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<u>Via FedEx</u>

Ms. Ann Cole, Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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Dear Ms. Cole:

By order No. PSC-93-1522-FOF-EI, issued October 15, 1993 in Docket No. 930867-EI, Florida Power Corp. d/b/a Progress Energy Florida, Inc. was directed to file an annual report providing updated information on four specific items related to its self-insured program for transmission and distribution line ("T&D") property damage.

The following are changes since our last report for the required items:

- 1. <u>Update on Efforts to Obtain Traditional T&D Insurance</u> Since our last report, the property insurance markets continue to be restrictive, especially for Gulf and Atlantic coast locations as a result of the 2004 and 2005 hurricane losses. Traditional insurance coverage for storm related damage to T&D facilities at reasonable costs and deductible levels on a stand-alone basis, remains effectively unavailable.
- 2. <u>Status of the Proposed Industry-Wide T&D Program</u> The industry group consisting of the four Florida investor owned utilities (IOUs), along with other IOUs with T&D assets exposed to hurricane damage, continues to explore the feasibility of developing an insurance program to cover catastrophic storm damage to above ground distribution facilities. Details regarding this effort were outlined in our annual report dated February 15, 2008.

Progress Energy Florida continues to be an active member of this group.

3. <u>Update on the Evaluation of Progress Energy Florida's Exposure and the Adequacy of the Storm Damage Reserve</u> – The storm damage reserve was depleted in 2004 by the unprecedented four hurricanes affecting Progress Energy Florida's service area. The Florida PSC approved the recovery of \$240.4 million in storm response costs incurred in 2004, over a two year period. Subsequently, the PSC approved an agreement whereby the storm recovery surcharge would be extended by twelve months to allow the Company to replenish the storm reserve fund. In addition, the Company continues to accrue \$6 million annually towards the storm reserve and the current balance as of December 31, 2008, is \$129 million.

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4. <u>Feasibility and Cost-Effectiveness of a Risk Sharing Plan Among Investor-Owned</u> <u>Electric Utilities in Florida</u> – See Item 2 above.

As in the past, Progress Energy Florida requests that this letter serve as its annual report for 2009. If a significant change should occur in the Company's exposure, the adequacy of the storm damage reserves, or the cost and availability of traditional insurance, updated information will be provided to the Commission.

Thank you, and please let us know if there are questions regarding the above information.

Sincerely,

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