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Subject: Progress Energy Application - LEVY County, Florida

Here is a copy of my written letter to the Department of the Army, regarding the Progress Energy Levy County Florida application, of which I would also like to submit to you for your review and reply, and to make part of your record. thank you, Harold R. Ross, President Ross Hammock Ranch, Inc. 352 303 7909

March 31, 2009

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Subject: Comments on File Number SAJ-2008-490

Dear Mr. Hambrick:

This letter is pursuant to the Notification of Publication of Public Notice (copy of the front page of the PUBLIC NOTICE is attached herewith identified as "Exhibit A") that David S. Hobbie, Chief, Regulatory Division mailed to me on March 17th, 2009, which invited my comments on File Number SAJ-2008-490, an application by Progress Energy of Florida.

Would you please forward these comments to all appropriate parties, including, but not limited to, your District Engineer responsible for the project, and also to the NRC.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

I believe that I am one of the largest, if not the largest, private land owners that borders the new proposed LEVY Nuclear Plant(s) (LNP). My land is approximately 1410 acres in size and is basically located due west of the LNP land, between the LNP and US Highway 19. I purchased this land in the mid 1990's. In the late 1990's, I received permits from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as well as the Florida Department of Agriculture to operate on that land, a licensed Florida Hunting Preserve. I have operated that Preserve for almost ten consecutive years, under the name of Ross Hammock Ranch, Inc. (RHR) (www.rosshammockranch.com).

My Comments on SAJ-2008-490:

1. Site Plan FIGURE 3 (copy attached herewith identified as "Exhibit B"), shows an LNP entrance and exit road (that runs East and West), that appears to serve to connect the LNP to US Highway 19. This road as drawn/illustrated crosses over my land and would isolate all of my land to the north of said road from the balance of my ranch. Applicant, as of this letter, has not contacted me regarding this road, and therefore has not yet obtained any legal right to establish said access road.
2. As a Licensed Hunting Preserve in the State of Florida, RHR is authorized by the State of Florida to be open 365 days a year, and to harvest both NATIVE and EXOTIC game by various methods, including high powered rifles. Looking at Applicant's Site Plan Figure 3, as well as other Site Plan Figures that are south of Applicant's Site Plan Figure 3, that also border my land, I am concerned that certain buildings and/or structures are very close to my eastern and/or northern borders. In light of the fact that high powered rifles are discharged almost every day of the year on my land, by RHR guests (both domestic and foreign), would it be prudent to require Applicant to construct a berm on the border at locations of concern or alternatively to the berm, to increase the set backs from my border at areas of concern?
3. Surrounding my land (approximately 12 miles) is a high fence, necessary to comply with relative State of Florida regulations for Licensed Hunting Preserves. My fence in most areas is 9 feet 6 inches high. The fence is a special game fence and is metal. My understanding is that the LNP, for the purpose of cooling, will intake from the Barge Canal approximately 100 million gallons of salt water a day. Two thirds of that water, once used and heated, will be piped back out from the LNP to the Citrus County Site, leaving approximately 33 million gallons of salt water a day that will be released airborne as steam. I do not know how many tons of salt is in 33 million gallons of water. However to a layman, it seems like a lot to be released each and every day to the local atmosphere without a consequence/impact. My concern is that these salt particles once cooled by the upper air temperatures, will return to the earth's surface, and depending on prevailing winds, will come in contact with my game fence (or other ranch equipment), and accelerate the rusting process and integrity of said fence. Can Applicant or the Corps. Of Engineers address and/or remedy this concern for me? Are there any other salt related risks to the Native and/or Exotic Wildlife that inhabit my land?

4. I have a series of small ponds on my land that the native and exotic wildlife that I have introduced depend on for daily water, especially during drought periods when the creeks are all dry. These ponds have never run dry since I purchased the land, but a few times they have been very low. I understand the LNP will utilize approximately 1 million gallons of fresh water a day from the Florida aquifer. Is there a risk that this increased local fresh water usage will result in these ponds going dry in times of drought?

CLOSING:

Thank you in advance for your consideration and if I may be of any service to clarify or expand any information or concern expressed herein, do not hesitate to call upon me. If any of the parties to Applicant's application would like to visit my land for the purpose of observation of any information or fact stated herein, I would be glad to arrange it at a mutually convenient time.

Sincerely,

Harold R. Ross, President

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