BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: PETITION FOR INCREASE IN

RATES BY PROGRESS ENERGY

FLORIDA, INC.

Docket No. 090079-EI

Submitted for filing: May 20, 2009

PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.'S SIXTH MOTION FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER

Progress Energy Florida, Inc. ("PEF"), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby

moves pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006(6), Florida

Administrative Code, for entry of a Temporary Protective Order covering confidential

documents and information sought in discovery by the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") and as

grounds therefore states as follows:

1. In its Seventh Set of Requests for Production of Documents (Nos. 174-201),

specifically numbers 189, 190 and 196, OPC has requested the discovery of confidential

information the disclosure of which could harm PEF's competitive business interests and would

violate contractual confidentiality provisions.

2. Specifically, the responses to requests 189 and 190 include information related to

the Higgins and Turner Plant Dismantlement Projects, respectively, including contractual terms

and agreements, including the scope of work, pricing arrangements and contractor

responsibilities. Such information, if made available to the public, could place PEF at a

competitive disadvantage with respect to competitors when attempting to contract for like

services, as well as parties with which PEF would hope to contract in the future. If market

participants possessed PEF's confidential information they would be able to adjust their behavior

in the market place by changing the prices at which PEF is able to contract for such services.

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<u>See</u> § 366.093(3)(d) & (e), Fla. Stat. Furthermore, these documents are subject to contractual confidentiality agreements, requiring that all parties to the contracts maintain the confidentiality of all documents and information pertaining thereto. The release of this information to the general public would violate those agreements, and seriously impair PEF's ability to contract for goods and services in the future. Additionally, the information produced in response to request number 196 contains confidential competitive business information relating to the production life of the company's combined cycle generating units. Such information, if made available to the public, could place PEF at a competitive disadvantage when attempting to contract for necessary replacement parts and/or maintenance services by allowing market participants to adjust their behavior accordingly. See § 366.093(3)(e), Fla. Stat.

5. Section 366.093(2), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006(6), Florida Administrative Code, direct that all records produced pursuant to a discovery request for which proprietary confidential status is requested shall be treated by Public Counsel as confidential and shall be exempt from the public records law, Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes. PEF, by this motion, is seeking protection of all confidential information that PEF will produce to OPC in this matter pursuant to OPC's Seventh Set of Requests for Production of Documents (Nos. 174-201), as more specifically stated above. PEF has recorded the appropriate objections to providing such confidential, proprietary business information, and will provide documents and information responsive to these requests marked as confidential subject to this motion, the law, Commission rules, and PEF's objections. By following this procedure and producing this information, PEF is not waiving its right to seek further relief as necessary to make certain that its confidential, proprietary, business information is not publicly disclosed.

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6. PEF further requests that in connection with the entry of a temporary protective order, the Commission also require Public Counsel to provide PEF with notice of its intent to use such confidential information in connection with the hearing in this matter.

WHEREFORE, PEF requests that the Commission enter an Order granting its Motion for Temporary Protective Order relating to information identified as confidential and produced in response to OPC's Seventh Set of Requests for Production of Documents (Nos. 174-201), specifically numbers 189, 190 and 196, instructing Public Counsel to continue to treat it as confidential, and requiring Public Counsel to provide PEF with notice of its intent to use such confidential information in connection with the hearing in accord with the prehearing order governing procedure.

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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 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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