

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

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Docket No. 090079-EI  
Submitted for filing: September 3, 2009

**PEF'S OBJECTIONS TO CITIZENS' TWELFTH SET  
OF INTERROGATORIES (NOS. 402-406)**

Pursuant to Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-106.206, Rule 1.350 of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Order Establishing Procedure in this matter, Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF") hereby serves its objections to the Office of Public Counsel's ("OPC" or "Citizens") Twelfth Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 402-406) and states as follows:

**GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

PEF will make all responsive documents available for inspection and copying at the offices of PEF, 106 E. College Ave., Suite 800, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301 at a mutually-convenient time, or will produce the documents in some other manner or at some other place that is mutually convenient to both PEF and OPC for purposes of inspection, copying, or handling of the responsive documents.

With respect to any "Definitions" and "Instructions" in OPC's Interrogatories, PEF objects to any definitions or instructions that are inconsistent with PEF's discovery obligations under applicable rules. If some question arises as to PEF's discovery obligations, PEF will comply with applicable rules and not with any of OPC's definitions or instructions that are inconsistent with those rules. Furthermore, PEF objects to any definition or request that seeks to encompass persons or entities other than PEF who are not parties to this action and thus are not subject to discovery. No responses to the requests will be made on behalf of persons or entities

other than PEF. PEF also objects to OPC's request that PEF provide documents in a specific electronic format. Furthermore, PEF objects to any request that calls for PEF to create documents that it otherwise does not have because there is no such requirement under the applicable rules and law.

Additionally, PEF generally objects to OPC's requests to the extent that they call for documents protected by the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, the accountant-client privilege, the trade secret privilege, or any other applicable privilege or protection afforded by law. PEF will provide a privilege log in accordance with the applicable law or as may be agreed to by the parties to the extent, if at all, that any document request calls for the production of privileged or protected documents.

Further, in certain circumstances, PEF may determine upon investigation and analysis that documents responsive to certain requests to which objections are not otherwise asserted are confidential and proprietary and should be produced only under an appropriate confidentiality agreement and protective order, if at all. By agreeing to provide such information in response to such a request, PEF is not waiving its right to insist upon appropriate protection of confidentiality by means of a confidentiality agreement, protective order, or the procedures otherwise provided by law or in the Order Establishing Procedure (the "Order"). PEF hereby asserts its right to require such protection of any and all information that may qualify for protection under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the Order, and all other applicable statutes, rules and legal principles.

PEF generally objects to OPC's Interrogatories to the extent that they call for the production of "all" documents of any nature, including, every copy of every document responsive to the requests. PEF will make a good faith, reasonably diligent attempt to identify

and obtain responsive documents when no objection has been asserted to the production of such documents, but it is not practicable or even possible to identify, obtain, and produce “all” documents. In addition, PEF reserves the right to supplement any of its responses to OPC’s Interrogatories if PEF cannot produce documents immediately due to their magnitude and the work required to aggregate them, or if PEF later discovers additional responsive documents in the course of this proceeding.

PEF also objects to any request that calls for projected data or information beyond the year 2010 because such data or information is wholly irrelevant to this case and has no bearing on this proceeding, nor is such data or information likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Furthermore, if a request does not specify a timeframe for which data or information is sought, PEF will interpret such request as calling only for data and information relevant to the years 2006-2010.

By making these general objections at this time, PEF does not waive or relinquish its right to assert additional general and specific objections to OPC’s discovery at the time PEF’s response is due under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and the Order. PEF provides these general objections at this time to comply with the intent of the Order to reduce the delay in identifying and resolving any potential discovery disputes.

#### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS**

**Request 402:** PEF objects to OPC’s request number 402 to the extent that it seeks to require PEF to “explain in detail” or provide a “detailed description” (e.g. 402(i), 402(l)) as PEF is only required by the Rules and the Order to provide a response, and not any subjective characterization thereof.

**Request 403:** PEF objects to OPC's request number 403 to the extent that it seeks to require PEF to "explain in detail" or provide a "detailed description" (e.g. 403(c)) as PEF is only required by the Rules and the Order to provide a response, and not any subjective characterization thereof. PEF further objects to OPC's request to the extent that it seeks projected information for 2011 (e.g. 403(d)), as that information is irrelevant to this proceeding and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

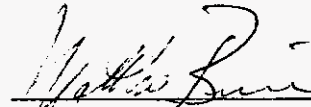
**Request 406:** PEF objects to OPC's request number 406 to the extent that it seeks information from years 2003, 2004 and 2005 (e.g. 406(e), 406(g)), as that information is irrelevant to this proceeding and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

**Requests 402-406:** PEF objects to OPC's interrogatories numbers 402-406 because these interrogatories are in violation of the Order limiting each party to 500 interrogatories, including subparts.

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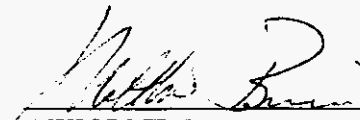
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served via electronic and U.S. Mail to the following counsel of record as indicated below on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2009.

  
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