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2 NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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4 TURKEY POINT UNITS 3 & 4  
5 ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING FOR  
6 LICENSE RENEWAL

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8 PUBLIC MEETING

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13 Homestead, Florida

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17 The above-entitled meeting commenced, pursuant to  
18 notice, at 1:30 p.m.

19 BEFORE: CHIP CAMERON, Special Counsel  
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## P R O C E E D I N G S

(1:30 p.m.)

MR. CAMERON: Good afternoon everyone. Welcome to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Public Meeting on the Development of the Environmental Impact Statement on the Florida Power & Light application to renew the licenses for Turkey Point Units 3 and 4.

My name is Chip Cameron, and I'm the Special Counsel for Public Liaison in the Office of General Counsel at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. It's my pleasure to serve as your Facilitator for this afternoon's meeting.

What I wanted to do is just cover three things very briefly with you before we get into the substance of the presentation.

I'd like to go over what the objectives for the meeting are today. I'd like to talk a little bit about format and ground rules for the meeting, and last, I would just go over the agenda and introduce some of the NRC presenters to you.

In terms of objectives for the meeting, the NRC wants to provide all of you with information on the license renewal process generally, and specifically on the process that identifies and evaluates any environmental impacts that might occur from renewal of the licenses. Also, how you can participate in and influence the license renewal process.

1           Secondly, we want to listen to your comments, your  
2 concerns and your advice on potential environmental impacts  
3 from license renewal.

4           In this regard, today's meeting is called a  
5 scoping meeting, which is a special term that's used in the  
6 context of the preparation of Environmental Impact  
7 Statements. Many of you may know that the Environmental  
8 Impact Statement assist the NRC in making decisions  
9 on various matters including an application for license  
10 renewal at a nuclear power plant.

11           Scoping helps the NRC to identify in advance, the  
12 information on the types of environmental impacts that the  
13 NRC should look at in preparing the Environmental Impact  
14 Statement. Your comments on these issues -- environmental  
15 impacts that should be looked at -- will be helpful to the  
16 NRC in preparing the Environmental Impact Statement  
17 document.

18           Today we're here with you personally to talk to  
19 you. We are also taking written comments on these  
20 environmental scoping issues. You will hear more about this  
21 from the NRC staff, but we wanted to be here in person with  
22 you. Listening to the comments that others in the community  
23 make, may help you to prepare written comments if you want  
24 to file them, and you'll also hear what other people out  
25 there are thinking. Let me just emphasize though, that any

1 comments that you make today will be treated with as much  
2 weight as written comments that are submitted.

3 In terms of format, we're going to have a couple  
4 of brief NRC presentations to give you some background  
5 today. After two of those presentations I'm going to ask  
6 you if you have any questions on the material so that we can  
7 make sure you understand this.

8 Then we're going to go into a different mode, so  
9 to speak, which is, people who would like to make statements  
10 on the issues of concern here today. I think a lot of  
11 people have signed up in advance to make statements, and  
12 some of you may have signed up today. If there is anybody  
13 who does want to make a statement, please just sign up with  
14 the NRC staff at the table in the lobby so that we can get  
15 an idea of how much time we want to allocate to this today.

16 If you want to speak during the question and  
17 answer session, just signal me and I'll bring you this  
18 talking stick for you to use, or you can use this microphone  
19 back here for the present.

20 The statements that we're going to have toward the  
21 end of the meeting, you can either come up here or again,  
22 use the talking stick or the microphone in the aisle here.  
23 I would just ask you to be concise. We do have a lot of  
24 people who want to speak today and I'm going to have to set  
25 a somewhat arbitrary limit of five minutes per person

1 approximately. We won't get the hook and haul you out at  
2 exactly five minutes, but if you could just try to be  
3 concise so that we can give everybody an opportunity to talk  
4 today, we would be appreciative of that.

5 The NRC is going to be listening to the statements  
6 that you are making. They are not going to be at that time,  
7 responding to the statements. They are going to be  
8 listening to that.

9 We are taking a transcript. Lauren, our  
10 stenographer here, will be taking a transcript of every  
11 statement that's made, all of the questions and answers, and  
12 I believe that transcript will be put up on the NRC's web  
13 site for the public in case you would like to review that.

14 We know there are a lot of concerns about nuclear  
15 power and perhaps about Turkey Point, other than license  
16 renewal and we're always ready to listen to people's  
17 concerns, but let me emphasize that we're here to talk about  
18 environmental impact issues and that's our first order of  
19 business, and that's what we want to make sure is  
20 accomplished today. I would thank all of you for coming  
21 out. It's great that we have such a good turnout today.

22 What I'd like to do now is just go over the agenda  
23 to use that as a vehicle to introduce the NRC staffs that  
24 are with us today. The first item that we're going to cover  
25 is an overview of the license renewal process. The

1 preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement and  
2 Scoping is one part of that process.

3           We're first going to hear from Cindy Carpenter,  
4 right here, who is the Branch Chief for Generic Issues,  
5 Environmental, Financial, and Rulemaking within the Office  
6 of Nuclear Reactor Regulation at the NRC.

7           Cindy is going to give a brief introduction and  
8 welcome. Her branch is where the environmental impacts are  
9 identified and analyzed for any plant, including Turkey  
10 Point, that has filed an application for license renewal.

11           We're also going to hear from Chris Grimes, who is  
12 another Branch Chief at the NRC, again in the Office of  
13 Nuclear Reactor Regulation. Chris is the Branch Chief of  
14 the License Renewal and Standardization Branch.

15           Chris and his staff take the Environmental Impact  
16 Statement that's prepared by Cindy's staff, and they  
17 integrate that with an evaluation of the safety issues in  
18 regard to license renewal and the inspection findings at a  
19 particular plant, and then that recommendation on whether or  
20 not to renew the license is sent to the Commission for  
21 review.

22           We're going to get into a little bit more detail  
23 with Raj Auluck, who works for Chris Grimes in the License  
24 Renewal Branch. Raj is right here.

25           We'll then go on to you, to see if you have any



1 questions that we can answer about the license renewal  
2 process.

3           Then we're going to go to Mr. Jim Wilson, who is  
4 over here. Jim is in Cindy's branch, Generic Issues,  
5 Environmental, Financial, and Rulemaking Branch. Jim is the  
6 Project Manager for the preparation of the Environmental  
7 Impact Statement for Turkey Point Units 3 and 4.

8           We'll have a brief presentation from him and then  
9 we'll go for questions and answers. Then we'll start on the  
10 statements that people want to make.

11           Because Florida Power & Light is obviously the  
12 organization that filed the license application, we're going  
13 to go to Florida Power & Light for a first statement on what  
14 their objectives are, and what the license application for  
15 license renewal is all about.

16           I'd then like to go to some elected officials that  
17 are with us, and then we'll go on for other perspectives and  
18 other points of view.

19           With that, I'm going to ask Cindy Carpenter to  
20 lead off for us.

21           MS. CARPENTER: Good afternoon. As Chip said, my  
22 name is Cindy Carpenter, and I am the Branch Chief of the  
23 Generic Issues, Environmental, Financial, and Rulemaking  
24 Branch. We are located in the Office of Nuclear Reactor  
25 Regulation within the NRC.

1           We're here today to talk about the environmental  
2 review that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is undertaking  
3 as part of the Florida Power & Light Company's application  
4 to renew their operating license for Turkey Point Units 3  
5 and 4.

6           We'll talk a little bit about the statutory  
7 requirements for this action, the purpose of the review, the  
8 process that we go through, and the schedule that we're  
9 working toward. More importantly, we want to provide you  
10 with the opportunity to give us some input on the scope of  
11 our environmental review and to ask any questions about  
12 anything that you've heard about today.

13           To provide you with a little bit of background,  
14 Turkey Point is the first Westinghouse reactor and Florida  
15 Power & Light is the fifth company to apply for license  
16 renewal. The operating licenses for Turkey Point will  
17 currently expire 2012 for Unit 3, and 2013 for Unit 4.

18           As we will discuss later, the Atomic Energy Act  
19 allows a licensee such as Florida Power & Light, to renew  
20 its license for up to 20 years. Part of that license  
21 renewal process requires the Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
22 to systematically consider the environmental impacts during  
23 its decision-making process on this matter.

