smokestacks Act, which required significant reductions in sulfur dioxide (“SO₂”) and
9 nitrogen oxide (“NO_x”) emissions from power plants in North Carolina, including units
10 operated by PEF’s sister utility, PEC. In response to the new statute, PEC undertook a
11 two-phased evaluation process to select contractors to provide engineering, equipment
12 and construction for multiple FGD and SCR systems to be installed on PEC units. PEC
13 first developed a short list of firms based on technical evaluations of statement of
14 qualifications submitted by bidders. PEC then conducted interviews, site visits, and
15 evaluations of additional information provided by the short-listed vendors to evaluate
16 their experience, qualifications and project management programs. Based on this
17 evaluation process, B&W was selected to design and supply the major equipment for the
18 FGD system and Worley Parsons (f/k/a Parsons Energy & Chemicals Group, Inc.) was
19 selected as the Architect/Engineer. PEC entered into a contract with WorleyParsons in
20 November 2002 and with B&W effective March 2003.

21
22 After it became clear that CAIR would require installation of FGD and SCR controls on
23 the Crystal River units, PEF became a party to the B&W and WorleyParsons contracts so
24 that preliminary design and engineering work could begin expeditiously. Because both

1 companies were involved in the PEC projects and that both have previously performed
2 work on the Crystal River units, they were qualified and able to begin preliminary
3 engineering and design within a relatively short time-frame.

4
5 **Q. Please briefly describe the scope of the B&W contract with regard to work on the**
6 **Crystal River projects.**

7 A. PEF has selected B&W to design and provide the major equipment for the Crystal River
8 FGD, LNB, and SCR projects in order to take advantage of the continuity and
9 efficiencies available as a result of Progress Energy's prior experience with B&W on the
10 PEC projects. The total estimated cost of B&W's work under the contract, which is
11 provided as Exhibit No. ___ (TC-4) to my testimony, is approximately [REDACTED]. The
12 current contract provides for incremental release of work to B&W through specific work
13 authorizations. However, this contract is being revised to be better aligned with the
14 project with fixed pricing, schedule delivery guarantees, and performance guarantees.
15 The final price contract value will be determined at the completion of the contract
16 negotiations. To date, PEF has issued B&W authorizations totaling approximately [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]. The work authorized to date includes:

- 18 • Project planning, scheduling and engineering associated with the FGD, LNB, and
19 SCR work;
- 20 • Process design, general arrangement and equipment layout drawings, design
21 specifications, material selections, vendor supply evaluations, water balances,
22 limestone analyses and purchasing critical long-lead-time equipment;

- 1 • Procurement of long-lead-time equipment, common equipment, and other
- 2 materials required in preliminary stages, such as ball mills, absorber recycle
- 3 pumps, sonic horns, absorber oxidation air lances;
- 4 • Material and labor costs for the Unit 4 SCR Expansion Joints; and
- 5 • Design and manufacture of LNBS

6

7 **Q. Please briefly describe the scope of PEF's contract with WorleyParsons.**

8 A. PEF has contracted with WorleyParsons to provide preliminary work for the Crystal
9 River project. A copy of the contract is provided as Exhibit No. __ (TC-5) to my
10 testimony. The WorleyParsons contract provides for incremental release of work
11 through specific work authorizations. To date, PEF has issued WorleyParsons
12 authorizations totaling [REDACTED]. Work performed under those authorizations
13 includes:

- 14 • Services for Units 4 and 5 steel support, including detailed engineering and design;
- 15 • Preliminary engineering services for SCR steel design;
- 16 • Completion of sulfur trioxide ("SO₃") mitigation study;
- 17 • Preliminary engineering of the limestone and gypsum handling system;
- 18 • Completion of a pressure transient study;
- 19 • Establish costs and schedules to implement Continuous Mercury Monitoring
20 Systems and integrate with the existing CEMS;
- 21 • Bid evaluation and procurement for ID fans and motors; and
- 22 • Assistance in EPC technical evaluation, scope finalization, review of EPC
23 engineering documents, schedule and vendor documents.

