BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Fuel and purchased power cost	
recovery clause with generating	Docket No. 070001-EI
performance incentive factor	Dated: October 18, 2007

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

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

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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

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COM		2.	I am Executive Direc	ector of PEF's Regulated Fuels Department. This	
CTR	1 50	section is responsible for coal acquisition for both PEF and Progress Energy Carolinas			
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GCL	("	PEC") sy	ystems.		
OPC RCA		3.	As the Executive Dir	rector of PEF's Regulated Fuels Department, I am	
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coal transportation contracts for PEC's and PEF's electrical power generation facilities, and the administration of coal contracts with various suppliers.

- 4. PEF is seeking confidential classification for certain information provided in the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") expert witness, Robert L. Sansom's pre-filed testimony and exhibits received by PEF on October 1, 2007. 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 sensitive business information, the disclosure of which would impair the Company's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms.
- 5. The information on line 23 of page 18, lines 1, 2, 4 and 6 of page 19, lines 4 through 6 and lines 20 through 21 on page 20, lines 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 21 on page 21, lines 17 through 19 on page 23, lines 2 and 3 on page 24, lines 11, 12, 16, 17, and 18 on page 25, line 20 on page 26, and lines 9, 11, 12 and 18 on page 27 of Robert L. Sansom's testimony includes competitive confidential business information of both PEF and third-party coal supply and transportation companies that PEF has contracts with.
- 6. The information on pages 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 of Exhibit No. ___ (RLS-3), pages 98, 99, 104, 105, 106 and 107 of Exhibit No. ___ (RLS-6), Exhibit No. ___ (RLS-10), Exhibit No. ___ (RLS-12), Exhibit No. ___ (RLS-13), and Exhibit No. ___ (RLS-14), also contain competitive confidential business information of both PEF and third-party coal supply and transportation companies that PEF has contracts with.

- PEF negotiates with potential coal suppliers and transportation companies 7. to obtain competitive contracts for coal options that provide economic value to PEF and its ratepayers. In order to obtain such contracts, however, PEF must be able to assure coal suppliers and transportation companies that sensitive business information, such as the pricing terms of their contracts, will be kept confidential. With respect to the information at issue in this request, PEF has kept confidential and has not publicly disclosed confidential contract terms such as pricing, and similar competitive information. Absent such measures, suppliers and transportation companies would run the risk that sensitive business information that they provided in their contracts with PEF 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 coal suppliers and transportation contractors, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive coal supply and transportation contracts could be undermined.
- 8. Additionally, the disclosure of confidential information in PEF's coal supply contracts and coal transportation contracts could adversely impact PEF's competitive business interests. If such information was disclosed to PEF's competitors and/or other potential suppliers, PEF's efforts to obtain competitive coal supply and transportation options that provide economic value to both PEF and its ratepayers could be compromised by PEF's competitors and/or suppliers changing their offers, consumption, or purchasing behavior within the relevant markets.

- 9. Upon receipt of confidential information from coal suppliers and coal transportation providers, 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. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information and contracts at issue as confidential.
 - 10. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 18th day of October, 2007. (Signature) Alexander Weintraub **Executive Director** Regulated Fuels Department Progress Energy Carolinas Post Office Box 1551 Raleigh, NC. 27602 THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this day of October, 2007 by Alexander Weintraub. He is personally known to me, or has produced his _____ driver's license, or his as identification. NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF (AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL) (Commission Expiration Date)

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