24           Florida Power & Light submitted its license  
25 renewal application on September 11 of this year. We

1 accepted it for review on October 12. We issued our Notice  
2 of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on  
3 October 24. On that same day we began a public comment  
4 period during which we received comments from members of the  
5 public on the scope of our environmental review. These  
6 comments will help the staff to determine where it should  
7 focus its review, and if it should focus its review on any  
8 particular technical area while we are determining the  
9 acceptability of the environmental aspects of the Turkey  
10 Point license renewal application.

11           The purpose of today's meeting is to describe the  
12 environmental review process to you. We will also identify  
13 environmental areas that the NRC staff typically looks at.  
14 We'll also provide a review schedule that we will do our  
15 environmental review on, and we'll accept any comments that  
16 you might have today. We'll also explain to you how to  
17 submit any comments that you might have to the end of the  
18 comment period.

19           Before we get into the details of the NRC's  
20 environmental review, I'll turn the podium over to Mr.  
21 Christopher Grimes, and as Chip said, he is the Branch Chief  
22 of the License Renewal and Standardization Branch. He will  
23 provide a review of the license renewal process. Thank you.

24           MR. GRIMES: Thank you, Cindy. As Cindy very  
25 clearly explained, we are starting into an environmental

1 scoping process. I'd like to step back and approach this  
2 from a standpoint of the overall mission of the Nuclear  
3 Regulatory Commission and our purpose, and then I'm going to  
4 ask the Safety Review Project Manager, Raj Auluck, to throw  
5 in some details about the whole process for license renewal,  
6 and how it is integrated.

7 I'd first like to begin by describing the NRC's  
8 Mission Statement, which is to regulate the nation's  
9 civilian use of nuclear materials. First, to ensure  
10 adequate protection of public health and safety. Second, to  
11 protect the environment, and third, to provide for the common  
12 defense and security. This mission statement and the NRC's  
13 authority is derived from the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, the  
14 Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as well as amendments to  
15 those acts and other legislation that involves security,  
16 waste, and energy policies.

17 The NRC's regulations are issued under Title 10 of  
18 the Code of Federal Regulations, and throughout our  
19 presentations you'll hear us refer to that as 10 CFR for  
20 short.

21 The NRC establishes requirements for nuclear power  
22 plant design and operation as well as limits for  
23 radiological exposure and releases. We enforce those  
24 requirements to achieve our mission. Environmental  
25 protection is achieved by those requirements, however, we

1 also perform environmental impact evaluations which we will  
2 describe today, to achieve the environmental protection  
3 under the National Environmental Policy Act, which we refer  
4 to as NEPA.

5 For commercial power reactors, the NRC's  
6 regulatory functions include licensing. A nuclear power  
7 plant license is based on a set of established regulatory  
8 requirements to ensure that the design and proposed  
9 operation of the facility are safe, based on radiological  
10 safety standards.

11 Those requirements also include provisions for a  
12 security program to safeguard safety-related equipment and  
13 nuclear materials. NRC conducts routine inspections to  
14 ensure that the plant design and operation conform to the  
15 license requirements. Enforcement actions are taken in the  
16 event that the license requirements are not being satisfied.

17 That is a very simple description of the NRC and  
18 how it operates.

19 Now I'd like to introduce Raj Auluck, who is the  
20 Safety Project Manager, the complement to Jim Wilson, who  
21 will follow Raj with a more detailed description of the NEPA  
22 process. Raj --

23 MR. AULUCK: Thank you, Chris. The Atomic Energy  
24 Act and NRC Regulations limit commercial power reactor  
25 licenses to 40 years, but also permit the renewal of such

1 licenses for up to an additional 20-year period.

2           The 40-year term was originally selected on the  
3 basis of economic and antitrust considerations, not  
4 technical limitations. Once the license term was  
5 established, the design of several system and structural  
6 components were engineered on the basis of an expected  
7 40-year service life. The safety requirements for the  
8 initial 40-year license are contained in 10 CFR, Part 50.  
9 Next slide, please.

10           When the first reactors were constructed, major  
11 components were expected to last at least 40 years.  
12 Operating experience has demonstrated that expectation was  
13 unrealistic for some major plant components such as steam  
14 generators in a pressurized water reactor.

15           However, research conducted since 1982 and plant  
16 operating experience have demonstrated that there are no  
17 technical limitations to the plant life, since major  
18 components and structures can be replaced or reconditioned.  
19 Thus, the plant life is determined primarily by economic  
20 factors.

21           As it is observed, the NRC established regulatory  
22 requirements in 10 CFR, Part 54 to provide for license  
23 renewal. The rule which was initially issued in 1991 and  
24 amended in 1995, states that the basis on which a plant was  
25 originally licensed remains valid after 40 years and can be

1 carried over to another 20-year period of extended  
2 operation.

3           The rule requires that an applicant demonstrate  
4 that applicable aging effects will be adequately managed by  
5 the defined scope of passive long-life systems, structures,  
6 and components.

7           The Commission determines that aging for active  
8 components is adequately managed by existing maintenance and  
9 service programs, and other aspects of existing license  
10 requirements can continue through the license extension  
11 period. The rule also requires that certain time-dependent  
12 design analysis be identified and evaluated.

13           A new license can be granted upon the finding by  
14 the Commission that actions have been or will be taken so  
15 that there is a reasonable assurance that applicable aging  
16 effects will be adequately managed for a period of extended  
17 operation, and whether or not at worst, environmental  
18 impacts of license renewal are so great that reserving the  
19 option of license renewal for energy-planning decision  
20 makers would be unreasonable. Next slide, please.

21           The United States currently receives about 20% of  
22 its electricity from 103 operating nuclear power plants.  
23 The electricity sector is moving rapidly to a deregulated  
24 market in which energy supply choices will be dictated by  
25 cost to the consumer. At the same time, there are growing

1 pressures to limit fossil fuel emissions because of  
2 continuing concerns about cleaner air and potential global  
3 climate changes.

4           Deregulation and competition have raised the  
5 interest in license renewal to strategic importance, because  
6 large generating plants become vital economic assets to the  
7 plant owners. Operative nuclear plants are expected to  
8 remain competitive, operative, and to consider restructuring  
9 provided that the cost associated with operating the plant  
10 safely and efficiently can be reasonably projected.

11           Some currently operating U.S. plants will not  
12 apply for license renewal for economic reasons. The NRC  
13 established the license renewal requirements so that any  
14 plant that is financially and materially capable of  
15 operating safely beyond the current term of the license,  
16 should have that opportunity and clearly understand the  
17 requirements for such extended operation as described in the  
18 Generic Environmental Impact Statement for license renewal.

19           Calvert Cliffs in Maryland was the first plant to  
20 apply for license renewal. Their application was submitted  
21 in April 1998, and a renewed license was granted in March  
22 2000. The renewal application for Turkey Point for Units 3  
23 and 4 was submitted on September 11, 2000, as was mentioned  
24 earlier. Operating licenses for Units 3 and 4 expire in the  
25 years 2012 and 2013 respectively.



1           Many utilities are interested in license renewal  
2 today to ensure that they clearly understand what  
3 requirements will be necessary for an extended license and  
4 for future financial planning. Next slide, please.

5           The licensing process consists of parallel safety,  
6 and environmental reviews which will be talked about further  
7 in a safety evaluation report for the aging-management aspects  
8 of the renewal application, and a Supplemental Generic  
9 Environmental Impact Statement and an Environmental Impact  
10 Review. The aging-management findings in the NRC staff  
11 safety evaluation will be verified by NRC inspections.

12           The renewal application and safety evaluation will  
13 also be reviewed by the NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor  
14 Safeguards in accordance with the usual practice for issuing  
15 of a license.

16           The NRC plans to complete a Safety Evaluation  
17 Report for the Turkey Point Units 3 and 4 renewal  
18 application, which will address the scope of system  
19 structures and components, the applicable aging effects, and  
20 the aging-management programs that Florida Power & Light  
21 Company will rely on to ensure that the plant is safely  
22 maintained for the period of extended operation.

