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Dear Mr. Flanders:

The National Park Service (NPS) has received your letter dated March 11, 2011, inviting the NPS to act as a cooperating agency in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for new reactors proposed to be built by Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) at its Turkey Point site in Miami-Dade County, Florida. We understand that FPL has submitted a combined license (COL) application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to construct and operate two new nuclear units at the site, designated as Units 6 and 7. The new reactors and associated power lines have the potential to impact important natural and cultural resources in south Florida, including those at Biscayne National Park and Everglades National Park. We understand that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is already a cooperating agency with the NRC.

The NPS accepts the invitation to be a cooperating agency for the proposed EIS, subject to resource limitations. The NPS's cooperating agency status and level of involvement does not, however, preclude our independent review and comment responsibilities under Section 102(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Similarly, our being a cooperating agency should not imply that the NPS will necessarily concur with all aspects of the NRC's EIS.

The NPS is prepared to work with the staffs of the NRC and USACE to develop a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to govern each agency's responsibilities and actions in relation to review of the EIS. The MOA will establish a framework for early coordination and participation among the agencies to ensure timely review of the COL and USACE permit applications for Turkey point Units 6 and 7.

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The primary NPS contact for the overall EIS and NEPA-related issues will be Ben West, Chief, Planning and Compliance Division, NPS Southeast Regional Office. At a later date, the NPS may identify a primary contact located in south Florida. In the meantime, Ben West can be reached at (404) 507-5700 and Ben\_West@nps.gov. We appreciate your coordination with us and look forward to working with the NRC and USACE on this important project.

Sincerely,



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