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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause with generating performance incentive factor COMMISSION CLERK Docket No. 080001-EI

Dated: April 23, 2008

AFFIDAVIT OF JOSEPH McCALLISTER IN SUPPORT OF PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S <u>REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION</u>

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

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

1. My name is Joseph McCallister. I am over the age of 18 years old and I

have been authorized by Progress Energy Florida (hereinafter "PEF" or the "Company")

to give this affidavit in the above-styled proceeding on PEF's behalf and in support of

PEF's Request for Confidential Classification. The facts attested to in my affidavit are

CMP based upon my personal knowledge.

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 3. As the Director of Gas and Oil Trading, I am responsible, along with the

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OCCLMENT NUMBER-DATE 03310 APR 23 8 FPSC-COMMISSION CLERK transportation, hedging activities and administration of gas and oil contracts with various suppliers for PEF's and PEC's electrical power generation facilities.

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4. PEF is seeking confidential classification for portions of the 2007 hedging audit workpapers associated Audit Control No. 07-353-2-1 in Docket No. 070001-EI. A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Exhibit A to PEF's Request for Confidential Classification and is outlined in PEF's Justification Matrix that is attached to PEF's Request for Confidential Classification as Exhibit C. PEF is requesting confidential classification of this information because it contains sensitive business information, the disclosure of which would impair the Company's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms.

5. PEF negotiates with potential fuel suppliers to obtain competitive fuel options that provide economic value to PEF and its ratepayers. In order to obtain such fuel options, however, PEF must be able to assure fuel suppliers that sensitive business information, such as volumes, length of time, costs, hedging activities, reporting limits and tolling reports will be kept confidential. With respect to the information at issue in this Request, PEF has kept confidential and has not publicly disclosed confidential information contained in its audit workpapers such as the volumes, costs, hedging activities, reporting limits and tolling reports. Absent such measures, PEF would run the risk that sensitive business information would be made available to the public and, as a result, end up in possession of potential competitors. Faced with that risk, persons or companies who otherwise would contract with PEF might decide not to do so if PEF did not keep those terms of their contracts confidential. Without PEF's measures to maintain

the confidentiality of its sensitive business reports and activities, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive fuel options could be undermined.

6. Additionally, the disclosure of confidential information in PEF's fuel supply reports and activities, could adversely impact PEF's competitive business interests. If such information was disclosed, PEF's efforts to obtain competitive fuel supply options that provide economic value to both PEF and its ratepayers could be compromised.

7. Upon receipt of confidential information from fuel suppliers, and with its own confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of the information provided, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company, and restricting the number of, and access to the information. At no time since receiving the information in question has the Company publicly disclosed that information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

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Dated the Art day of April, 2008.

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Leseph McCallister Director - Gas and Oil Trading **Regulated Fuels Department Progress Energy Carolinas** Post Office Box 1551 Raleigh, NC. 27602

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this alst day of April, 2008 by Joseph McCallister. He is personally known to me, or has produced his <u>nla</u> driver's license, or his <u>nla</u> as identification.

(Signature) <u>Nendy</u> M. Dunn (Printed Name) NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF <u>NC</u>

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