

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Fuel and purchased power cost
Recovery clause with generating performance
Incentive factor.

Docket No. 080001-EI

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**AFFIDAVIT OF ALEXANDER WEINTRAUB IN SUPPORT OF
PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

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

1. My name is Alexander Weintraub. 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 knowledge.

2. I am the Vice President of the Fuels and Power Optimization
Department for Progress Energy Carolinas ("PEC"). This department is responsible for
the oversight and acquisition of coal for both the PEF and PEC systems.

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3. As the Vice President of the Fuels and Optimization Department, I am responsible, along with the other members of the section, for the oversight and procurement of coal for PEC's and PEF's electrical power generation facilities, and the administration and oversight of coal contracts with various suppliers.

4. In this Request for Confidential Classification, PEF is seeking confidential classification for portions of its responses to Staff's Third Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 15-19). The detailed description of the confidential information at issue is outlined in PEF's Justification Matrix that is attached to PEF's Request for Confidential Classification as Exhibit C.

5. Portions of PEF's response to Staff's Third Set of Interrogatories, specifically Question 17, contain competitive confidential business information of both PEF and third-party fuel forecast companies that PEF does business with. PEF secures forecast information of the coal market from fuel forecast companies to obtain forecasted coal prices which are used to obtain competitive contracts for fuel options that provide economic value to PEF and its ratepayers. In order to obtain such information, however, PEF must be able to assure fuel forecast companies that sensitive business information, such as the forecasted near-term and long-term coal prices, 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 such as projected coal prices. Absent such measures, forecast companies would run the risk that the sensitive business information would provide market intelligence to the public and, as a result, end up in possession of potential competitors. Faced with that risk, forecast companies who otherwise would provide information to PEF might decide not to do so if PEF did not

keep the forecasted prices confidential. Without PEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive information between PEF and fuel forecast companies, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive fuel supply contracts could be undermined.

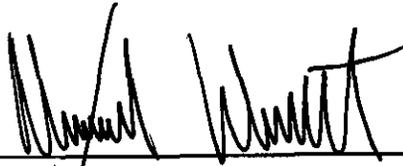
Additionally, the disclosure of confidential information in PEF's fuel forecast pricing could adversely impact PEF's competitive business interests. If such information was disclosed to PEF's competitors, PEF's efforts to obtain competitive fuel supply options that provide economic value to both PEF and its ratepayers could be compromised by PEF's competitors and/or suppliers changing their behavior within the relevant markets.

6. Upon receipt of confidential information from fuel forecast companies, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the forecasted pricing 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.

7. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 18th day of August, 2008.



(Signature)

Alexander Weintraub

Vice President, Fuels and Power Optimization

Progress Energy Carolinas

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18th THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this day of August, 2008 by Alexander Weintraub. He is personally known to me, or has produced his _____ driver's license, or his _____ as identification.



(Signature)

Kimberley C. Cross

(Printed Name)

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