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JOSEPH MCCALISTER
ON BEHALF OF
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA
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Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Joseph McCallister. My business address is 410 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

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

A. I am employed by Progress Energy Carolinas (PEC) in the capacity of Director, Gas & Oil Trading.

Q. What are your responsibilities in that position?

A. I am responsible for the procurement of natural gas, fuel oil and emission allowances on behalf of PEC and Progress Energy Florida (PEF).

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Q. Have you previously provided testimony before this Commission in connection with PEF's Environmental Cost Recovery Clause?

A. Yes. In last year's docket (No. 070007-EI), I presented testimony outlining PEF's overall approach to procuring emission allowances as part of its

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1 Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan and preparation for the compliance
2 requirements of the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR).

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

5 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to summarize PEF's actions to date related to its
6 emission allowance procurement strategy as part of its Integrated Clean Air
7 Compliance Strategy in preparation for the requirements under the CAIR.

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9 **Q. How does PEF determine how many emission allowances it needs to
10 purchase?**

11 **A.** As part of the fuel and generation forecasts, emission projections are generated.
12 The forecasts are generated periodically and are based on input assumptions
13 such as generation availability and capacity, planned generation outage
14 schedules, purchased power contracts, fuel and emission price forecasts, planned
15 environmental equipment installations and load projections. To determine if the
16 Company needs to purchase emission allowances for compliance requirements
17 in the current or in future time periods, PEF compares the forecasts of the
18 emissions that will be generated to the number of emission allowances that PEF
19 owns through allocations, purchases and accumulated inventory. In aggregate,
20 the tons of emissions that PEF expected to generate based on the forecasts is
21 greater than the number of allowances that PEF owns for the respective periods.
22 As such, PEF projected the need to purchase allowances from the market in
23 order to comply with the regulations.

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1 **Q. How did CAIR impact PEF's procurement activities for emission**
2 **allowances?**

3 **A.** The CAIR established an updated cap-and-trade system for sulfur dioxide (SO₂)
4 and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and covered 28 eastern states and the District of
5 Columbia. CAIR established modified SO₂ annual compliance requirements
6 under Title IV of the Clean Air Act by requiring two (2.0) SO₂ allowances to be
7 submitted per ton of SO₂ emissions beginning with 2010 annual compliance
8 filings and 2.86 SO₂ allowances to be submitted per ton of SO₂ emissions
9 starting with 2015 annual compliance filings. In addition, CAIR established new
10 seasonal and annual emission compliance requirements for NO_x. Beginning in
11 2009, CAIR required affected sources to complete a seasonal NO_x emission
12 allowance compliance submittal for the May 1 through September 30 time
13 period and an annual NO_x emission allowance compliance submittal for the
14 January 1 through December 31 time period each year.

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16 **Q. What strategy has PEF pursued for procuring emission allowances to**
17 **ensure compliance with CAIR?**

18 **A.** PEF's overall procurement strategy for meeting emission allowance
19 requirements is to buy allowances over time based on forecasted needs to
20 comply with existing and future compliance requirements. PEF believes a
21 procurement strategy of buying emission allowances over time is a reasonable
22 and prudent approach to ensure compliance requirements are met and reduce
23 price risk and volatility for customers. With the adoption of CAIR, this
24 procurement approach was particularly prudent given PEF's forecasted needs,

1 market liquidity and the market price volatility associated with the new annual
2 NOx allowances.

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4 As part of its Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan, PEF forecasted the need to
5 purchase both seasonal and annual NOx emission allowances in order to comply
6 with CAIR beginning with 2009 operations. For that reason, and consistent
7 with its strategy, PEF has been purchasing seasonal and annual NOx allowances
8 over time to gradually increase inventories to the levels necessary to achieve
9 compliance. As of June 30, 2008 PEF had approximately \$59.2 million in
10 annual NOx emission allowance purchases in inventory, approximately \$6.3
11 million in seasonal NOx emission allowance purchases in inventory and
12 approximately \$18 million in SO₂ emission allowance inventory.

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14 **Q. How do the Estimated/Actual purchases of emission allowances for the**
15 **period January 2008 through December 2008 compare with PEF's original**
16 **projections?**

17 **A.** The revenue requirements on the inventory of SO₂ and NOx emission
18 allowances are estimated to be \$4,454,498 or 86% higher than originally
19 projected. At the time of the last year's projection filing, prices for NOx
20 allowances were highly volatile and unpredictable because the market for these
21 allowances was for a new compliance obligation, trading was just beginning,
22 and the allowance allocations to the applicable states and company accounts had
23 not been made. As a result, there was a high degree of uncertainty related to the
24 exact timing of NOx allowance purchases in the future. PEF applied an

1 approach for NOx allowance purchases, whereby inventory and rates included
2 only purchases that had already been agreed to at the time of filing. NOx
3 allowance purchases were projected in inventory balances only if there was an
4 executed contract with a transaction that was expected to settle during the year.
5 Subsequent to the filing, market activity increased and the EPA began making
6 allocations of emission allowances. As PEF forecasted significant needs for
7 annual NOx allowances and consistent with its strategy, PEF began making
8 additional purchases of annual NOx allowances. As such, the variance is
9 primarily attributable to the subsequent NOx allowances purchases that did not
10 have executed contracts at the time of the previous projection filing.

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12 **Q. How does the average price that PEF paid for NOx allowances compare to**
13 **market indicators?**

14 **A.** The average price PEF paid for vintage 2009 NOx allowances that are included
15 in inventory was approximately [REDACTED], which was lower than market
16 indications at the time of my testimony last year, as well as recent market prices
17 as of July 10, 2008. As I testified last year, as of July 27, 2007, vintage 2009
18 NOx emission allowances were being bid around \$5,200/ton (what buyers were
19 willing to pay) and offered at \$6,200/ton (the price sellers wished to receive).
20 At that same time, actual, observed published market trades ranged between
21 \$4,750/ton and \$5,100/ton. As of June 30, 2008, vintage 2009 NOx allowances
22 were trading at approximately \$5,000/ton.

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24 **Q. Have there been any recent developments concerning CAIR?**

1 A. Yes. As discussed in the pre-filed testimony of Patricia Q. West, the U.S.
2 Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia recently issued a decision
3 vacating CAIR. Although the decision is not final, PEF has stopped purchasing
4 CAIR emission allowances in light of the market uncertainty created by the
5 Court's decision.

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

8 A. Yes it does.