23           The issued report will identify any open items and  
24 appropriate matters related to the safety review under PART  
25 54 that must be resolved before the Commission can complete

1 its decision on the renewed license. That report will be  
2 available to the public.

3 The NRC's licensing process includes a formal  
4 process for public involvement through hearings conducted by  
5 a panel of administrative law judges who work for the Atomic  
6 Safety and Licensing Board. That process allows public  
7 hearings on pertinent issues to be litigated by the board.  
8 There are two petitions on the Turkey Point Units 3  
9 and 4 renewal application from Mr. Mark Oncavage and Ms.  
10 Joette Lorion.

11 An Atomic Safety Licensing Board has recently been  
12 established to preside over the proceedings. In an order  
13 issued on November 27, the Commission directed the board to  
14 decide within 90 days whether the two petitions for hearing  
15 will be granted. If a hearing is granted, the Commission  
16 has ordered the board to set a schedule for conducting the  
17 hearing with the goal to issue a Commission decision on the  
18 license renewal application in about 30 months.

19 The Commission believes this schedule is timely  
20 and achievable. The Commission also ordered that, we do  
21 not expect the Licensing Board to on this application.

22 Separate from the hearing process, interested  
23 members of the public who are concerned about nuclear safety  
24 issues can raise those issues informally during the various  
25 public meetings that the NRC will hold with Florida Power &

1 Light to discuss the safety aspects of the proposed extended  
2 plant operation.

3 Time is usually provided at the conclusion of each  
4 meeting for public comments and questions. Meetings on  
5 particular technical issues are usually held at NRC  
6 headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. However, some technical  
7 meetings and meetings to summarize the results of the NRC's  
8 inspection findings will be held near the plant site in a  
9 place that is accessible to the public.

10 Turkey Point Units 3 and 4 renewal application,  
11 Safety Evaluation Report, meeting summaries, and other  
12 related correspondence are available for public review at  
13 NRC's Public Document Room in Rockville, or at NRC's  
14 Electronic Public Document Room, at the web site  
15 [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov). Many of these materials can also be found on  
16 NRC's web site under the address of license renewal.

17 Paper copies of the application, reports, and  
18 significant correspondence are available at the local  
19 Homestead Branch Library, located at 700 N. Homestead  
20 Boulevard, in Homestead, Florida.

21 The Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards,  
22 known as the ACRS, performs an independent review of the  
23 renewal application and the safety evaluation, and they  
24 report their findings and recommendations directly to the  
25 Commission. They also hold public meetings. Oral and

1 written statements can be provided during the ACRS Meetings  
2 in accordance with the instructions described in their  
3 Notice of Meetings in the Federal Register.

4           At the end of the process, the Final Safety  
5 Evaluation Report, the Supplemental Environmental Impact  
6 Statement, the results of the inspections, and the ACRS  
7 recommendation are submitted to the Commission with a staff  
8 recommendation. Those documents and any formal Commission  
9 meeting to discuss the staff's recommendations are also  
10 accessible to the public.

11           Each Commissioner will vote on the proposed action  
12 and their decisions are formally sent to the NRC staff, on  
13 whatever action they conclude is appropriate for the renewal  
14 application. The individual Commissioner votes and their  
15 instructions to the NRC staff are also public records.

16           Throughout the NRC's review of the license renewal  
17 application, the NRC continues to conduct regular  
18 inspections and amendments to the current license. The  
19 NRC's inspections and plant performance reviews are evolving  
20 with NRC's initiators to improve the reactor oversight  
21 process.

22           If you are interested in learning more about the  
23 reinspection and the oversight process, there is information  
24 available on NRC's web page and in the brochures outside the  
25 meeting room here.

1           The normal regulatory process and amendments to  
2 the existing license will continue in parallel with the  
3 renewal application and address matters of interest such as  
4 operational events, spent-fuel storage, security, and  
5 emergency plans.

6           That concludes my prepared statements.

7           MR. CAMERON: Okay. Thank you very much, Raj. We  
8 have some time for questions to make sure that everybody  
9 understands the process. Joette, could you just give your  
10 name for the transcript?

11           MS. LORION: I am Joette Lorion. This is for Mr.  
12 Auluck. I'd like to know the names of all the plants that  
13 have operated in this country up to their 40-year license,  
14 and the names of all the plants that have retired before  
15 their 40 years.

16           MR. AULUCK: I think that list is available. We  
17 can --

18           MS LORION: What I was going to say is, for the  
19 plants that have operated under their 40-year license, there  
20 have been none, but for those plants that have prematurely  
21 shut down -- I don't have them off the top of my head, but  
22 there is a little booklet called the NRC Digest and it lists  
23 all the operating plants. It also lists all those plants  
24 that once had a license and have shut down.

25           Is it fair then, to say that you have no

1 experience on reactors operating beyond their 40-year life?

2 MR. GRIMES: My name is Chris Grimes, and I'm  
3 going to say that there is no experience in the United  
4 States with commercial power reactors operating up to 40  
5 years. However, there is domestic experience with research  
6 and test reactors, and there is International experience  
7 with plants that have operated over 40 years.

8 MS. LORION: Could you name those?

9 MR. GRIMES: Not off the top of my head.

10 MR. CAMERON: Okay. The NRC Digest, I think we  
11 have copies. We have one copy, but we will -- anybody who  
12 would like a copy, we can get you a copy. If you would  
13 like, we'll see if we can get that one to you and also Mark.

14 Are there other questions on the overall license  
15 renewal process before we get into the environmental  
16 aspects?

17 Okay. Let's make sure we get everybody on the record here,  
18 sir. So if you could just give your name and affiliation if  
19 that is appropriate?

20 MR. GARRISON: My name is Steve Garrison. I am  
21 with the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association and the  
22 Farm Bureau. To answer the lady's question, I served in  
23 1963 on the U.S.S. Enterprise, and I believe we're talking  
24 40 years here or close to it, and they have no intention of  
25 decommissioning the U.S.S. Enterprise.

1           It was in Ft. Lauderdale a few months ago if you  
2   went up there. I don't think the United States Navy has  
3   5,000 men that think there is any danger but what that ship  
4   is going to be in service for a very long time.

5           MS. LORION: I understand, sir. I was talking  
6   about a large nuclear plant.

7           MR. CAMERON: Okay. I think that we have that  
8   information from a different prospective on the record, and  
9   I would just remind everybody that we'd like to get all of  
10  your remarks on the record. So I know it's inconvenient to  
11  have to use this microphone, but we'll have to do that. I  
12  think that the last remark that Joette made was just  
13  clarifying or emphasizing that you were talking about  
14  commercial -- your question was aimed toward commercial  
15  nuclear reactors, but thank you, Steve, for that information  
16  on military use.

17           Anybody else before we go on? Any questions about  
18  the process? Okay.

19           Now we're going to go to the environmental  
20  evaluation part of the process, and Jim Wilson is going to  
21  talk to us about that. Again, we'll go out to you all for  
22  questions after that.

23           MR. WILSON: My name is Jim Wilson. I'm the  
24  Environmental Project Manager of the Turkey Point License  
25  Renewal Project. I work in the Generic Issues,

1 Environmental, Financial, and Rulemaking Branch within the  
2 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation at NRC.

3 I intend to spend the next few minutes talking  
4 about the process required by the National Environmental  
5 Policy Act -- the so called, NEPA process. Then I will  
6 describe how the process is incorporated into our  
7 regulations at the NRC, and then more specifically, how  
8 these regulations are being applied to the Turkey Point  
9 License Renewal Application Review.

10 NEPA was enacted in 1969 and requires all Federal  
11 agencies to use a systematic approach to consider  
12 environmental impacts during certain decision-making  
13 proceedings. It is a disclosure tool that involves the  
14 public. It invokes a process whereby information is  
15 gathered to enable Federal agencies to make informed  
16 decisions, and then as part of that process, we document it  
17 and invite public participation to evaluate it.

18 The NEPA process results in a number of different  
19 kinds of documents. Chief among them are environmental  
20 impact statements, also called EISs, which describe the  
21 results of a rigorous and detailed review that we do to  
22 evaluate the environmental impacts of a proposed action that  
23 may significantly affect the quality of the human  
24 environment.

