

May 26, 2017

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT CO.) Docket Nos. M-52-040 & 52-041
)
(Turkey Point Units 6 and 7))

NRC STAFF STATUS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON
CONSULTATIONS UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT
REGARDING THE TURKEY POINT UNITS 6 & 7 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION

Pursuant to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff Status Report dated April 13, 2017 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML17103A483),¹ the Staff hereby provides the Commission with the status of consultations under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding the Florida Power & Light Company combined license application for Turkey Point Units 6 and 7.

The Staff has concluded consultation with the NMFS, as documented in a letter dated April 26, 2017, from the NMFS to the NRC (ADAMS Accession No. ML17143A153). The Staff has been in continued communication with the FWS, and the FWS reports that it is drafting a Biological Opinion. The NRC Staff is making every effort to complete consultation, but FWS staff have indicated that their Opinion may not be issued by May 31, 2017. FWS senior staff has informed NRC senior staff that the Biological Opinion will most likely be issued and consultation with the FWS under Section 7 of the ESA will be completed on or about June 30,

¹ The Staff submitted the April 13 Status report in accordance with the Staff January 11, 2017, Response (ADAMS Accession No. ML17011A315) to the Commission's Memorandum and Order (CLI-17-01, dated January 4, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17004A279)).

2017. The Staff will provide the Commission with another update on the status of the consultation with the FWS as soon as new information becomes available and will, in any event, update the Commission on the status of consultation on or before June 30, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the "NRC STAFF STATUS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON CONSULTATIONS UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT REGARDING THE TURKEY POINT UNITS 6 & 7 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION" dated May 26, 2017, has been filed through the E-Filing system this 26th day of May, 2017.

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