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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
ATTENTION: Mr. David B. Matthews, Director  
Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs  
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**LETTER OF INTENT**

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Progress Energy is aggressively reviewing the business case for the construction of a new nuclear plant. We expect to identify both a site and a vendor by the end of this calendar year, with the potential submittal of an application for a Combined Operating License in the first calendar quarter of 2008. The desired in-service date for the first unit would be 2015 to 2020, depending on the selected site.

We are sending this letter in recognition of your need to perform resource planning for future plants.

We propose to meet with you, during the fourth calendar quarter of 2005, for a more detailed discussion of our plans and to determine more accurately what the Commission requires in order to facilitate review and approval of our application. We see this proposed meeting as the first in a series of meetings that would better ensure predictable timeframes and resource commitments associated with the licensing of a new nuclear plant.

Please contact Talmage Clements (919) 546-5836 or Joe Donahue (919) 546-3638 for questions and to discuss the potential for the proposed meeting.

Sincerely,

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