25 The NRC has determined that license renewal is a



1 major Federal action. Therefore, we are going through the  
2 NEPA process for Turkey Point, and we are preparing an  
3 Environmental Impact Statement that describes the  
4 environmental impacts of operation for an additional 20 years.

5 This slide describes the objective of our  
6 environmental review. The staff is trying to determine  
7 whether the adverse environmental effects of license renewal  
8 for Turkey Point are not so great that preserving the option  
9 of license renewal for energy planning decision-makers would  
10 be unreasonable. That's what is set forth in the  
11 regulations, and to paraphrase it, we're trying to determine  
12 whether or not renewing the Turkey Point nuclear station  
13 Units 3 and 4 licenses for an additional 20 years is  
14 acceptable from an environmental standpoint.

15 Now I would like to give you an overview and  
16 describe how the staff incorporated the NEPA process into  
17 the regulatory framework of the NRC, and how we perform an  
18 environmental review.

19 The NRC's implementing regulations for carrying  
20 out the NEPA process are located in Part 51 of Title 10 of  
21 the Code of Federal Regulations -- what we call 10 CFR, Part  
22 51. This regulation outlines the contents of the  
23 Environmental Impact Statements and the process that the NRC  
24 uses in order to meet the requirements of NEPA.

25 Early on in establishing the license renewal

1 process, back in the late 80's and early 90's, it was  
2 recognized that the original Environmental Impact Statements  
3 that were written for plants when they received their  
4 operating licenses 20 or more years ago,  
5 they would need to be updated to address the additional 20  
6 years of operation under license renewal.

7           So the NRC undertook a rule-making effort to  
8 modify Part 51 and amended it to address environmental  
9 impacts of license renewal. As part of the rule-making  
10 effort on Part 51, the staff developed a generic  
11 Environmental Impact Statement called the GEIS, which  
12 undertook a systematic look at the thousands of hours of  
13 operating experience at all the nuclear plants in this  
14 country to help us identify potential environmental impacts.

15           In addition, the staff developed and use an  
16 Environmental Standard Review Plan for license renewal as  
17 guidance on how we should perform all of our reviews. There  
18 are copies of 10 CFR, Part 51, the Generic Environmental  
19 Impact Statement, and the Environmental Standard Review Plan  
20 out in the lobby for you to examine.

21           These documents can be viewed on the Internet at  
22 our web site and can be obtained from the government  
23 printing office. In addition, this information is on file  
24 at the Homestead Library down the road here.

25           This next slide shows in a little more detail, the

1 environmental portion of the license renewal review that  
2 Chris introduced earlier. It graphically shows the process  
3 I'm going to talk about for the next couple of minutes and  
4 it indicates at what points the public will be having a role  
5 in participating in that process.

6 As far as the NEPA process goes, there are certain  
7 steps that we at the NRC are required to follow, and these  
8 steps are consistent for all Environmental Impact Statements  
9 prepared by Federal agencies to do any proposed major  
10 Federal action.

11 The first step is the Notice of Intent. That lets  
12 the public know that we're going to prepare an Environmental  
13 Impact Statement. For the Turkey Point the Notice of Intent  
14 was issued in October in the Federal Register. To prepare  
15 for the review the staff has assembled a team of NRC staff  
16 with backgrounds in specific technical and scientific  
17 disciplines required to perform these environmental reviews.  
18 In addition, they have engaged the services of a number of  
19 personnel from the national laboratories to augment our  
20 knowledge base.

21 We put together a team of about 20 people to  
22 conduct this review, most of whom are here today and will be  
23 on site tomorrow conducting our environmental review.

24 The next step in the review process is scoping.  
25 We are doing a part of that today. During the scoping

1 period we will be identifying the issues to be addressed in  
2 the Environmental Impact Statement. The scoping period for  
3 Turkey Point began on October 24, and ends December 22.

4 Today we are holding two public meetings to describe how we  
5 are going to be conducting our review and to solicit input  
6 from you.

7           During the scoping period we are seeking  
8 information to define the scope of the Environmental Impact  
9 Statement, and to determine what needs to be studied in  
10 detail, and what is not appropriate to address. Not only  
11 are we soliciting input from you, but we will be obtaining  
12 information from Florida Power & Light and from Federal,  
13 State, and local agencies.

14           Once we feel we have enough information at hand to  
15 establish the scope of the review, the staff will look at a  
16 number of issues including the environmental impacts of the  
17 proposed action, alternatives to the proposed action, and  
18 the impacts that could result from those alternatives, and  
19 possible mitigation measures which are things that can be  
20 done that would decrease the environmental impact from  
21 license renewals.

22           After we finish our environmental review, we will  
23 prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and we will  
24 issue it for public comment. This will be a plant-specific  
25 supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement

1 that we talked about earlier. We will rely on the findings  
2 from the generic Environmental Impact Statement for part of  
3 our conclusions.

4           The report is a draft, not because it is  
5 incomplete, but rather because we are at an intermediate  
6 stage in the decision-making process. So once we've issued  
7 the draft supplement we are planning on having another  
8 public comment period. It will be a 75-day comment period  
9 and that will be late next summer. We will be asking you, the  
10 public, to take a look at the results of our review and to  
11 provide any comments you may have. We will again hold two  
12 public meetings during the comment period to describe the  
13 results of the NRC review and to answer questions about our  
14 environmental document. After we gather the comments and  
15 evaluate them, we may decide to change portions of the  
16 Turkey Point-specific supplement to the generic  
17 Environmental Impact Statement based on those comments. The  
18 NRC will then issue a Final Turkey Point-specific supplement  
19 to the generic Environmental Impact Statement.

20           Now I've given you a general idea of the overall  
21 process. Let's talk about what we are going to be doing in  
22 the near term.

23           Over the next few months, the environmental review  
24 team will be looking at Florida Power & Light's application  
25 for Turkey Point. We'll be visiting the site and reviewing

1 Florida Power & Light's evaluation process and  
2 documentation, and we will be reviewing any comments that we  
3 have received during the scoping period that ends on  
4 December 22. All comments received during the scoping  
5 period will be considered.

6 In addition, we'll be obtaining additional  
7 information on Turkey Point from Federal, State, and local  
8 agencies, as well as local service agencies.

9 Now I'd like to tell you a little bit about what  
10 we look at. The GEIS was published as NUREG-1437. It was  
11 issued in 1996. It forms the basis for rule revisions in  
12 Part 51. Prior to that, NRC has worked with the  
13 Council on Environmental Quality, the Environmental  
14 Protection Agency, and a number of other groups, and held a  
15 series of public workshops to develop the final GEIS.

16 During that time the NRC did its best to identify  
17 what environmental issues needed to be reviewed for a  
18 license renewal. The staff identified and categorized the  
19 environmental impacts that were specific to license renewal  
20 and issued and identified a total of 92 potential  
21 environmental impacts. We evaluated each of these in that  
22 generic Environmental Impact Statement.

23 When the staff evaluated those 92 issues, it found  
24 that some of the issues were generic. That is, they were  
25 common to all plants regardless of their design or where

1 they were sited. The NRC wanted to categorize them  
2 differently from those that needed to be evaluated on a  
3 plant-specific basis. So we chose to designate these  
4 generic impacts as being in Category 1.

5           An example of a Category 1 issue is off-site  
6 radiological consequences. In developing the GEIS, the  
7 staff looked to see if off-site doses during the renewal  
8 period would be likely to exceed the current levels  
9 associated with normal operation of plants today. We  
10 performed a historical review and determined that doses to  
11 the public have been maintained well below those allowed by  
12 the regulations, and the staff could see no reason for these  
13 doses to increase due to the extended operation period,  
14 provided monitoring and control programs continued to be  
15 implemented acceptably. Because radiological impacts apply  
16 to all plants in a similar manner, and the significance  
17 level of the off-site radiological impact is considered  
18 small at all plants, provided that regulatory compliance is  
19 maintained, the staff concluded this issue can be addressed  
20 on a generic basis as a Category 1 issue. That doesn't mean  
21 that we're not going to be looking at the issue. It just  
22 means we're going to look only for significant new  
23 information that would cause us to change our conclusions  
24 that we made four years ago when we issued the generic  
25 Environmental Impact Statement.

