BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: FPSC Review of the Payment Arrangement Programs offered by The Florida Electric Industry.

Docket No. Undocketed

Dated: September 26, 2012

AFFIDAVIT OF KENNETH TALBOT IN SUPPORT OF PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

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COUNTY OF PINELLAS

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

- 1. My name is Kenneth Talbot. 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 the Supervisor of Consumer Affairs in the Customer Service
 Department. This section is responsible for handling and monitoring to customer service
 and programs and complaints.
- 3. As the Supervisor of Consumer Affairs, I am responsible, along with the other members of the section, for handling and monitoring to customer service and programs and complaints.

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- 4. PEF is seeking confidential classification for certain information, specifically Page 27 to the FPSC Review of the Payment Arrangement Programs offered by the Florida Electric Industry. 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 sensitive internal policies and procedures of the Company, the disclosure of which could impair the efforts of the Company to protect internal business information.
- 5. PEF establishes and maintains internal policies and procedures. PEF must ensure that their sensitive account information, such as their internal policies and procedures, will be kept confidential. With respect to the information at issue in this Request, PEF has kept confidential and has not publicly disclosed confidential information such as the payment arrangement extension terms. Absent such measures, it could affect customers' behaviors pertaining to payment arrangement programs and how they do business with PEF. Without PEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality of its internal policies and procedures, the Company would impair the interests for both PEF and its customers.
- 6. Upon receipt of confidential information from customers, and with its own confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the Company's policies and procedures, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company, and restricting the number of, and access to the information. At no time since receiving the information in

question has the Company publicly disclosed that information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Kenneth Talbot Supervisor, Consumer Affairs **Customer Service Department** Progress Energy Florida 5225 Tech Data Dr Clearwater, Fl. 33760 THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this day of September, 2012 by Kenneth Talbot. He is personally known to me, or has driver's license, or his produced his as identification. 16 atrus Cleave Cocheme (Signature) KATRINA CLEAVER COCHRAN (Printed Name) NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA (AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL) (Commission Expiration Date) (Serial Number, If Any)

KATRINA CLEAVER COCHRAN

Dated the 17¹/₂ day of September, 2012.