

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Review of coal costs for Progress
Energy Florida's Crystal River Units
4 and 5 for 2006 and 2007

Docket No. 070703-EI

Dated: October 31, 2008

**AFFIDAVIT OF SASHA 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 Sasha Weintraub, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Sasha 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 Fuels and Power Optimization of Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. ("PEC") Fuels & Power Optimization Department. This section is responsible for coal acquisition for both PEF and PEC systems.

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

4. PEF is seeking confidential classification for portions of my direct testimony and Exhibit SAW-4. 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 proprietary confidential business information of PEF as well as competitive confidential business information of both PEF and third-party coal supply and transportation companies that PEF has contracts with.

5. The information on page 8, lines 16 through 19 of my testimony and pages 4 through 6 of Exhibit SAW-4 of my testimony, include confidential PEF hedging information. PEF negotiates with potential fuel suppliers to obtain competitive hedging pricing for fuel that provides economic value to PEF and its ratepayers. In order to obtain such contracts, however, PEF must be able to assure fuel suppliers that sensitive business information, such as hedging terms, volumes, and 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 company information such as hedging terms, volumes and prices. Absent such measures, PEF and potential fuel suppliers 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 sensitive terms in contracts between PEF and fuel suppliers, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive hedging contracts could be undermined.

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

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 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 and contracts. At no time since receiving the contracts and information in question has the Company publicly disclosed that information or contracts. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information and contracts at issue as confidential.

8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 31 day of July, 2008.

Sasha Weintraub

(Signature)
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THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 31 day of July, 2008 by Sasha Weintraub. He is personally known to me, or has produced his n/a driver's license, or his n/a as identification.

Wendy M. Dunn

(Signature)

Wendy M. Dunn

(Printed Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NC

July 5, 2012

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