

February 25, 2015

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, AND BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT RELATED TO THE REVIEW OF THE COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE TURKEY POINT NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 6 AND 7

Dear Mr. Williams:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing an application submitted by Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) for combined licenses (COL) for construction and operation of two new nuclear units at its Turkey Point site in Homestead, Florida. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Jacksonville District, and the National Park Service (NPS) are cooperating agencies on the draft EIS. The NPS does not have any specific regulatory actions pending before it in regard to the proposed Units 6 and 7 at this time. As a cooperating agency, the NPS did provide input into the NRC impact analysis based on its special expertise. However, impact determinations made in this EIS should not be attributed to NPS, but only to the NRC and USACE (also referred to as the "review team"). The NPS's participation in preparing this EIS was primarily centered on data gathering and information sharing regarding the environment in and around the Biscayne and Everglades National Parks, and does not imply NPS concurrence.

Additionally, the enclosed assessments initiate joint consultations between NRC, USACE and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Please note that although the NRC and USACE are initiating a joint Section 7 consultation with USFWS, the NRC and USACE have different regulatory authorities. In the event that USFWS issues an Incidental Take Statement (ITS), please specify in the ITS which Terms and Conditions are imposed on which agency.

To fulfill consultation requirements as required by the Endangered Species Act and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA), please provide any information and comments on the enclosed draft EIS and BA by May 22, 2015. Comments should be submitted to the Chief, Rulemaking and Directives, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop OWFN-12H8, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-001 or via e-mail to TurkeyPointCOLEIS@nrc.gov.

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If you have any questions regarding the draft EIS, EFH, or BA, please contact Ms. Alicia Williamson at Alicia.Williamson@nrc.gov or at (301) 415-1878.

Sincerely,

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