1           There were 69 Category 1 issues identified among  
2 the 92 that we came up with. As part of our review, we  
3 require applicants to inform the NRC in its application  
4 whether it is aware of any new and significant information  
5 regarding these Category 1 issues.

6           During the scoping phase of this review, we would  
7 also look at comments from members of the public and from  
8 Federal, State, and local authorities to determine whether  
9 or not there is any significant new information on these  
10 issues.

11           If some new and significant information is  
12 identified, we will include it in our review to determine  
13 its environmental impact. If not, we would adopt the  
14 generic conclusions from the GEIS for that issue. All of  
15 the remaining 23 issues identified in the GEIS will be  
16 addressed on a plant-specific basis.

17           Finally, the review process is designed to help  
18 the NRC determine whether or not there are any significant  
19 new issues that we did not identify, four years ago,  
20 that are not covered in the GEIS -- that is, a 93rd issue.

21           New issues specific to Turkey Point may be  
22 revealed as a result of the scoping process we are  
23 undergoing right now. If a significant new issue is  
24 identified that was not considered in the generic  
25 Environmental Impact Statement, then it will be reviewed on



1 a plant-specific basis as though it were a Category 2 issue.

2           The next two slides will give you an idea of the  
3 types of things we look at when we're looking at ecology,  
4 certain endangered species, land use, some issues about  
5 human health, accidents, environmental justice, and  
6 alternatives. The regulations identify some issues that the  
7 staff does not look at during its environmental review,  
8 including the need for power, cost of power, and spent fuel  
9 disposal. In addition, our environmental review team will  
10 not be looking at the safety aspects of the license renewal.  
11 That will be covered by Mr. Grimes' people in the review  
12 process that he directs.

13           After the scoping period ends on December 22, the  
14 staff will assess all of the comments and determine whether  
15 or not they are applicable to the environmental aspects of  
16 license renewal. Issues that do not have a bearing on the  
17 decision to renew the license will be referred to the  
18 appropriate NRC program manager. The operating project  
19 manager, allegations coordinator, the region, are all  
20 examples.

21           Such an issue may also be referred to other  
22 agencies that may be interested in them. Safety issues  
23 related to license renewal will be referred to Mr. Grimes'  
24 staff.

25           This slide gives you the current schedule for the

1 environmental review at Turkey Point. We expect to be  
2 finished with the entire review by the end of January 2002.  
3 If there are no hearings and the review goes smoothly, we  
4 hope to improve on this schedule. To ensure that you are  
5 informed of any schedule changes, I recommend that you  
6 provide your name and address to us so that we can include  
7 you on the mailing list. That way we will send you notice  
8 of upcoming public meetings on the environmental review, and  
9 we will send you copies of the Draft and Final Environmental  
10 Impact Statements.

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12 The last slide provides you with my phone number in case you  
13 have additional questions after you leave here today. I am  
14 the designated point of contact within the NRC for the  
15 environmental portion of the license renewal review. All  
16 the documents that we spoke about today can be viewed on the  
17 NRC's home page on the web. In addition, the Homestead  
18 Library has agreed to maintain a copy of the application and  
19 some of the base documents as I indicated earlier, as well  
20 as the Code of Federal Regulations and the generic  
21 Environmental Impact Statement.

22           Comments can be submitted by mail, in person, or  
23 by E-mail. This slide gives the detail on how to submit  
24 comments or to get information.

25           In closing, I want to thank you for your

1 participation. This ends my formal presentation. Before  
2 we continue, I want to thank you for being here. Public  
3 participation is an important part of the NEPA process and  
4 license renewal. It's important that you participate  
5 because it makes a better process if you do. After all,  
6 it's likely that many of you living in the area know it  
7 better than we do.

8 I'd like to offer you the opportunity to ask  
9 questions about this presentation. Thank you.

10 MR. CAMERON: Okay. Thank you, Jim. Let's go to  
11 Joette for a question.

12 MS. LORION: Yes. I was interested in the prior  
13 slide you had where you showed you're doing two processes at  
14 once. You're doing a license renewal process at the same  
15 time that you're conducting the EIS. I wanted to know under  
16 NEPA, where you think you have the authority to be able to  
17 be doing the two processes at once instead of doing the EIS  
18 first, and --

19 MR. WILSON: Are you talking about the safety  
20 review in parallel with the environmental review?

21 MS. LORION: Yes. The parallel project.

22 MR. WILSON: Is this the slide you are referring  
23 to?

24 MS. LORION: Yes.

25 MR. CAMERON: Jim, do you want to address that or?

1 --

2 MR. WILSON: I'll take a shot at it.

3 MR. CAMERON: Okay. Then we'll see if any of the  
4 other NRC staff can add something.

5 MR. WILSON: It's current staff practice to begin  
6 a review once an application has been submitted. So they  
7 submitted their application in September and we began our  
8 review immediately.

9 MS. LORION: Well, I understand that, but I'm  
10 asking more for your authority under NEPA to be able to  
11 conduct a bifurcated process like this.

12 MR. CAMERON: Chris Grimes.

13 MR. GRIMES: I'll take a shot at it. It's not  
14 bifurcated because our authority to conduct safety reviews  
15 and establish safety requirements stems from the Atomic  
16 Energy Act and the Energy Reorganization Act, and we are  
17 obliged under those requirements to conduct safety reviews  
18 upon receipt of an application.

19 We fulfill our NEPA acts under a separate statute  
20 and separate guidance that we also start at the receipt of  
21 an application. So we see the parallel process as having  
22 two different purposes. They are conducted by two different  
23 staffs working with two different sets of objectives. That  
24 is the safety objective under the Atomic Energy Act, and the  
25 NEPA -- the environmental impact. Those are brought

1 together in a decision point at the conclusion, which  
2 includes also even a third parallel in activity which is the  
3 conduct of adjudicatory proceedings under 10 CFR, Part 2.

4           So it is our view that the three may share  
5 information relative to the plant, but because they are  
6 operating to different sets of standards for different  
7 purposes, it's appropriate for the efficient use of the  
8 taxpayer's investment -- that is our time -- to conduct the  
9 three in parallel.

10           MR. CAMERON: No decision is made until all of the  
11 reviews are done and they are looked at together.

12           MR. GRIMES: That's correct.

13           MS. LORION: That wasn't my question. I asked you  
14 where under NEPA, or if you could give me a cite where you  
15 conduct this type of process, where you encourage the review  
16 of your activities while you are doing the NEPA review.

17           MR. WILSON: NEPA does not address the safety  
18 review. It is the implementing regulation for how NRC  
19 implements NEPA at this agency. It does not speak to the  
20 safety review.

21           MS. CARPENTER: That is what I was going to say  
22 also is that, there's nothing that says that you can't  
23 conduct --

24           MR. CAMERON: Could you speak a little bit more  
25 into the microphone?

1 MS. CARPENTER: I'm sorry. There is nothing  
2 within NEPA that says that we cannot conduct them in  
3 parallel, and this what the staff does. They all come at  
4 the very end together and then a decision is made by the  
5 Commission.

6 MR. CAMERON: Okay. Let's go to Mark Oncavage.

7 MR. ONCAVAGE: Yes. I am Mark Oncavage. My  
8 question is the safety-related issues -- have they always  
9 been isolated from NEPA, or is this something that has  
10 happened recently?

11 MR. CAMERON: And Mark, when you say isolated,  
12 you don't just mean in the context of license renewal, but  
13 any NRC approval of license applications? Is it broad  
14 enough to include that?

15 MR. ONCAVAGE: Yes. The question goes back prior  
16 to license renewals. I can see it happening here. I'm  
17 wondering if it has happened in other processes that the NRC  
18 has done where there has been an Environmental Impact  
19 Statement and a Safety Evaluation Report. I don't remember  
20 it being done. Is this something new?