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2 Once the EPC contract is finalized, the WorleyParsons work will be shifted to EPCR
3 and/or phased out.

4

5 **Q. You mentioned that PEF has entered or is in the process of entering into contracts
6 for certain distinct project components. Please identify those contracts.**

7 A. In order to ensure that in-service dates are met, PEF has entered into the following
8 contracts for specific project components that typically have long manufacturing and/or
9 construction lead-times:

- 10 • The Stebbins Engineering and Manufacturing Company (“Stebbins”) has been
11 contracted to design, fabricate, construct, and assemble two FGD Absorber Towers
12 for the Crystal River Units 4 and 5 scrubber projects;
- 13 • CERAM Environmental, Inc. (“CERAM”) has been contracted for the design,
14 fabrication, delivery, and testing of the SCR catalyst for the Crystal River Units 4
15 and 5 SCR projects; and
- 16 • Commonwealth Dynamics, Inc. (“CDI”), for the design, fabrication, and
17 construction of a Flue Gas Chimney as part of the Crystal River Units 4 and 5
18 scrubber projects.

19

20 **Q. What is an FGD Absorber Tower?**

21 A. The absorber tower is a major component of any wet FGD system. The absorber tower
22 is essentially a large vessel in which combustion product gases or “flue gases” containing
23 SO₂ are mixed with a liquid limestone slurry solution. This produces a chemical reaction
24 that reduces SO₂ from the flue gas stream. Due to the corrosive nature of the limestone

1 slurry solution, the selection of the materials for the absorber tower and the tower
2 internals is critical. There are three basic material options—metallic alloy material,
3 carbon steel material with a rubber or flaked glass lining, or a concrete and tile design.
4 Technical studies performed by WorleyParsons for PEC as part of PEC's scrubber
5 installation program determined that a concrete and tile design is the best alternative due
6 to its ability to withstand high chloride concentrations and the high uncertainty
7 associated with future pricing of alloy materials used in other design alternatives.
8 Evaluations performed by WorleyParsons and PEC also determined that a concrete and
9 tile design was price competitive with alloy towers.

10

11 **Q. How did PEF select Stebbins for the FGD Absorber Tower contract?**

12 A. Stebbins is the only company in the United States that designs and erects concrete and
13 tile absorber towers. B&W provides alloy absorber towers. As part of the PEC scrubber
14 program, Progress Energy obtained cost estimates and performed a technical evaluation
15 of both approaches and concluded that the concrete and tile tower design was price
16 competitive with an alloy tower and would be superior to the alloy design in its ability to
17 withstand the corrosive nature of the limestone slurry that would be in the tower. Due to
18 the potential use of brackish water, the ability of the tower design to withstand the
19 corrosive nature of the limestone slurry was even more important for Crystal River.

20

21 For Crystal River, the actual costs for PEC's Roxboro Unit 2 absorber tower were used
22 to negotiate a price with Stebbins. The negotiated price was consistent with the actual
23 Roxboro 2 cost with adjustments for quantity differences and material and labor
24 escalation.

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2 Stebbins has performed well and met schedules on the PEC projects. By using Stebbins
3 at Crystal River, PEF will have the benefit of engineering efficiencies gained from
4 PEC's experience. Further, PEF obtained a place in the tight production queue for such
5 equipment. Based on these considerations, PEF selected Stebbins to perform this work
6 and executed a contract with Stebbins on January 24, 2007. A copy of the contract is
7 provided as Exhibit No. __ (TC-6) to my testimony.

