# **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

# IN RE: NUCLEAR POWER PLANT COST RECOVERY CLAUSE

Docket No. 100009-EI Submitted for Filing: Sept. 10, 2010

# NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S TWENTY-SIXTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION REGARDING ITS POST-HEARING STATEMENT

Notice is hereby given, through the undersigned counsel, on behalf of Progress Energy

Florida, Inc. ("PEF") of filing the affidavit of Sue Hardison in support of PEF's Twenty-Sixth

Request for Confidential Classification Regarding its Post-Hearing Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to counsel and parties of record as indicated below via electronic and U.S. Mail this 10th day of September, 2010.

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## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Nuclear Power Plant Cost Recovery Clause Docket No. 100009-EI Submitting for filing: September 10, 2010

## AFFIDAVIT OF SUE HARDISON IN SUPPORT OF PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S TWENTY-SIXTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Sue Hardison, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Sue Hardison. I am over the age of 18 years and I have been authorized by Progress Energy Florida (hereinafter "PEF" or the "Company") to give this affidavit in the above-styled proceeding on PEF's behalf and in support of PEF's Twenty-Sixth Request for Confidential Classification (the "Request"). The facts attested to in my alfidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

2. As General Manager - Corporate Development Group Business Services, I am responsible for financial services for the major projects managed by the Corporate Development and Improvement Group, including budgeting, capital planning and cost management. I am also responsible for project controls and contract administration for the major projects managed by the Corporate Development and Improvement Group.

3. PEF is seeking confidential classification of portions of its Post-Hearing Statement of Issues and Positions and Arguments in Support of its Petition to Recover Costs filed with the Florida Public Service Commission ("FPSC" or "Commission") in this docket (the

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"Post-Hearing Statement"). A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Attachment A to PEF's Request and is outlined in PEF's Justification Matrix that is attached to the Request as Attachment C. PEF is requesting confidential elassification of portions of the Post-Hearing Statement because it contains confidential contractual information and costs, the disclosure of which would impair PEF's competitive business interests and violate PEF's confidentiality agreements with third parties, and other competitively sensitive information the disclosure of which would impair the Company's competitive business interests.

4. The Company is requesting confidential classification of this information because portions thereof contain and include proprietary and confidential numbers and capital costs that would impair PEF's competitive business interests if publicly disclosed. In many instances, the disclosure of this information would violate contractual confidentiality provisions. Specifically, portions of the Post-Licaring Statement contain details regarding PEF's budgeted and estimated costs for the LNP under its Engineering, Procurement & Construction ("EPC") agreement.

5. If this information was disclosed to the public, it could adversely impact PEF's competitive interests. If such information was disclosed to PEF's competitors and/or other potential suppliers, PEF's efforts to obtain competitive nuclear equipment and service options that provide economic value to both the Company and its customers could be compromised by the Company's competitors and/or suppliers changing their offers, consumption, or purchasing behavior within the relevant markets.

6. PEF must be able to assure these vendors that sensitive business information, such as the terms of their contracts, will be kept confidential. Indeed, as discussed above, the contract at issue contains confidentiality provisions that prohibit the disclosure of the terms of the

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contract to third parties. Specifically, the information at issue relates to competitively negotiated contractual data and costs the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the Company to negotiate these contracts on favorable terms. If other third parties were made aware of confidential contractual terms that PEF has with other parties, such as pricing arrangements, they may offer less competitive contractual terms in future contractual negotiations. Without the Company's measures to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive terms in contracts with these nuclear contractors, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive contracts could be undermined to the detriment of PEF and its ratepayers.

7. Upon receipt of all this confidential information, and with its own confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of the documents and information provided, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company. At no time since negotiating and receiving the contracts and performing the analyses in question has the Company publicly disclosed the information or the terms of the contracts at issue. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential. Indeed, the information at issue has previously been produced by the Company in response to various discovery requests during the proceedings in this docket, and at all times the Company has taken the appropriate steps to maintain the confidentiality of this information.

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8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2010.

(Signature)

Sue Hardison General Manager - Corporate Development Group **Business Services** 

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this graday

of September, 2010 by Sue Hardison. She is personally known to me or has produced her

NIA driver's license, or her QIA\_\_\_\_ as identification.

in Wale County.

(Signature)

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

DAWN M. BISSON Notary Public. North Carolina Wake County My Commission Expires May 03, 2011

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