21 MR. GRIMES: Actually, I will harken back to -- we  
22 were doing safety reviews long before NEPA, and the safety  
23 requirements that are set forth actually stem from practices  
24 and standards that evolved during the 60's that are codified  
25 in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

1           That's where the general design criteria came from  
2 and all of the requirements in Part 50 that were used for  
3 the initial licensing. During the licensing at Calvert  
4 Cliffs, NEPA came into being, and we found that there was  
5 information that we had in our safety reviews that could be  
6 used in an environmental review.

7           It was at that time that we actually established  
8 the separate requirements for conducting environmental  
9 impact reviews that draw information from the safety  
10 reviews, but I would contend that the safety reviews have  
11 evolved separately since before NEPA was in existence.

12           MR. CAMERON: All right. Thank you, Chris. I  
13 guess what you're indicating is that this process of doing a  
14 concurrent safety review with the environmental review is  
15 pretty much standard operating procedure. Is that correct?

16           MS. CARPENTER: Yes. It is.

17           MR. CAMERON: All right. Any other questions back  
18 here on this before we get started with some of statements?  
19 I think that you will find some of these interesting. We  
20 have a lot of people here to talk and we'll try to move  
21 through them quickly but attentively so that we can listen  
22 to what people are going to say.

23           I think it's appropriate to begin with two  
24 representatives from Florida Power & Light. Bob Hovey, V.P.  
25 Turkey Point Plant, is going to say a few words to us and

1 then we are going to go to the Florida & Light License  
2 Renewal Project Manager, Liz Thompson. Then we will go to  
3 some of our elected officials. Bob --

4 MR. HOVEY: Good afternoon and thank you, Mr.  
5 Cameron. My name is Bob Hovey, and I'm the site  
6 vice-president in charge of the Turkey Point Nuclear Plant.

7 I'd also like to thank Jim Wilson from the staff,  
8 and the YMCA folks here, and the entire group from the  
9 Nuclear Regulatory Commission that arranged for us to hold  
10 this meeting here today. Thank you.

11 Florida Power & Light welcomes the insight and  
12 input from the community on the environmental aspects of the  
13 re-licensing of Turkey Point. This is a very important  
14 meeting to identify the environmental aspects of the license  
15 renewal initiative and their impact on the Homestead at  
16 Florida City community. I'd like to thank everyone for  
17 attending today and for participating in this important  
18 process.

19 I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you.  
20 Assisting me here today is Liz Thompson, our License Renewal  
21 Project Manager. We will be using this time this afternoon  
22 to provide an overview of the environmental report  
23 associated with the license renewal of Turkey Point.

24 I'm here to tell you that Florida Power & Light is  
25 very excited about license renewal. Turkey Point is one of



1 the top performing plants in the country. Turkey Point  
2 supplies a source of safe, clean, reliable, and inexpensive  
3 power to the people of South Florida. The plant and its  
4 employees are also an integral part of the South Florida  
5 community, south Miami-Dade County. Turkey Point, you may  
6 recall, returned to operation just 38 days after Hurricane  
7 Andrew passed through the area back in 1992. It then  
8 provided power throughout the recovery period. Turkey Point  
9 also provides a superior environmental benefit by producing  
10 large amounts of power without greenhouse gas emissions.

11 First let me tell you a little bit about myself.  
12 I graduated from Thomas A. Edison State College with a  
13 degree in Nuclear Engineering Technology, and I also earned  
14 an MBA from Rutgers University. I joined FPL as  
15 vice-president of the Turkey Point Plant back in 1995, and I  
16 have over 25 years of experience in the nuclear business  
17 with the Navy and various utilities. Not only do I work  
18 here in south Miami/ Dade County, but I live here too. My  
19 wife and I and our six children consider this area our home.

20 Since this is my family's home, I care about the  
21 community we live in. To help the community I participate  
22 in the community in many ways, such as serving as the  
23 fund-raising Chairperson for the Boy Scouts of south  
24 Miami-Dade County. I am also on the Advisory Council for  
25 the Florida International University Engineering Program,

1 and I contribute at the leadership pillar level every year,  
2 to local area agencies through the United Way. I am a Board  
3 Member of the south Miami Dade Vision Council for Economic  
4 Development of this area.

5 The prosperity and well-being of this community is  
6 important to me. I see the renewal of Turkey Point's  
7 operating licenses as an essential part of the community's  
8 well-being.

9 Turkey Point is a four-unit site located on the  
10 shore of Biscayne Bay, approximately 10 miles east of  
11 Florida City, and about 24 miles south of Miami. Units 1  
12 and 2 are gas and oil-fired units. Units 3 and 4 are  
13 nuclear units. The license renewal process that we're  
14 referring to here today applies only to the nuclear units.

15 At full power, each unit generates about 693  
16 megawatts of electricity and provides enough electricity to  
17 serve the southern part of Miami-Dade County, which is from  
18 around the Miami International Airport and areas south.  
19 This is over 25,000 homes served.

20 Over the years, Turkey Point has demonstrated high  
21 levels of safety and reliability. Turkey Point is the only  
22 plant in the United States to ever receive three consecutive  
23 superior ratings for safety performance from the agency that  
24 regulates it, The Nuclear Regulatory Commission. That spans  
25 the years from 1994 through 1999 when that particular

1 program was ended.

2 Turkey Point is consistently rated one of the best  
3 plants for safety and reliability in the country by the  
4 World Association of Nuclear Operators, an independent  
5 organization.

6 Our regulators and peers have recognized Turkey  
7 Point as a top-performing plant. Turkey Point also provides  
8 an economic source of electricity for our neighbors in South  
9 Florida. Even if you add the cost of construction, future  
10 cost of operation and maintenance, and license renewal  
11 process, the Turkey Point Plant remains a very  
12 cost-effective supplier of electricity.

13 The Atomic Energy Commission, which was the  
14 predecessor of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, issued a  
15 40-year license for Turkey Point to operate Unit 3 in 1972,  
16 and Unit 4 in 1973. These licenses were issued after  
17 completion of an extensive evaluation of the technical and  
18 environmental aspects associated with Turkey Point.

19 For the past 28 years, our employees have worked  
20 hard to sustain the option of continued operation of both  
21 Turkey Point units well beyond their initial 40 years of  
22 operation, through their dedication to the highest  
23 maintenance standards and a commitment to safety. Their  
24 extraordinary commitment has resulted in Turkey Point being  
25 recognized as one of the most safe, reliable, and efficient

1 nuclear plants in the industry.

2           Our company, Florida Power & Light, and our  
3 employees have worked hard to be good neighbors in all the  
4 communities we serve. Our employees are your family  
5 members, friends, and neighbors. Over the life of the  
6 plant, Turkey Point employees have been and continue to be  
7 socially responsible, actively supporting many of our local  
8 community activities. For me, the most personally rewarding  
9 component of our process to renew the operating license for  
10 Turkey Point has been to share this information with our  
11 neighbors in the surrounding communities. Our team has  
12 spoken to over seven hundred individuals at over seventy  
13 meetings and gatherings, and the feedback that we've  
14 received showed a strong support for the re-licensing at  
15 Turkey Point to ensure its continued safe operation, and  
16 maintain it as a member of this community.

17           I'd like to thank all of our neighbors for the  
18 warm reception that you've shown us in inviting us to share  
19 this information with you. It gave us the opportunity to  
20 hear what was important to you, and it will help us in  
21 continuing our long relationship with the people of south  
22 Miami-Dade County.

23           The strong support that we've received helped  
24 underscore for our employees that we are an important part  
25 of the community and wish to continue to be so. I am a

1 strong advocate of our license renewal application. I've  
2 worked in the nuclear power industry for over 25 years, and  
3 have had an opportunity to look at different forms of power  
4 generation and delivery. I believe that the renewal of the  
5 Turkey Point license is the best long-term solution for  
6 energy needs in this community and throughout the state and  
7 country.

8 Preparation of our license renewal application was  
9 a major undertaking. Thousands of work hours were used to  
10 generate this information and to verify that Turkey Point  
11 would in fact, be a safe, reliable plant in the future. I'm  
12 proud of the application and of the team that developed it.

