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Re: Docket No. 120007-EI – Request for Confidential Classification

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Progress Energy Florida (PEF) are the following:

- (1) The original and seven copies of its Request for Confidential Classification, including Exhibit A, which identifies by page and line the information for which PEF seeks confidential treatment.
- (2) An envelope containing Exhibit B, which includes two redacted copies of the confidential document; and
- (3) A CONFIDENTIAL envelope containing Exhibit C which includes one copy of the document on which the confidential material has been highlighted.

Please stamp and return the enclosed extra copy of this filing. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned.

Gary V. Perko

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic and regular U.S. Mail this day of May, 2012 to all parties of record as indicated below.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Environmental Cost Recovery Clause.

DOCKET NO. 120007-EI

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PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA INC.'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Progress Energy Florida, Inc., ("PEF" or "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, submits this Request for Confidential Classification of information being provided in response to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-5). In support of this request, PEF states:

- 1. Contemporaneously with this request, PEF is serving its responses to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-5) which, for the reasons discussed below, includes the following proprietary confidential business information:
- (a) In response to Staff Interrogatory No. 5, PEF is providing competitively sensitive information related to PEF's disposal and sale of gypsum generated by air pollution control equipment at Crystal River Units 4 and 5. Such information includes the amount of gypsum sold and disposed of, the costs paid by PEF for disposal, the amounts paid to PEF for gypsum sold to third parties, and the names of third parties to whom PEF has sold gypsum.

 Disclosure of this information would give potential disposal contractors and potential gypsum purchasers significant competitive advantage in future negotiations because they would no longer need to make their best offers to ensure the competitiveness of their proposed rates or prices Additionally, disclosure of PEF's gypsum customers would enable other gypsum suppliers to target PEF's customers. As such, disclosure of this information impair the efforts of PEF to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. See § 366.093(3)(d), F.S. Salvata and the proposed are services on favorable terms.

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Furthermore, the information at issue relates to the competitive interests of PEF and its natural gas transportation supplier, the disclosure of which would impair their competitive businesses. *Id.* § 366.093(3)(e). Accordingly, such information constitutes "proprietary confidential business information" which is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act pursuant to Section 366.093(1), F.S.

- 2. The following exhibits are included with this request:
- (a) Exhibit A is a table which identifies the information for which PEF seeks confidential classification and the specific statutory bases for seeking confidential treatment;
- (b) Exhibit B is a package containing two copies of redacted versions of the documents for which the Company requests confidential classification. In the redacted version of the documents, the confidential information has been blackened out by opaque marker or other means.
- (c) Exhibit C is a package containing unreducted copies of the documents for which PEF seeks confidential treatment. Exhibit C is being submitted separately in a sealed envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL." In the unreducted versions of the documents, the confidential information has been highlighted in yellow.
- 3. The information in Exhibit C is intended to be and is treated as confidential by PEF. The information has not been disclosed to the public.
- 4. Progress Energy requests that the information in Exhibit C be classified as "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of section 366.093(3), F.S., that the information remain confidential for a period of at least 18 months as provided in section 366.093(4), F.S., and that the information be returned as soon as it is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Progress Energy Florida, Inc., respectfully requests that this Request for Confidential Classification be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20 day of May, 2012.

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EXHIBIT "A"

JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

| | | | | Statutory Justification |
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| Document | Line(s) | Column(s) | Description | |
| Response to Staff Interrogatory No. 5(b) | 1-2 | A | Information regarding the amount of paid to PEF by third party gypsum purchasers | §366.093(3)(d) and(e), F.S. |
| | 1-2 | В | Information regarding the amount paid by PEF for disposal of gypsum | §366.093(3)(d), F.S. |
| | 1-2 | С | Information regarding the amount paid by PEF for transportation of gypsum to disposal sites | §366.093(3)(d), F.S. |
| Response to Interrogatory No. 5(e) | 1-3 | A, B | Information regarding the amount of gypsum sold to third parties by PEF | §366.093(3)(d) and(e), F.S. |
| | 1-3 | C, D | Information regarding the amount of gypsum disposed of by PEF | §366.093(3)(d), F.S. |
| Response to Staff Interrogatory No. 5(j) | 1-9 | N/A | Information regarding the identity of third party gypsum purchasers | §366.093(3)(d) and(e), F.S. |