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General Comment

Thank your for the opportunity to support the Scoping Process and Preparation of an EIS for the Next Era Energy Point beach, LLC, Point Beach Nuclear Plants 1 and 2. In the process, I strongly urge consideration of

Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Discrimination clause

Impacts to threatened or endangered species

Air and water quality

Historical and cultural sites, particularly sites of significance for indigenous peoples

Social and economical impacts to local communities (ie housing, businesses, property values, and considerations of aesthetics and noise expected)

Cost and schedule analysis for all of the actions and alternatives

Financial plans

Environmental mitigation plans

Plans for complying with any additional required federal, state, or local permits

NEPA requires consideration of indirect or secondary impacts so as you consider the proposed action and alternatives. Consider bringing forth questions on potential physical and natural resources as well as the broader socioeconomic environment that may not be directly tied to the proposed action but may be significant because of indirect relationship to the proposed action.

Indirect effects are caused by the action and are later in time or farther removed in distance, but are still reasonably foreseeable.

Indirect effects may include growth inducing effects and other effects related to induced changes in the pattern of land use, population density or growth rate, and related effects on air and water and other natural systems, including ecosystems.

NEPA also requires consideration of cumulative effects of a proposed action so consider effects on the environment that can result from individually minor but collectively significant actions taking place over a period of time, noting specifically the long operational licensure timeframe of the reactors.

An example of a cumulative effect might be cooling water releases to water bodies. One industry's multiple releases might not represent a significant impact to the temperature dependent limnological characteristics of the water body but the release from multiple sources might represent or cause a 0.5 degree Fahrenheit change in water temperature enough to reduce oxygen levels to a point that a valuable zooplankton species dies off starving off multiple fish species. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 also requires attention to Cumulative Impacts.