13 Now I'd like to turn the presentation over to our  
14 Licensing Renewal Project Manager, Liz Thompson, for a  
15 description of some of the environmental aspects of our  
16 application. Thank you.

17 MR. CAMERON: Thank you.

18 MS. THOMPSON: Thanks, Bob. Good afternoon  
19 everyone. I'd like to say what a great honor it is to be  
20 here today representing the dedicated employees of Turkey  
21 Point, as we pursue license renewal for the Turkey Point  
22 Units. The employees and I want to remain a part of the  
23 south Miami-Dade community. Obtaining renewed licenses is a  
24 necessary step to ensure we are able to continue as active  
25 and beneficial neighbors in this community.

1           As Bob said, my name is Liz Thompson, and I'm the  
2 Project Manager for the Turkey Point License Renewal. I am  
3 a mechanical engineer from Virginia Tech and have worked in  
4 the nuclear industry for over 16 years. I joined FPL in  
5 1987, and have supported Turkey Point as a design engineer,  
6 a maintenance supervisor, a project manager, and engineering  
7 manager for the plant for the last 13 years.

8           Like many of you I am a Hurricane Andrew survivor  
9 and worked as a member of Turkey Point's Emergency Response  
10 Team to ensure the plant was maintained in a safe condition  
11 during that time. I have lived in the south Miami-Dade area  
12 for those 13 years, and like over sixty other employees at  
13 Turkey Point, I am a leadership contributor to local area  
14 agencies through the United Way, meaning that I contribute  
15 \$1,000 a year to local area charities. I am a regular blood  
16 donor and I'm active in other community events such as the  
17 Bay Cleanup and Breast Cancer charities.

18           My background and involvement in the community is  
19 typical of the employees at Turkey Point. We are a  
20 highly-trained, professional group of employees that are an  
21 integral part of this local community. I am proud to be a  
22 Turkey Point employee. I am proud of the commitment to  
23 safety operating that power plant every day that our  
24 employees and I embrace. I am proud of their hard work and  
25 their standards of excellence and continuous improvement

1 that our employees demonstrate each and every day, and I'm  
2 proud of the work that we do to preserve and protect the  
3 environment.

4 I'd like to share some information with you about  
5 the beneficial coexistence of Turkey Point and the  
6 environment.

7 The Turkey Point Power Plant is located on 22,000  
8 acres east of Homestead and Florida City. The plant site  
9 was originally larger, but in the 1970's FPL gave some of  
10 the land to the National Park's Service to help establish  
11 Biscayne National Park. Over 13,000 acres of that property  
12 is undeveloped, and is part of the Everglades Mitigation  
13 Bank. FPL is restoring this to its natural state and  
14 maintaining the land for the protection and preservation of  
15 the environment. This property is strategically located  
16 between Biscayne National Park and Everglades National Park.

17 The remaining portion of the property is used for  
18 the safe and reliable generation of electricity. The power  
19 equipment is located in the northeast area of the property  
20 and it uses less than 1,000 acres of land. Approximately  
21 6,800 acres of land comprise the closed, cooling water canal  
22 system, which consists of 168 miles of canals that cool the  
23 power plants, an essential part of generating electricity.  
24 The canal system also serves as a unique area for the  
25 mating, nesting, and nursery of the endangered American

1 Crocodile.

2           It is estimated that approximately 70% of the  
3 increase in population of the American Crocodile in South  
4 Florida is due to the preservation efforts of FPL in the  
5 cooling canal system. The preservation of the site and the  
6 species present there will continue during the renewed  
7 operating license period.

8           The renewal of the Turkey Point licenses is  
9 important to meet the energy needs of South Florida.  
10 Florida is growing approximately 2% per year, and the energy  
11 demand per year and per customer, is also increasing.  
12 Because of this, the overall demand for electricity is  
13 increasing and FPL must provide power plants to meet that  
14 demand. It is important that the power plants be close to  
15 where the electricity is needed to ensure the quality of the  
16 power and stability of the system. Without Turkey Point,  
17 another power plant would need to be located in the South  
18 Florida area.

19           The renewal of the Turkey Point licenses would  
20 provide clean energy without using new land for a new power  
21 plant to meet the growing needs of electricity in South  
22 Florida. In fact, for each year of operation nuclear plants  
23 prevent substantial amounts of carbon emissions and other  
24 pollutants from going into the air that we breathe. The  
25 positive impact on air quality will continue during the



1 period of extended operation.

2           Part of our process to renew our license includes  
3 evaluating the alternatives. We studied all the  
4 alternatives for generating electricity, and renewing the  
5 operating licenses for Turkey Point continues to make sense.  
6 Without Turkey Point, a new plant would likely have to be  
7 built, and a means for transporting the fuel to the plant  
8 would have to be constructed. This could mean constructing  
9 a new gas pipeline to the site. Windmills would require  
10 over 200,000 acres. A solar park would require over 50,000  
11 acres, and both would be less reliable than Turkey Point,  
12 due to unstable winds and regular cloud cover, making them  
13 impractical and more expensive. Turkey Point's license  
14 renewal is the least impact alternative for providing  
15 electricity to the South Florida community.

16           Keeping Turkey Point a part of this community is  
17 also important to the social and economic well-being of our  
18 neighbors. With an estimated economic impact of over \$60  
19 million annually to the local economy, and by the  
20 participation of the Turkey Point employees in the community  
21 through things like the United Way, PTAs, local government,  
22 Boys and Girl Scouts, and so on, Turkey Point and its  
23 employees are a vital part of this community's social and  
24 economic well-being.

25           The Turkey Point employees want to remain a part

1 of this community. As your neighbors we share your concern  
2 for you and your family's health and well-being, for the  
3 well-being of the community, and the well-being of the  
4 environment. We are committed to safely and reliably  
5 operating the Turkey Point Power Plant long into the future  
6 to meet the growing needs for energy in South Florida.  
7 Thank you.

8 MR. CAMERON: Okay. Thank you, Liz. We have  
9 heard from FP&L on the motivation for license renewal  
10 application. Now I'd like to go to several elected  
11 officials that we have with us today. I'd like to start out  
12 with Commissioner Dennis Moss, from Miami-Dade County.  
13 Commissioner --

14 COMMISSIONER MOSS: Good afternoon. First of all,  
15 I'd like to welcome the NRC to our fine community. Thank  
16 you for having this meeting this afternoon.

17 Having said that, I want to start off by saying  
18 that what is paramount to me is really that we protect the  
19 health and safety, that we protect the environment, and that  
20 we protect the national security. FP&L, Turkey Point has  
21 been a good neighbor in this community. It sits in the  
22 middle of my District -- District 9, and over the years I  
23 have had a chance to interface with staff and members from  
24 FP&L, and I've seen them raise standards to one of the best  
25 in the country.

1           During my visits to the plant, certainly there was  
2 a major concern about security and safety. They are a major  
3 provider of jobs in the community. The plant provides most  
4 of the electricity for south Miami-Dade County, and indeed,  
5 they have shown a sensitivity to the environment. I know  
6 for a fact that they have worked with us in government,  
7 Miami-Dade County to protect some of the environmentally  
8 endangered lands in the community, and we have been very  
9 pleased with that partnership.

10           Finally, in closing -- not to talk about the  
11 environmentally sensitive habitats that were talked about  
12 earlier with the crocodiles and the other animals. Finally,  
13 in closing I would just request as a part of the scoping  
14 process that you take into consideration Turkey Point's  
15 willingness in the past to take the necessary steps to  
16 mitigate any environmental impacts that they have faced. I  
17 think that they have been good neighbors in the sense of  
18 trying to really adapt and change and do the things that are  
19 going to be in the best interest of this community.

20           So having said that, I want to thank you for this  
21 opportunity, and I certainly thank everybody for showing up  
22 this afternoon. I'm hoping that in going through the  
23 process, that at the end of the day this facility can  
24 continue to function and provide services in this community,  
25 while at the same time protecting the health and safety of

1 the community, protecting the environment, and certainly  
2 protecting the national security. Thank you very much.

3 MR. CAMERON: Thank you very much, Commissioner  
4 Moss. Next we're going to go to Mayor Wallace, Mayor of  
5 Florida City.