8

9 **Q. What is the cost of the Stebbins FGD Absorber Tower contract?**

10 A. In order to mitigate the risk of cost increases, the Stebbins contract includes a fixed price
11 of [REDACTED], subject to increase
12 only by written change orders authorized by PEF. This price reflects fleet discount
13 pricing due to the fact that multiple towers are being purchased for absorber towers to be
14 installed at Crystal River Units 4 and 5 and other towers purchased by PEC. Taking into
15 account the differences between the various units, the prices for the Crystal River towers
16 are consistent with the prices for the PEC towers, which, as I previously indicated, were
17 initially established by competitive bidding

18

19 **Q. You mentioned that PEF has entered into a contract with CERAM for the**
20 **manufacture of SCR catalysts. What is an SCR catalyst?**

21 A. The catalyst is the key component of an SCR system. The SCR process begins with
22 injection of ammonia into the flue gas stream. The flue gas then enters the catalyst
23 chamber where the ammonia is absorbed onto the catalyst surface. Ammonia on the
24 catalyst surface reacts with NOx in the presence of oxygen to form water and elemental

1 nitrogen. As a result of this chemical reaction, NOx is removed from the flue gas
2 stream.

3

4 **Q. How did PEF select CERAM for the SCR Catalyst contract?**

5 A. On behalf of PEF, B&W reviewed the market and identified two potential vendors for
6 the SCR Catalyst: CERAM and Cormetech, Inc. Both CERAM and Cormetech
7 submitted bids for the design and manufacture of the SCR Catalyst. PEF determined that
8 CERAM's bid provided the best offer, in terms of lowest cost and more favorable terms
9 and conditions. PEF selected CERAM to negotiate a final agreement and executed a
10 contract with CERAM on December 27, 2006. The contract provides for a fixed price
11 of approximately [REDACTED], with payment retention provisions tied to specific
12 milestones. A copy of the contract is provided as Exhibit No. __ (TC-7) to my
13 testimony.

14

15 **Q You mentioned that PEF has entered a contract with CDI for the manufacture of a**
16 **new Flue Gas Chimney as part of the Crystal River FGD projects. Why is a new**
17 **Flue Gas Chimney required?**

18 A. The flue gas chimney or "stack" is the structure through which the flue gas is exhausted.
19 Installation of the wet FGD systems on the Crystal River units will increase the amount
20 of moisture in the flue gas, which can cause corrosion of the Flue Gas Chimney.
21 Because the existing Flue Gas Chimneys for Units 4 and 5 are not designed for these
22 conditions, a new Flue Gas Chimney will be installed with FRP (fiberglass) liners, one
23 for each unit. The new, dual Flue Gas Chimney will replace the two existing stacks
24 currently used for Units 4 and 5.

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2 Q. How did PEF select CDI for the Flue Gas Chimney contract?

3 A. As with the Absorber Towers, PEF made its selection of CDI to design and erect the
4 Crystal River chimney on the basis of both competitive pricing and technical and
5 commercial evaluations performed as part of the PEC scrubber program. Early in the
6 PEC program, the Company reviewed the marketplace and found only three companies
7 with the capability to design and manufacture Flue Gas chimneys for scrubber projects:
8 CDI, Pullman Power, and Hamon-Custodis. PEC obtained proposals from those
9 companies and after evaluation of appropriate competitive factors, including safety
10 programs, cost, design, resource availability, and ability to meet required schedules,
11 awarded the PEC chimney work to CDI.

12

13 For Crystal River. PEF negotiated a price with CDI based on the PEC competitive prices
14 adjusted for quantity differences and material, equipment, and labor escalation. At the
15 time the Crystal River contract was negotiated, the market for chimney work had
16 changed significantly since the PEC projects were bid. As more utilities initiated
17 scrubber additions, the demand for the limited resources of three chimney erectors
18 increased significantly along with corresponding escalation in material, equipment, and
19 labor costs. During negotiations, CDI agreed to hold its profit, overhead, and
20 contingency to those percentages that had won the competitive bids at PEC and adjust
21 labor and material prices based on current market conditions. Negotiating a contract
22 with CDI on this basis provided PEF an opportunity to “lock-in” the chimney work for
23 Crystal River on a reasonable price basis and on a schedule that supported the needs of
24 the Crystal River project. At the conclusion of the negotiations, PEF executed a contract

1 for the Crystal River chimney with CDI on January 26, 2007. The CDI contract
2 provides for a lump sum, fixed price of [REDACTED], subject to increase only by written
3 change orders authorized by PEF. A copy of the contract is provided as Exhibit No. __
4 (TC-8) to my testimony.

