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January 4, 2017

Ms. Annette L. Vietti-Cook
United State Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001
Submitted via: NRC Electronic Information Exchange

Re: In the matter of Florida Power & Light Co., Turkey Pint Units 6 & 7
Docket 52-040-COL, 52-041-COL; CLI-17-01

Dear Ms. Vietti-Cook:

I am in receipt of Commission Memorandum and Order (CLI-17-01) in the above-referenced matter regarding Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Unites 6 and 7, which was issued today at 3:45 pm. That Order has postponed the mandatory hearing in the above-referenced matter until such time as Staff completes its Section 7 consultations with the US Fish & Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service. Since the Florida Keys are home to numerous species listed as threatened and endangered under the Endangered Species Act, as well as the County's location amongst two National Parks, a National Marine Sanctuary, and four federal wildlife refuges, our ability to comment with particularity could be materially impacted by not having the benefit of the results of those consultations. The Federal interest, protections and designations within these areas and the species that inhabit them warrant a full conclusion to the Section 7 consultations with disclosure to the public of those results.

For the reasons set forth in said Order continuing the hearing, I hereby respectfully reserve Monroe County's the right to submit comments beyond the currently published January 4, 2017 deadline for this matter until such time as we have been provided with sufficient opportunity to review the results of those consultations.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Shillinger", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Robert B. Shillinger
Monroe County Attorney