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General Comment

New Reactors at Turkey Point should be turned down for a variety of reasons. The current reactors have had many functional and operational issues in the last few years with little public oversight or accountability. Turkey Point continues to consume large amounts of fresh water needed by the population increases expected in South Florida. Additional reactors will exacerbate the problems. Current cooling ponds for Turkey Point are at excessive temperatures. Turkey Point is located on a coastline in an area that is susceptible to hurricanes, flooding, storm surges, and even the possibility of a tsunami.

There exists alternative means to generate electricity in a cheaper more sustainable manner in South Florida through solar, tidal, and other alternative energy sources. Florida should exhaust all other alternatives before building more reactors.

The economics are too costly and the burden will fall on ratepayers to foot the bill with increased rates.

FPL has cancelled its renewable programs for ratepayers, is engaged in anti rooftop solar astroturf campaigns and disinformation propaganda to limit competition from rooftop solar that would make the need for new reactors unnecessary. This is poor corporate social responsibility that should not be rewarded. Florida needs to strengthen and secure its grid through diversity of electricity generation, not create large reactors at the tip of the State that feed energy elsewhere.

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