5 6 **Status of Anclote Projects**

7 **Q. What is the status of the Anclote LNB/SOFA projects?**

8 A. Our Anclote LNB/SOFA project continues to be a primary outstanding issue.

9 Information provided by vendors tells us that while LNB/SOFA installations are
10 effective at reducing NOx emissions, they also have the potential to increase particulate
11 emissions. PEF is engaged in a current study to determine the magnitude of potential
12 increases. For example, it is likely that LNB/SOFA at the Anclote Unites would require
13 additional particulate controls, such as ESP's. If it is determined that additional
14 particulate controls are needed, PEF will evaluate the most cost-effective control options
15 and whether the cost of such additional controls would increase the cost per ton of NOx
16 removal above the expected cost of NOx allowances.

17 18 **Conclusion**

19 **Q. Has PEF acted prudently in implementing its Integrated Clean Air Compliance**
20 **Plan?**

21 A. Yes. PEF has established a detailed organizational structure to ensure prudent decision-
22 making and project oversight as implementation of the Integrated Clean Air
23 Compliance Plan proceeds. In addition to ensuring timely and safe implementation of
24 the various construction projects, this organizational structure will enable the

1 Company to monitor costs against detailed project scopes to ensure that PEF receives
2 what it contracted for and that any scope changes are properly evaluated and
3 documented. The Company also has pursued an aggressive scoping assessment and
4 contracting strategy that has enabled PEF to negotiate contract terms that will mitigate
5 the risk of price increases to the Company and its customers without jeopardizing
6 construction time-frames necessary to ensure compliance with the new regulatory
7 requirements. As part of the process, internal PEF personnel and third party evaluators
8 have reviewed and benchmarked projected costs to ensure they are reasonable in light
9 of costs being incurred for similar projects through the country. For these reasons,
10 entering into the agreements that I have discussed represents reasonable and prudent
11 action by the Company to ensure compliance with CAIR, CAMR and CAVR.

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13 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

14 A. Yes, it does.

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

THOMAS CORNELL

ON BEHALF OF

PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA

DOCKET NO. 070007-EI

OCTOBER 17, 2007

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is Thomas Cornell. My business address is 410 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh,
3 North Carolina, 27602.

4

5 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

6 A. I am employed by Progress Energy Carolinas as General Manager, Project Development
7 and Engineering in the Plant Construction Department.

8

9 **Q. Have you previously submitted testimony in this docket?**

10 A. Yes, I have.

11

12 **Q. Have your responsibilities change is you previously submitted testimony in this
13 docket?**

14 A No

15

16 **Q. What is the purpose of your supplemental testimony?**

1 A. The purpose of my supplemental testimony is to present the final Engineering
2 Procurement and Construction (“EPC”) contract for the projects being constructed at
3 Crystal River Unit 4 and 5 as part of Progress Energy Florida’s (“PEF’s”) integrated plan
4 for complying with the Clean Air Interstate Rule (“CAIR”), Clean Air Mercury Rule
5 (“CAMR”), Clean Air Visibility Rule (“CAVR”) and related regulatory requirements.
6 At the time I submitted testimony in June of this year, the contract was in the final stages
7 of negotiation. The parties executed the contract on October 2, 2007. My testimony also
8 will describe some changes to the construction schedule for the Crystal River projects.

