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To: Records Clerk

Subject: Deny Progress Energy Docket No. 090079-El and deny rate hikes. Invest in Solar

Florida Public Safety Commissioners:

Please deny the emergency variance by Progress Energy, Docket No. 090079-El, which are due today, February 18th. http://www.flpsc.com/utilities/electricgas/docs/PEFEmergencyPetition.pdf

In addition, I hope the PSC will revisit the 25% increase that I witnessed in my Progress Energy utility bill beginning in January 2009.

I understand this increase is to permit Progress Energy to collect revenue to build a nuclear power plant that will take at least 18 years before it is online and the return on investment would be even longer. I am very concerned about the security of our existing nuclear power plants and also the safety of disposing waste from these plants. It is time to invest in a safer and cheaper alternative.

The PSC should be fast-tracking solar energy investment through tax credits or other incentives to home owners and businesses to install solar hot water heaters, weatherize homes, and develop lower cost solar energy technology so it can be installed statewide in less time, with less impact on the environment, and generate a quicker and higher return on investment. It is absurd that Florida is not a leader in this renewable source of energy.

Thank you for your attention to both of these issues.

Sincerely, Jennifer R. Salmon 1207 60th St. S. Gulfport, FL 33707

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR EMERGENCY VARIANCE OR WAIVER OF THE 60-DAY NOTICE REQUIREMENT IN RULE 25-6.140, F.A.C. BY PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.

Publication Date February 13, 2009

Progress Energy Florida, Inc. petitioned for emergency variance or waiver of the 60-day notice requirement in Rule 25-6.140, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Rule 25-6.140, F.A.C. provides in part:

(1) At least sixty (60) days prior to filing a petition for a general rate increase, a company shall notify the Commission in writing of its selected test year and filing date.

The full text of Progress's petition can be found at the Commission's website in Docket No. 090079-EI.

Pursuant to Rule 28-104.005, F.A.C., the Commission must grant or deny a petition for emergency waiver or variance within 30 days of its receipt. If a petition is not granted or denied within 30 days, the petition shall be deemed approved unless the time limit is waived by the petitioner. The Commission received this petition on February 12, 2009.

All interested persons have the right to submit written comments on the petition for emergency variance. Comments must be submitted within 5 days of the publication of this notice. This notice is being published on February 13, 2009 on the Commission website, and by electronic mail to interested persons of record. Written comments may be submitted to the Commission at:

Commission Clerk Attention Docket No. 090079-EI 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Or by electronic mail to Commission Clerk at: <u>clerk@psc.state.fl.us</u> and reference Docket No. 090079-EI.