BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE:
PETITION FOR INCREASE IN RATES
BY PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.

Docket No. 090079-EI
Submitted for filing: June 4, 2009

PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA’S FOURTH REQUEST FOR
CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Progress Energy Florida ("PEF" or the "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Fla. Stat., and Rule 25-22.006(3), F.A.C., requests confidential classification of certain documents provided to Staff at its request, originally produced in response to OPC’s Seventh Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 174-201), specifically the documents responsive to requests 189, 190 and 196. Portions of these documents contain confidential contractual data the disclosure of which could seriously impair the Company’s competitive business interests and violate the contractual confidentiality agreement pertaining to such information, as well as additional confidential business information, the disclosure of which would harm PEF’s competitive business interests. The unredacted documents discussed above are being filed under seal with the Commission as APPENDIX A on a confidential basis to keep the competitive business information in those documents confidential.

THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE DOCUMENTS AT ISSUE

Section 366.093(1), Florida Statutes, provides that "any records received by the Commission which are shown and found by the Commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from [the Public Records Act]." § 366.093(1), Fla. Stat. Proprietary confidential business information means information that is (i) intended to be and is treated as private confidential information by the Company, (ii)
because disclosure of the information would cause harm, (iii) either to the Company’s ratepayers or the Company’s business operation, and (iv) the information has not been voluntarily disclosed to the public. § 366.093(3), Fla. Stat. Specifically, “information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms” is defined as proprietary confidential business information. § 366.093(3)(d), Fla. Stat. Additionally, subsection 366.093(3)(e) defines “information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information,” as proprietary confidential business information.

Certain documents that Staff has requested, originally produced to OPC in response to requests 189 and 190, contain proprietary information obtained from a third party pursuant to a contractual confidentiality agreement, the disclosure of which would compromise the Company’s competitive business interests. See Affidavit of David Sorrick at ¶3. Disclosure of this proprietary and confidential information could adversely affect the Company’s ability to secure such goods and services at favorable terms in the future. Furthermore, disclosure of this information could affect the behavior of such third party vendors when offering prices and contractual terms for these goods and services, and possibly the Company’s ultimate ability to obtain the necessary information. Finally, PEF is required to maintain this contractual information as confidential pursuant to the terms of the contracts with its third party vendors. See id. at ¶4; § 366.093(3)(d), Fla. Stat.

The document requested by Staff and originally produced to OPC in response to request number 196 contains competitive business information, the release of which to the general public would harm PEF’s competitive business interests. See Affidavit of John B. Crisp at ¶ 3. More
specifically, the document at issue contains sensitive and confidential information such as design
details and various cost estimates, the release of which could give PEF’s competitors and those
PEF wishes to contract with a competitive advantage in the market for the necessary goods and
services. See id. at ¶ 4.

Strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the terms
of the confidential documents and information at issue, including restricting access to those
persons who need the information and documents to assist the Company. See Affidavit of
Sorrick at ¶ 5; Affidavit of Crisp at ¶5. At no time has the Company publicly disclosed the
confidential information or documents at issue; PEF has treated and continues to treat the
information and documents at issue as confidential. See Affidavit of Sorrick at ¶ 5; Affidavit of
Crisp at ¶5. PEF requests this information be granted confidential treatment by the Commission.

CONCLUSION

The competitive, confidential information at issue in this request fits the statutory
definition of proprietary confidential business information under Section 366.093, Florida
Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C., and therefore that information should be afforded
confidential classification. In support of this motion, PEF has enclosed the following:

(1) A separate, sealed envelope containing one copy of the confidential APPENDIX
A to PEF’s Request for Confidential Classification for which PEF intends to request confidential
classification with the appropriate section, pages, or lines containing the confidential information
highlighted. This information should be accorded confidential treatment pending a decision
on PEF’s request by the Florida Public Service Commission;
(2) Two copies of the documents with the information for which PEF intends to request confidential classification redacted by section, page, or lines where appropriate as APPENDIX B; and,

(3) A justification matrix supporting PEF’s request for confidential classification of the highlighted information contained in confidential APPENDIX A, as APPENDIX C.

WHEREFORE, PEF respectfully requests that the redacted portions of the above-referenced discovery responses be classified as confidential for the reasons set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Confidential Filing

This will acknowledge receipt of a CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT filed in Docket Number 090079-EI [DN 05583-09] or, if filed in an undocketed matter, concerning certain documents provided to staff at its request, originally produced in response to OPC's 7th request for PODs (Nos. 174-201), specifically No. 189, 190, and 196, and filed on behalf of Progress Energy Florida. The document will be maintained in locked storage.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact Marguerite McLean, Deputy Clerk, at (850) 413-6770.