

March 9, 2009

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE SECRETARY

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In the Matter of)	
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PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA)	
)	Docket Nos. 52-029 COL
)	52-030 COL
(Levy County Nuclear Station)	
Units 1 & 2))	
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME ON REPLY TO ANSWERS
BY THE GREEN PARTY OF FLORIDA, THE ECOLOGY PARTY OF FLORIDA AND
NUCLEAR INFORMATION AND RESOURCE SERVICE

The Co-Petitioners, The Green Party of Florida, The Ecology Party of Florida and Nuclear Information and Resource Service hereby request a one-week extension of time in filing a reply to the answers from NRC Staff and Progress Energy Florida to our combined Petition to Intervene and Request for Hearing in the above captioned process.

Our reasons for this request are: 1) We have been unable to contact Dr. Sydney Bacchus, one of the expert in hydroecology who authored contentions 4.A – 4.O until today (03-08-09) who was participating in another legal hearing. 2) Illness of Mary Olson since March 1, now under doctor's care for bronchitis, diagnosed on Friday. Olson is providing coordination of this process and electronic filing. Last week we were

hopeful that both of these barriers could be overcome in the usual time allowed.

Unfortunately this has not proved to be the case.

Since oral arguments have been set for April 20 and 21 already, we hope that this request will be granted with the understanding that this allowance will not change the overall schedule.

Mary Olson contacted NRC Staff and PEF counsel with regard to this request Monday March 9th. Sara Brock Kirkwood of NRC Counsel supported this request with the stipulation that it not disrupt the Board's established schedule for oral arguments. John O'Neill stated that the applicant does not oppose the request, with the same stipulation with respect to overall schedule. In addition Mr. Pillsbury was kind enough to instruct that it is convention to provide three days prior to a deadline to make a request such as this. Mary Olson concurred that this is appropriate and made a commitment to honor this condition in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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