

Attn: Manager P&S Dept./Traders/Cashier/Manager Reorganization/Manager Dividends UNIFORM PRACTICE ADVISORY (UPC # 107-2000) December 20, 2000

<u>C P & L Energy, Inc. (now known as Progress Energy, Inc.) - Contingent Value</u> Obligations Expiring 3/15/2007 (CPLVV & CPLVZ)

The above securities were issued in conjunction with a merger between Florida Progress Corporation and C P & L Energy Inc. Trading commenced in the over-the-counter market (OTC) on the Contingent Value Obligations (CVOs) prior to the merger closing and prior to a CUSIP number being assigned to the security. At that time, it was thought that the issue would be deemed an equity. However, the company has classified the security as a form of indebtedness and a debt CUSIP number was issued. Since The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC) has credited participants with the Progress Energy, Inc. CVOs (new name) with the debt CUSIP number (743263AA3), members are advised that when-issued trades executed under the symbol CPLVV (S/D 12/14/2000; see UPC #104-00) and regular-way trades executed under symbol CPLVZ should be settled by the equal amount of CVOs under the debt CUSIP number.

The security will be removed from the OTC Bulletin Board and the OTC Equity file effective December 21, 2000. Members are reminded that since this issue is considered a debt security, it is not subject to NASD equity trade reporting requirements.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to: Market Data Integrity Department, (203) 375-9609.

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