## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for determination of need for Levy Units 1 and 2 nuclear power plants, by Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

Docket No. 080148-EI

Submitted for Filing: May 22, 2008

## AFFIDAVIT OF DALE OLIVER IN SUPPORT OF PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S FIFTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION REGARDING STAFF'S FOURTH REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS AND FIFTH SET OF INTERROGATORIES

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

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

1. My name is Dale Oliver. 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 based upon my personal

CM<sup>P</sup> ---- - knowledge.

- 2. I am the Vice President of Transmission Operations & Planning. This department is responsible for oversight of PEF's transmission system, including current operation and planning.
- 3. As the Vice President of Transmission Operations & Planning, I am responsible for the provision of transmission service on PEF's system, the operation of the Company's transmission system, the planning for the expansion of the PEF transmission system to meet

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PEF's retail and wholesale customer service requirements, and the integration of PEF's transmission system with the Florida transmission grid.

4. PEF is seeking confidential classification for portions of its responses to Staff's Fifth Set of Interrogatories, specifically the attachment to number 75. A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Exhibit A to PEF's Fifth Request for Confidential Classification and is outlined in PEF's Justification Matrix that is attached to PEF's Fifth Request for Confidential Classification as Exhibit C. PEF is requesting confidential classification of this portion of the response, because it calls for confidential transmission cost estimates, the disclosure of which would compromise PEF's competitive business interests.

5. The attachment to Interrogatory number 75 reflects the Company's confidential cost projections regarding planned transmission projects, that would adversely impact PEF's competitive business interests if disclosed to the public. For example, if third party real property owners were to know the planned locations of new transmission line corridors, they may raise the asking price of their property, thus making it more expensive for PEF to purchase necessary easements and property for those transmission corridors. Likewise, if third party contractors with whom PEF contracts to construct the transmission lines were to know PEF's specific transmission needs, they could increase the price of those goods and services.

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

Dated the  $21^{2+}$  day of May, 2008.

(Signature) Dale Oliver Vice President Transmission Operations & Planning 299 First Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this  $\frac{2^{13}}{2}$  day of May, 2008 by Dale Oliver. He is personally known to me, or has produced his driver's license, or his as identification.

Katrina Cleaver-Cochran Commission # DD497902 Expires February 2, 2010 Bonded Troy Fam. Insurance, Inc. 800-365-7019

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