August 5, 2010

Mr. Rolando Garcia, Regional Director
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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE LEVY NUCLEAR PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Garcia:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is reviewing an application submitted by Progress Energy Florida, Inc., for combined licenses (COL) for construction and operation of two new nuclear power units at its proposed Levy Nuclear Plant site near Inglis, Florida. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Jacksonville District, is a cooperating agency on the review of the proposed action that is being conducted under the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). As part of the review of the proposed actions, the NRC and USACE review team has prepared the enclosed draft environmental impact statement (DEIS). The DEIS, NUREG-1941, includes analyses of relevant environmental issues, including potential impacts to Federal and State-listed endangered and threatened species, and documents the review team's determination regarding the environmental impacts at the proposed site from the construction and operation of two new nuclear units.

Please provide any information or comments on the enclosed DEIS that you consider appropriate under the provisions of the NEPA and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934, as amended, during the comment period which ends on October 27, 2010. The DEIS is also available from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Website at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html, which provides access through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room link. The accession numbers in ADAMS for the DEIS are ML102140231 and ML102140235. The DEIS can also be found at the NRC Levy COL-specific webpage at http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/levy.html. Comments should be submitted either by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop TWB-05-B01M, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or via e-mail to Levy.COLEIS@nrc.gov.

The NRC and USACE plan to hold two public meetings to present the analyses and results in the DEIS and to receive stakeholders comments on Thursday, September 23, 2010, at the Plantation Inn, 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, Florida. The first meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m., as necessary. The second meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m., with a repeat of the overview portions of the first meeting, and will continue until 10:00 p.m., as necessary.

The meetings will be transcribed and will include: (1) a presentation of the contents of the DEIS; and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC and USACE staff will host informal discussions one hour before the start of each meeting during which members of the public may meet and talk with NRC and USACE staff members on an informal basis. You and your staff are invited to attend.

If you have any questions concerning the environmental review of this COL application, please contact Mr. Douglas Bruner, Environmental Project Manager, at 301-415-2730, or via e-mail to Douglas.Bruner@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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