## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Progress Energy Florida for approval of a negotiated purchase power agreement with U.S. EcoGen Polk, LLC.

Docket No. <u>11009D</u>-EQ

Dated: April 1, 2011

## AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID W. GAMMON IN SUPPORT OF PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S <u>REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION</u>

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

1. My name is David W. Gammon. I am over the age of 18 years old 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 Request for Confidential Classification. The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

 I am a Senior Power Delivery Specialist in PEF's Renewable and Wholesale Power section of Progress Energy's Efficiency and Innovative Technology Department. This section is responsible for PEF's long-term wholesale purchases and sales, including purchases from Qualifying Facilities.

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3. As a Senior Power Delivery Specialist, I am responsible, along with the other members of the section, for the administration of PEF's Qualifying Facility contracts with various suppliers.

4. PEF is seeking confidential classification for certain information contained in a negotiated agreement ("the Agreement") between PEF and U.S. EcoGen Polk, LLC ("USEG POLK") filed on April 1, 2011. A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Exhibit A to PEF's Request for Confidential Classification and is outlined in PEF's Justification Matrix that is attached to PEF's Request for Confidential Classification as Exhibit C. PEF is requesting confidential classification of this information because it contains competitive confidential business information of both PEF and USEG POLK.

5. PEF negotiates with potential purchase power companies to obtain competitive contracts for capacity and energy that provides economic value to PEF and its ratepayers. In order to obtain such contracts, however, PEF must be able to assure counterparties that sensitive business information will be kept confidential. With respect to the information at issue in this Request, PEF has kept confidential and has not publicly disclosed confidential contract information such as certain contract terms, definitions, payment/energy rates, percentages, timeframes, and insurance/environmental cost limits. Absent such measures, potential contracting counterparties would run the risk that sensitive business information that they provided in their contracts with PEF would be made available to the public and, as a result, end up in possession of potential competitors. Faced with that risk, persons or companies who otherwise would contract with PEF might decide not to do so if PEF did not keep those terms of their contracts confidential. Without PEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive terms in contracts between PEF and counterparties, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive contracts could be undermined.

6. Additionally, the disclosure of confidential information in contracts between PEF and such counterparties could adversely impact PEF's competitive business interests. If such information was disclosed to PEF's competitors and to other potential suppliers, PEF's efforts to obtain competitive purchased power options that provide economic value to both PEF and its ratepayers could be compromised by PEF's competitors and other suppliers changing their behavior within the relevant markets.

7. Upon receipt of confidential information from contracting counterparties, 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, and restricting the number of, and access to the information and contracts. At no time since receiving the agreement and information in question has the Company publicly disclosed that information or agreement. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information and agreement at issue as confidential.

8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the  $29^{4/2}$  day of March, 2011.

(Signature)

David W. Gammon Senior Power Delivery Specialist Renewable & Wholesale Power Section Efficiency & Innovative Technology Dept. Progress Energy Florida 299 First Avenue North St. Petersburg, FL 33701

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 21 day of March, 2011 by David W. Gammon. He is personally known to me or has produced his \_\_\_\_\_\_ driver's license, or his \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

(Signature) Dara (Printed Name)

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

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