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Dear Ms Clouser and Ms Bladey:

Please enter the attached letter from four elected officials into the record concerning the DEIS for TPN 6&7 COL.

thank you,

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Re: NRC-2009-0337 Turkey Point Expansion

Dear Ms. Bladey and Ms. Clouser,

We, the undersigned elected representatives of the citizens of Florida, write to you united in our opposition to the proposed plan to expand Turkey Point Power Plant, located in Homestead, Florida. We are dedicated to ensuring the health of South Florida's environment and the integrity of our precious freshwater supply. We are concerned that the expansion of Turkey Point, as proposed, could have serious impacts on our national parks, sensitive ecological areas and the quality and quantity of our water resources, and critical economic drivers that support our communities.

Turkey Point is located directly on the shores of Biscayne National Park, one of our country's largest marine national parks, and home to incredible biodiversity and important marine and wetland habitat. The plant is located within six miles of two national parks, a state aquatic preserve, a national wildlife refuge, and a wetland habitat preserve. Biscayne and Everglades National Parks alone generate close to \$137 million in local revenue due to 1.6 million visitors per year, as of 2014. According to the standards of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), "sites adjacent to lands devoted to public use may be considered unsuitable," and unacceptable impacts are "most apt to arise in areas adjacent to natural-resource-oriented areas."¹ In following the NRC's own standards, we advise against moving forward with the project as proposed due to the potential for unacceptable impacts on the ecological integrity and economic viability of the surrounding protected natural areas.

The operation of two new nuclear reactors at Turkey Point would also likely have significant impacts on the quantity and quality of our limited freshwater resources. Maintaining our water supply here in South Florida is critical to ensuring the future of our communities. We are concerned that withdrawing massive amounts of freshwater needed for the plant's operations

¹ U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, *Regulatory Guide 4.7- General Site Suitability Criteria for Nuclear Power Stations*, Revision 2, 1998, Section C.

could increase salinity levels within Biscayne National Park and hasten freshwater intrusion into our limited freshwater supplies. Avoiding these impacts will be a far less costly option than the cost associated with alternative water supply development. Furthermore, South Florida is extremely susceptible to the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise, storm surge, and increased incidents of other types of flooding. Expanding a nuclear power plant in an area that is ground zero for sea level rise poses a multitude of threats to our communities, especially if large amounts of spent nuclear fuel are stored on-site.

Overall, the expansion of Turkey Point will end up costing our communities jobs and our taxpayers, money. Despite the addition of temporary jobs during construction, research from the University of Miami indicates that more jobs will be lost due to the routing of transmission lines through areas of high economic activity. Furthermore, Florida Power & Light customers have been footing the bill for the expansion up front, regardless of whether the new reactors are ever built. The expansion of Turkey Point does not make economic sense for the people of South Florida.

We recommend that, in the interest of protecting the integrity of our valuable natural resources, limited water supplies and a healthy local economy, plans to expand Turkey Point Power Plant do not proceed as proposed.

Sincerely,
(Signatures waived to expedite delivery)

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