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As previously indicated in public announcements and meetings, Progress Energy Florida, Inc. is developing a Combined Operating License Application(COLA) for submittal to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 52 for the Levy Nuclear Plant site near Ingliss, Florida. The COLA outlines Progress Energy's plans for construction and operation of two proposed new power generating units at the new Levy site.

A key part of the COLA is the development of emergency plans which provide information sufficient to demonstrate compliance with pertinent regulatory requirements. These plans take credit, to the extent practical, for the site, federal, state, and local plans already in place for other nuclear generating units in Florida. With cooperation of the affected State and local agencies, Progress Energy has developed as part of its COLA the Levy Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 and 2 Emergency Plan. The COLA Emergency Plan addresses onsite/offsite activities to support a 2-unit site and includes a description of the emergency classification system for the new units required by NRC regulations. Progress Energy has worked with the nuclear industry to develop a set of initiating conditions and emergency action levels consistent with the emergency classification system and appropriate to the proposed new nuclear plant design.

In addition to the COLA Emergency Plan, an evacuation time estimate has been developed with input from various State and local government agencies in Florida. The evacuation time estimate report is included in the COLA.

Emergency planning provisions of 10 CFR 52 and the COLA process require that Progress Energy "make good faith efforts to obtain certifications from the local and State governmental agencies with emergency planning responsibilities" that the agency will participate in emergency planning and support emergency response to the proposed new units, if constructed. At this time, we are seeking certification from Levy County Emergency Management that:

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- the proposed emergency plans are practicable;
- Levy County Emergency Management is committed to participating in any further development of the plans, including any required field demonstrations; and
- Levy County Emergency Management is committed to executing their responsibilities under the plans in the event of an emergency.

The actual emergency planning arrangements would be finalized in a letter of agreement at a later stage in the new facilities' licensing process.

Levy County Emergency Management's participation in these emergency planning efforts is greatly appreciated. Your signature below also indicates that you concur with the emergency classification system (including the initiating conditions and emergency action levels) and evacuation time estimates proposed in the Levy Nuclear Plant COLA Emergency Plan.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Roderick
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Levy County Emergency Management has reviewed the Emergency Plan supporting the Combined Operating License Application for two new proposed generating units at the Levy Nuclear Plant site and certifies the following:

- the proposed Emergency Plan is a thorough, practical, and useful tool for use in managing real life events;
- Levy County Emergency Management will fully participate in the continuing planning efforts and scheduled field demonstrations for this Emergency Plan;
- Levy County Emergency Management is committed to leading the effort to ensure that the health and safety of the public is maintained as the highest priority in the implementation and continued improvement of the emergency preparedness and response plans for the Levy Nuclear Power Plant site; and
- Levy County Emergency Management is committed to executing their responsibilities under the plans in the event of an emergency.

Furthermore, Levy County Emergency Management concurs with the proposed emergency classification system, initiating conditions, and emergency action levels described in the Emergency Plan and evacuation time estimate (Levy Nuclear Plant Development of Evacuation Time Estimates, September, 2007).

It is my understanding that the specific nature of arrangements in support of emergency preparedness for operation of the proposed new nuclear units will be clearly established in a properly executed and binding letter of agreement that will be included in the Emergency Plan, if and when Progress Energy proceeds with construction and operation of the new facility.

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Signature

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