

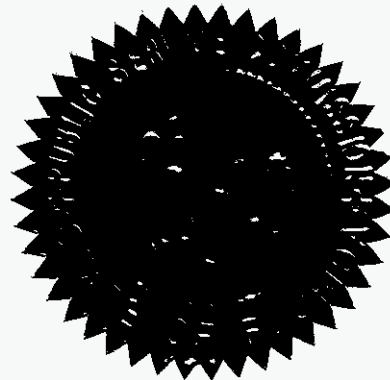
BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 090079-EI

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

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PROCEEDINGS: AGENDA CONFERENCE
ITEM NO. 17

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN MATTHEW M. CARTER, II
COMMISSIONER LISA POLAK EDGAR
COMMISSIONER NANCY ARGENZIANO
COMMISSIONER NATHAN A. SKOP
COMMISSIONER DAVID E. KLEMENT

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2 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** We're now, Commissioners
3 and staff on Item 17. Staff, kind of get in place
4 for that one.

5 (Pause.)

6 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** You guys ready?
7 Staff, you're recognized.

8 **MR. SLEMKEWICZ:** John Slemkewicz, staff.
9 Item Number 17 is Progress Energy Florida, Inc.'s
10 request to establish a regulatory asset or liability
11 in lieu of implementing the proposed \$500 million
12 base rate increase effective January 1, 2010.

13 Staff is recommending that the Commission
14 approve PEF's request to establish a regulatory
15 asset or liability. In addition, no interest should
16 be accrued on the regulatory asset or liability.
17 And staff is prepared to answer any questions.

18 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Commissioner Skop,
19 you're recognized.

20 **COMMISSIONER SKOP:** Thank you, Mr. Chair.

21 And, again, that's what I was just looking
22 for was a brief explanation on this. This had come
23 up previously, but it was -- I guess the concern of
24 the Commission was to minimize any impact on the
25 ratepayers notwithstanding Progress' legal right to

1 implement rates or the proposed rates subject to
2 refund. I think this is an alternative to that to
3 the extent that they would create a regulatory
4 asset, be able to recover those amounts, but no
5 interest would accrue on that asset. Is that
6 correct?

7 **MR. SLEMKEWICZ:** That's correct.

8 **COMMISSIONER SKOP:** All right. Thank you.

9 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** And I'm comfortable with
10 that. Thank you, Commissioner, because we did talk
11 about that. It seemed like forever ago we were
12 going through all the rate cases and things of that
13 nature. I'm comfortable with that explanation.

14 Commissioners, any further questions for
15 staff? Commissioner Argenziano.

16 **COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO:** Just a comment.

17 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** You're recognized.

18 **COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO:** Thank you, Mr.
19 Chairman.

20 You have to appreciate the responsiveness
21 to minimizing any impact to the ratepayers, so I do
22 appreciate that.

23 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Commissioner Edgar.

24 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Mr. Chairman, I do
25 recognize that for a variety of reasons, the

1 confluence of all kinds of different things that
2 procedurally with this docket we are in a pretty
3 unique position, and I think that the approach
4 that's taken in the item before us and with the work
5 of staff and all of the interested parties is a good
6 approach, and I would move the staff recommendation.

7 **COMMISSIONER SKOP:** Second.

8 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** A motion and a second.

9 Commissioners, any questions? Any
10 concerns? Any debate? Hearing none, all in favor,
11 let it be known by the sign of aye.

12 (Simultaneous aye.)

13 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** All those opposed, like
14 sign. Show it done.

15 Thank you, staff. Thank you,
16 Commissioners.

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