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Mr. Rivera and Ms. Nester:

The purpose of this email is to notify you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a final supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), for the proposed license renewal of Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 3 and 4 (Turkey Point) in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The final SEIS is available online at: ML19290H346.

In 2018 and 2019, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the NRC consulted under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA), on the proposed action. On July 25, 2019, the FWS issued a biological opinion for Turkey Point. In its opinion, the FWS concluded that the continued operation of Turkey Point through the duration of the proposed license renewal period is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the American crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*) or eastern indigo snake (*Drymarchon corais couperi*) and will not adversely modify the critical habitat of the American crocodile. The biological opinion includes an incidental take statement (ITS) applicable to the American crocodile and eastern indigo snake. The ITS's terms and conditions are nondiscretionary and must be undertaken by the NRC so that they become binding conditions of the renewed licenses, if granted, for the exemption in ESA Section 7(o)(2) to apply. Accordingly, the NRC intends to include conditions in the Turkey Point subsequent renewed facility operating licenses, if issued, requiring the licensee, Florida Power & Light Company, to adhere to the specific requirements within the ITS.

The FWS's issuance of the biological opinion concluded ESA Section 7 consultation for the proposed Turkey Point license renewal. Accordingly, the NRC has fulfilled its obligations under ESA Section 7(a)(2) with respect to the proposed action for federally listed species and critical habitats under the jurisdiction of the FWS.

If you have any questions about this email or the NRC's final SEIS, please reach out to me by phone at 301-415-1042 or email at briana.grange@nrc.gov.

Thank you,

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