9

10 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits with your testimony?**

11 I am sponsoring Exhibit No. __ (TC-9), which is the executed EPC contract with
12 Environmental Projects Crystal River (“EPCR”), which is a joint venture of Zachry
13 Construction Corporation, Utility Engineering Corporation, and Burns & McDonnell,
14 Inc. Because the contract contains confidential proprietary business information, it is
15 being submitted along with a Request for Confidential Classification.

16

17 **Q. How does the final cost of the EPC contract compare to the estimate provided in**
18 **your June 1 direct testimony?**

19 A. The final costs of the EPC contract is approximately \$■■■ million, compared to the \$■■■
20 million estimate provided in my prior testimony. As discussed in my prior testimony,
21 the Company’s negotiations with EPCR included a detailed assessment of project scope
22 to evaluate potential cost reduction opportunities, such as further engineering and scope
23 optimization and removing project components from the scope of the EPC contract. As

1 a result of that effort, certain project components have been removed from the scope of
2 the final EPC contract and may be performed by PEF or other contractors. In addition,
3 other modifications and refinements were made to finalize cost elements of the
4 remaining scope items. Based on analyses performed by Progress Energy personnel and
5 outside engineers and estimators, the total cost elements included in the final ECP
6 contract are reasonable in light of costs being experience for similar projects across the
7 country.

8
9 **Q. Have the total expected costs for PEF's Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan**
10 **changed?**

11 A: At this time, the Company is continuing to estimate the total construction costs for the
12 CAIR/CAMR/CAVR compliance projects at approximately \$1.26 billion, as indicated in
13 Figure 4 of the Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan provided as Exhibit No. __ (SSW-
14 1) to Mr. Water's direct testimony. Although the Company expects to achieve some cost
15 savings as a result of the EPC scoping work discussed above, we do not anticipate any
16 material change in the original overall estimate for CAIR/CAMR/CAVR compliance
17 activities.

18
19 **Q. Please explain the schedule changes that you previously referenced?**

20 A: Subsequent to the June 2007 filing with the Commission, the Company renegotiated the
21 completed construction and in-service date for the Crystal River Unit 5 Flue Gas
22 Desulphurization ("FGD") project from Spring of 2009 to the Fall of 2009. The
23 schedule change was a result of discussions raised by EPCR related to the high peak

1 manpower requirements needed to meet the original schedule for Unit 5 FGD project.
2 The Company reviewed the detail schedule and peak manpower requirements with
3 EPCR. Given the tight market conditions for craft labor in the current and foreseeable
4 future – particularly in the Southeastern US – the Company determined that it was best
5 to minimize the risk to the current outage schedule and examine other options to ensure
6 project completion while maintaining generation capacity. The Company reviewed a
7 number of options and determined that an additional outage presented the least overall
8 risk to the Company to ensure available manpower for the project and presented the least
9 risk to resource planning needs for the Company’s customers. This schedule change is
10 not anticipated to have a material impact on the overall cost of the capital project.

11

12 **Q. Does this conclude your supplemental testimony?**

13 A. Yes, it does.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

SAMUEL WATERS

ON BEHALF OF

PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA

DOCKET NO. 070007-EI

JUNE 1, 2007

1 **Q. Please state your name, employer, and business address.**

2 **A.** My name is Samuel S. Waters and I am employed by Progress Energy Carolinas
3 (PEC). My business address is 410 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina,
4 27602.

5
6 **Q. Please tell us your position with PEC and describe your duties and**
7 **responsibilities in that position.**

8 **A.** I am Director of System Planning and Regulatory Performance for Progress Energy
9 Carolinas (PEC). I am responsible for directing the resource and transmission
10 planning processes for PEC and continue to be responsible for environmental planning
11 for both PEC and Progress Energy Florida (PEF). Our resource planning process is an
12 integrated approach to finding the most cost-effective alternatives to meet each
13 company's obligation to serve, in terms of long-term price and reliability. We
14 examine both supply-side and demand-side resources available and potentially
15 available to the Company over its planning horizon, relative to the Company's load

1 forecasts. In my capacity as Director of System Planning, I oversaw the completion of
2 the PEF's most recent TYSP document filed in April 2007.

