

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Rate Increase by
Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

Docket No: 050078-EI
Filed: February 22, 2005

**THE FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP'S
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-22.039 and 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG), through its undersigned counsel, files its Petition to Intervene. In support thereof, FIPUG states:

1. The affected agency is the Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850.

2. The name and address of the Petitioner is:

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4. FIPUG is an ad hoc association consisting of industrial users of electricity in Florida. The cost of electricity constitutes a significant portion of FIPUG members' overall costs of production. FIPUG members require adequate, reasonably priced electricity in order to compete in their respective markets.

5. Statement of Affected Interests. The Commission will decide in this docket whether Progress Energy Florida, Inc's (PEF) request for a rate increase should be approved. The amount of the rate increase, if any, approved for recovery will affect FIPUG members' substantial interests by increasing their costs of electricity, thus affecting their production costs, their competitive posture, and their levels of employment.

6. FIPUG's interests are of the type that this proceeding is designed to protect. See, Agrico Chemical Company v. Department of Environmental Regulation, 406 So.2d 478 (Fla. 2d DCA 1981). The purpose of the proceeding is to evaluate PEF's request for a rate increase. Thus, the purpose of the proceeding coincides with FIPUG's substantial interests, which is to ensure that costs passed on to members by PEF are reasonable and prudent.

WHEREFORE, FIPUG requests that the Commission enter an order allowing it to intervene as a full party in this docket.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing The Florida Industrial Power Users Group's Petition to Intervene has been furnished by electronic mail and U.S. Mail this 22nd day of February 2005, to the following:

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