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Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONTURKEY POINT PLANT, UNITS 3 AND 4DOCKET NOS. 50-250 AND 50-251ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-31 and DPR-41 for the Turkey Point Plant, Units 3 and 4, respectively, issued to the Florida Power and Light Company (the licensee).

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTIdentification of Proposed Action:

The proposed action is in response to the licensee's application dated March 5, 1998, for exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) regarding submission of revisions to the updated Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR). Under the proposed exemption, the licensee would schedule updates to a single, unified FSAR for the two units based on the refueling cycle of Unit 4 and at intervals not to exceed 24 months.

The Need for the Proposed Action:

The Code of Federal Regulations, 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4), requires licensees to submit updates to their FSAR annually or within 6 months after each refueling outage providing that the interval between successive updates does not exceed 24 months. Since Units 3 and 4 share a common FSAR, the licensee must update the same document annually or within 6 months after a refueling outage for either unit. The underlying purpose of the rule was to relieve licensees of the burden of filing annual FSAR revisions while assuring that such revisions are made at least every 24 months. The Commission reduced the burden, in part, by permitting a licensee to

submit its FSAR revisions 6 months after refueling outages for its facility, but did not provide for multiple unit facilities sharing a common FSAR in the rule. Rather, the Commission stated:

“With respect to the concern about multiple facilities sharing a common FSAR, licensees will have maximum flexibility for scheduling updates on a case-by-case basis.” 57 FR 39355 (1992). Allowing the exemption would maintain the updated FSAR current within 24 months of the last revision.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action:

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that it involves administrative activities unrelated to plant operation.

The proposed action will not result in an increase in the probability or consequences of accidents or result in a change in occupational exposure or offsite dose. Therefore, there are no significant radiological impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed action will not result in a change in nonradiological plant effluents and will have no other nonradiological environmental impact.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with this action.

Alternative to the Proposed Action:

Since the Commission has concluded that there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the exemption would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed exemption and this alternative are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources:

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement related to Turkey Point Plant dated July 1972.

Agencies and Persons Contacted:

In accordance with its stated policy, on May 28, 1998, the staff consulted with the Florida State official, Mr. William A. Passetti, Chief, Office of Radiation Control, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

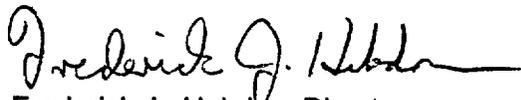
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Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's request for the exemption dated March 5, 1998, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington DC, and at the local public document room located at the Library, Florida International University, University Park Campus, Miami, Florida 33199.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of June 1998.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



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