3
4 **Q. Please summarize your educational background and employment experience.**

5 **A.** I graduated from Duke University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering in
6 1974. From 1974 to 1985, I was employed by the Advanced Systems Technology
7 Division of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation as a consultant in the areas of
8 transmission planning and power system analysis. While employed by Westinghouse,
9 I earned a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering from Carnegie-Mellon University.

10
11 I joined the System Planning department of Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) in
12 1985, working in the generation planning area. I held a number of positions within
13 FPL, assuming the position of Director, Resource Planning in 2000.

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15 I joined Progress Energy in January of 2004. I became Director, System Resource
16 Planning for both PEC and PEF in 2006. I assumed my current position in April of
17 this year. I am a registered Professional Engineer in the states of Pennsylvania and
18 Florida, and a Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers,
19 Inc. (IEEE).

20
21 **Q. Have you previously testified before this Commission?**

22 **A.** Yes. I have testified in several dockets related to resource planning and the need for
23 power.

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2 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

3 A. In Order No. PSC-05-0998-PAA-EI, the Commission found that costs for complying
4 with the new Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) and Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR) are
5 eligible for recovery through the ECRC subject to PEF's demonstration that costs for
6 specific projects are reasonable and prudent as they are submitted for recovery in the
7 annual ECRC proceedings. In last year's annual ECRC proceeding, Docket No. 060007-
8 EI, PEF submitted the report entitled "Progress Energy Florida – Integrated Clean Air
9 Compliance Plan", dated March 31, 2006, along with supporting testimony. The purpose
10 of my testimony is to present an updated version of that report and discuss the results of
11 new analyses that are based on revisions to the alternative plans and changes cost
12 assumptions.

13

14 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits with your testimony?**

15 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibit No. __ (SSW-1), a report entitled "Progress Energy
16 Florida - Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan", dated June 1, 2007, which I will refer
17 to as the "Updated Clean Air Report" or "Updated Report." The Updated Clean Air
18 Report, which is being submitted separately with my pre-filed testimony, details the
19 Company's Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan and supporting analyses. I am also
20 sponsoring Exhibit No. __ (SSW-2), "Summary of Alternative Environmental
21 Compliance Plans – 2006", Exhibit No. __ (SSW-3), "Summary of Alternative
22 Environmental Compliance Plans – Current", Exhibit No. __ (SSW-4), "Comparison of

1 Cumulative Present Value of Revenue Requirements” and Exhibit No. ___, (SSW-5),
2 Impact of Allowance Price Uncertainty”.

3
4 **Q. Would you please summarize the report submitted by the Company in 2006?**

5 A. The 2006 report described an evaluation of five alternative environmental compliance
6 plans for Progress Energy Florida developed to meet the standards imposed by CAIR,
7 CAMR and the Clean Air Visibility Rule (CAVR), then recently promulgated by the
8 Environmental Protection Agency. The five alternative compliance plans evaluated in
9 the 2006 report are summarized in my Exhibit No. ___ (SSW-2).

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11 As shown in the exhibit, the five plans considered a variety of compliance options
12 including different types of control technologies, fuel switching and allowance trading.
13 The projected capital costs of the alternative plans shown in the original report ranged
14 from \$570 million to \$1.2 billion, excluding AFUDC. The alternative plans were
15 compared on a revenue requirements basis, including capital carrying charges, fuel
16 impacts, non-fuel O&M impacts, and allowance costs.

