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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT SUPPLEMENT 1 FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
OF THE TURKEY POINT NUCLEAR PLANT, UNITS 6 AND 7 COMBINED
LICENSE APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Militscher:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff issued the final environmental impact statement (EIS), NUREG-2176, "Environmental Impact Statement for Combined Licenses (COL) for Turkey Point Nuclear Plant, Units 6 and 7" (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML16335A219), on October 28, 2016. After publication of the final EIS, the NRC staff identified 59 comment letters that were received before the draft EIS comment period closed but were inadvertently not included in Appendix E to the final EIS. As a result, the NRC staff decided to prepare a supplement to the final EIS.

The 59 comment letters did not provide any new and significant information regarding the project or its environmental impacts. Therefore, the NRC staff is of the opinion that issuance of a supplement under the unique circumstances presented here – primarily the length of the document due to the repetition of existing text from the final EIS for clarity and readability – will enhance the transparency of the NRC process for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) and will further the purposes of NEPA. Accordingly, the NRC staff prepared this supplement in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), Section 51.92(c), and, since there are no changes to the proposed action and the comments do not provide new and significant information relevant to environmental concerns bearing on the proposed action or its impacts, 10 CFR 51.92(f) does not require that a request for comments accompany the supplement.

A notice of availability of the EIS supplement is anticipated to be published by the NRC on December 13, 2016, in the *Federal Register*. In addition, the EIS supplement is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, First Floor, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, and from the publicly available records component of NRC's ADAMS under Accession No. ML16335A219. The EIS supplement is also available directly from the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/turkey-point.html>.

The final EIS summarizes the results of the review team's environmental analysis of the Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) COL application for compliance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51. On the basis of the information contained in the final EIS (NUREG-2176) and this supplement, the review team finds that the comment letters not included in the final EIS did not provide information that would change the analysis in the final EIS or the NRC staff's recommendation to the Commission that the COLs be issued as proposed. This recommendation is based on (1) the application, including the Environmental Report (ER), submitted by FPL; (2) consultation with Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies; (3) the review team's independent review; (4) the consideration of public comments received on the environmental review; and (5) the assessments summarized in the EIS and this supplement, including the potential mitigation measures identified in the ER and the EIS.

If you have any questions and require additional information, please contact Ms. Alicia Williamson, Environmental Project Manager, at (301) 415-1878 or via e-mail to Alicia.Williamson@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos.: 52-040 and 52-041

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NUREG-2176, Supplement 1

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