17
18 **Q. Which of the alternative plans proved to be the lowest cost?**

19 A. The plan identified as Plan D had the lowest projected total costs when all factors were
20 considered, including allowance purchases, incremental O&M and fuel switching. Plan
21 D can be summarized as:

22 SO₂ Controls

- 23
- Installation of wet scrubbers at Crystal River Units 4 and 5

- 1 ● Fuel Switching at Crystal River Units 1 and 2 to burn low sulfur coal
- 2 ● Fuel switching at Anclote Units 1 and 2 to burn low sulfur oil and natural
- 3 gas
- 4 ● Purchases of SO₂ allowances

5 NO_x Controls

- 6 ● Installation of low NO_x burners and selective catalytic reduction systems
- 7 (SCRs) at Crystal River Units 4 and 5
- 8 ● Installation of low NO_x burners and separated over-fire air (LNB/SOFA) at
- 9 Anclote Units 1 and 2
- 10 ● Purchase of annual and ozone season allowances

11 Mercury Controls

- 12 ● Installation of wet scrubbers and SCRs at Crystal River Units 4 and 5 will
- 13 provide co-benefit of reducing mercury emissions
- 14 ● Installation of powdered activated carbon injection on Crystal River Unit 2

15 The plan selected represented a balance between reducing emissions by adding controls
16 to the largest and newest coal units on the PEF system and making use of the allowance
17 markets. The total cost of Plan D was more than \$100 million, NPV lower than the next
18 lowest cost alternative plan.

19

20 **Q. What changes have occurred since the original analysis, necessitating revision of**
21 **the analyses and report?**

22 A. There are several changes. First, project cost projections have increased since the
23 original analysis was performed. The increases are significant enough that they require a

1 second look at the alternative plans. In addition, for the reasons discussed by Mr.
2 Cornell, the schedules have changed for the planned FGD and SCR installations at
3 Crystal River Unit 4. The other significant change from the original study, which affects
4 Plans D and E, was to eliminate the use of natural gas at the Anclote Plant. In the 2006
5 report, the Anclote Plant was assumed to burn 40% natural gas after 2010 in Plans D and
6 E. At that time, pipeline capacity was assumed to be available to deliver the gas at no
7 additional cost. This assumption is no longer valid, as all available pipeline space is
8 currently reserved, and any additional capacity would result in additional cost.

9
10 **Q. Were there any other changes to the revised analysis?**

11 A. Yes. An additional plan, designated Plan F, was added to the analysis. Plan F is similar
12 to Plan A, in which environmental controls are added to all four Crystal River units, but
13 in Plan F, controls are added to Units 1 and 2 on a delayed basis. In Plan F, FGD and
14 SCR controls are added to Crystal River Unit 1 [REDACTED] and to Unit 2 [REDACTED]. The
15 addition of this plan to the analyses provides two additional insights. First, it tests the
16 plan which controls all units to see if delaying any of the controls improves the
17 economics of the Plan, and second, it provides some insight into what might happen to
18 Plan D if controls are imposed on Crystal River Units 1 and 2 at some later date. This is
19 possible if the "Beyond BART" requirements of the Clean Air Visibility Rule are
20 invoked, as described in Chapter 4 of Exhibit __ (SSW-1), or in the case where
21 allowance prices turn out to be much higher than forecasted and adding controls results
22 in the lower cost alternative. All six of the plans evaluated in the current analysis are
23 shown in Exhibit No. __ (SSW-3).

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2 Q. What were the results of the revised economic analysis of the alternative plans?

3 A. The results of the economic comparisons of the alternative plans are shown in Exhibit
4 No. __ (SSW-5). As was the case in the original analysis, Plan D remains the most cost
5 effective compliance plan, with an approximately \$200 million cost advantage, NPV,
6 over the next most cost-effective plan, Plan C. And as was the case in the 2006 analysis,
7 the higher CPVRR cost of Plans A, B, C are largely due to the capital costs associated
8 with the emissions controls installed. Plan F, which as described above is similar to Plan
9 A, shows a higher CPVRR for the same reason. Plans A and F are higher cost than Plans
10 B and C, as they have controls on all four Crystal River Units while B and C control only
11 three units.

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13 Plan E, which has controls only on the two smaller Crystal River units, shows a much
14 higher cost than Plan D, which controls the two larger Crystal River units. This higher
15 cost results from the large number of emissions allowances that must be obtained in Plan
16 E to meet emissions limits for the system.

17

18 Q. What sensitivity analyses were conducted as part of the quantitative evaluation?

19 A. As was discussed in the original report, the greatest remaining uncertainty is the cost of
20 emissions allowances over time. Since each of the alternative plans is dependent to at
21 least some degree on the price of allowances bought and/or sold, significant changes to
22 the assumed price might impact the results of the analyses. Thus, it is important to
23 determine the sensitivity of the results to changes in the allowance price projections.

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2 **Q. What were the results of the sensitivity analysis of allowance costs?**

3 A. Exhibit No. __ (SSW-6) presents the CPVRR of the alternative plans assuming low and
4 high allowance prices. The figures shows Plan D is the lowest costs plan under the base
5 and low allowance price assumptions. Assuming high allowance prices, Plan A is the
6 most economic plan. This is because Plan A has SO₂ and NO_x emissions below the
7 number of allowances received and can; therefore, sell allowances, reducing the overall
8 cost of the plan. Because Plan E relies on significant allowance purchases, the costs
9 associated with Plan E are highly variable when exposed to low and high allowance
10 prices. By contrast, Plan D is impacted to a smaller degree by allowance prices. Under a
11 high forecast scenario, Plan A becomes the lowest cost plan, since it relies the least on
12 purchases of allowances.

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14 **Q. What do you conclude from these analyses about which plan is the most**
15 **appropriate environmental compliance plan for PEF?**

16 A. As in the 2006 study, the economic analyses identify Plan D as the most cost effective
17 alternative to meet all applicable environmental standards. Not only is Plan D the most
18 cost effective alternative under base planning assumptions, it is the most robust plan over
19 a range of possible allowance prices, representing the best balance between increased
20 capital expenditures for added controls and increased allowance prices. I believe that
21 Plan D is the most appropriate environmental compliance plan for PEF.

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23 **Q. How does the Plan D meet PEF's planning objectives?**

1 A. First, the Plan meets the requirements of CAIR, CAMR and CAVR, as well as other
2 state and federal environmental requirements.

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4 Second, the plan manages risks and provides flexibility by striking a good balance
5 between reducing emissions and making limited use of allowance markets. Should it
6 appear that allowance prices are going to be higher than currently projected, the Plan
7 provides PEF with the ability to install additional controls on the Crystal River units at a
8 future date, potentially taking advantage of any technology improvements that develop in
9 the interim. Additionally, should PEF experience higher load growth than expected, or if
10 plans for future baseload units change, PEF could then add controls on Crystal River
11 Units 1 and 2, if necessary.

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13 Finally, Plan D controls costs. As shown in Exhibit No. __ (SSW-5), the CPVRR for
14 Plan D are projected to be approximately \$200 million less than the next lowest cost plan
15 under the base assumptions. As discussed above, Plan D is also the lowest cost plan
16 when allowance price uncertainties are factored into the analysis. Thus, the Plan is the
17 most cost-effective means of achieving compliance at the lowest reasonable cost to
18 PEF's customers.

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20 **Q. What action should the Commission take at this time regarding PEF's Integrated
21 Clean Air Compliance Plan?**

22 **A.** As discussed above, PEF's Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan (designated Plan D)
23 is the most cost-effective alternative for complying with CAIR, CAMR, CAVR and

1 related regulations. It also manages risks and provides flexibility by striking a good
2 balance between reducing emissions and making limited use of allowance markets.
3 For these reasons, the Commission should find that PEF's Integrated Clean Air
4 Compliance Plan is reasonable and prudent, and that costs incurred to implement that
5 plan would be permitted subject to a finding of reasonableness and prudence at the
6 time the specific expenses are presented for cost recovery.

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8 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

9 A. Yes, it does.

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