6 MAYOR WALLACE: Good afternoon. I'd like to  
7 concur with Commissioner Moss in welcoming the NRC to our  
8 community to get our input regarding this very important  
9 decision that has to be made. I'm here to speak in support  
10 of the Turkey Point Power Plant and FP&L's request for  
11 re-certification.

12 FP&L and Turkey Point has been a safe, reliable,  
13 efficient, and reasonably-priced source of energy for our  
14 community. Following Hurricane Andrew it stood tall as a  
15 beacon of light providing the energy needs until this  
16 community rebounded, and since that time it has continued to  
17 provide the growing energy needs for our community. The  
18 Turkey Point Power Plant is much more than really a source  
19 of energy in this community. It is an integral part of our  
20 economic fabric.

21 With over 800 employees, just about all our  
22 families are somehow touched through the connection with  
23 Turkey Point Plant. With \$50 billion in payroll multiplied  
24 throughout our community, many of our businesses are able to  
25 stay afloat and flourish because of the economic impact of

1 this plant. This is particularly important since we lost  
2 the Homestead Air Force Base and its economic engine. FP&L  
3 has stood tall in the gap to help us survive economically.

4 The Turkey Point Plant is also environmentally  
5 sensitive. The 13,000 acres that have been set aside for  
6 mitigation, I think, is evidence of this corporation's  
7 commitment to protect the environment, but the economic  
8 impact shows also that they realize that mankind is part of  
9 the environment. They must eat, sleep, live, and have a  
10 place to work. FP&L is also meeting that environmental  
11 challenge -- the challenge of protecting man as well.

12 As one of two cities closest to the plant, I am  
13 deeply concerned when it comes to safety, because if  
14 anything goes wrong, we'll be the first to be effected.  
15 Again, the Turkey Point Plant's record has been impeccable  
16 with regard to safety. Superior ratings are a way of life  
17 for this plant. In fact, I believe it's the only plant in  
18 the country that has had three consecutive superior ratings.  
19 So when it comes to safety, FP&L and Turkey Point have once  
20 again met the challenge.

21 There's a simple saying we believe in Florida City  
22 and that is, if something is not broke, you simply don't fix  
23 it. I think in the case of the Turkey Point Plant it can  
24 easily be said that this plant is not broken and certainly  
25 does not need to be fixed. It has always been something

1 that has worked, and it has been working for a long time.

2 I recall in the early 70's I worked at the power  
3 plant when it was being constructed. It helped put my way  
4 through college. Again, evidencing the importance of this  
5 plant to the community. It helped get me through school.  
6 So it's in a personal way that it has been important to me.

7 As we move into the future, it's easy to see that  
8 we're going to continue to need power, and I think Turkey  
9 Point has established that this is the best way to get it  
10 done. I don't want to see carbon flying through the air. I  
11 don't want to see the environment being disturbed with the  
12 construction of a new plant that may or may not work as  
13 well. I think we've got something that works. Let's not  
14 fix it. Thank you.

15 MR. CAMERON: Thank you very much, Mayor Wallace.  
16 Next we're going to hear from Chuck Lanza. Chuck is here as  
17 the Director of the Office of Emergency Management from  
18 Miami-Dade, but he also has a statement to read from Mayor  
19 Penelas.

20 MR. LANZA: Good afternoon. Thank you very much,  
21 Chip. I'm representing the Honorable Alex Penelas, the  
22 Mayor of Miami-Dade County, and he has asked me to read a  
23 letter into the record. I'd also like to follow with a few  
24 comments as a consumer and as the Emergency Manager for  
25 Miami-Dade County.

1           From the Office of the Mayor of Miami-Dade  
2 County, Florida, Alex Penelas, Mayor, December 6, 2000:

3           Good evening. I would like to welcome the members  
4 of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to Miami-Dade County  
5 and thank them for their professionalism and commitment on  
6 this very important endeavor.

7           Florida Power and Light and the services they  
8 provide are an important component of Miami-Dade county.  
9 Likewise, the Turkey Point Nuclear Plant is an equally  
10 important component of south Miami-Dade County. For these  
11 reasons, I would like to explain why I support the license  
12 renewal of the Turkey Point Nuclear Plant:

13           Miami-Dade County is a growing community with  
14 increasing demands for electricity. By approving the  
15 license, Turkey Point Nuclear Plant will be able to provide  
16 South Florida with safe, clean, reliable, and economical  
17 electricity well into the 21st century.

18           Turkey Point Nuclear Plant is one of the safest  
19 and best-run nuclear plants in the country as judged by its  
20 regulators and its peers. It has consistently received top  
21 ratings from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and by the  
22 Institute of Nuclear Power Operations.

23           Miami-Dade County has a very strong record of its  
24 commitment to protect its natural environment. The Turkey  
25 Point employees have developed a unique stewardship of the

1 environment in the region surrounding the plant by  
2 preserving the natural habitat surrounding the plant,  
3 providing homes to many endangered species, including the  
4 American Crocodile.

5 Miami-Dade County is a diverse community with many  
6 needs. The Turkey Point employees are caring neighbors to  
7 communities surrounding the plant. Its employees  
8 continually make significant contributions to community and  
9 civic organizations.

10 Turkey Point Nuclear Plant is one of the largest  
11 employers in the region with over 800 employees and its  
12 purchase of local services helps sustain the economy of  
13 south Miami-Dade County.

14 I appreciate being allowed to enter these comments  
15 into the record and enabling me to demonstrate why I support  
16 Turkey Point Nuclear Plant's license renewal application.

17 Thank you again, for your commitment and the time  
18 you have spent executing your significant responsibilities  
19 as a Commission. Sincerely, Alex Penelas, Mayor.

20 Now as a consumer, I appreciate the clean, low  
21 cost and reliable energy provided by Florida Power & Light  
22 based mainly on the Turkey Point Nuclear Plant. As the  
23 Emergency Manager, I cannot comment on the environment  
24 impacts or plant operations, but I can comment on  
25 observations based on exercises that we've held jointly with



1 Florida Power & Light and the Offices of Emergency  
2 Management.

3           These exercises have been evaluated and  
4 non-evaluated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Most  
5 recently, we had a medical scenario. In fact, that was held  
6 yesterday, where we worked together with the plant, with the  
7 local fire-rescue personnel, and with the receiving facility  
8 in Miami-Dade County, where the hospital takes over and  
9 treats the patient that would have been contaminated by an  
10 accident at the plant. Needless to say, this is the second  
11 one we'll have this year. We will have another one December  
12 14, which will be evaluated.

13           We have multiple-plume exposure in the ingestion  
14 pathway exercises. We'll have another evaluated exercise  
15 next year working closely with the plant, the company, and  
16 all the departments and agencies in Miami-Dade County.  
17 We'll also be working with the surrounding municipalities,  
18 the surrounding counties, and the State of Florida.

19           The response to threats that may in the unlikely  
20 event of an accident at the plant have been a main concern  
21 of the Office of Emergency Management, and has caused a very  
22 close working relationship with the plant and with Florida  
23 Power & Light. During multiple events over the last five  
24 years, which has been my tenure in Emergency Management, we  
25 have dealt with Hurricane George, Hurricane Irene, and

1 obviously, the October storm. We had a close working  
2 relationship with the company and renewing power back to the  
3 residents of the county.

4 My observations are that their people were in our  
5 office from the very start to the very last day that we were  
6 there and were committed to providing good, reasonable and  
7 timely information to our community on when their power  
8 would be restored, and they in fact, met their obligations  
9 to this county.

10 At the beginning of last year we began working on  
11 a plan to deal with problems that face this community  
12 dealing with Y2K. Florida Power & Light was the first  
13 utility to the table and they stayed with us all the way  
14 through including New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. While  
15 many of you were out partying, we, along with our friends  
16 from Florida Power & Light were standing by waiting in case  
17 there were any disruptions.

18 My review of their plans for response in our  
19 community are well thought out and they are sound. The  
20 people they have provided to us have been knowledgeable and  
21 dedicated. They definitely show a commitment to this  
22 community, as well as to the company. Many cynics may say  
23 that what they have done in working with Emergency  
24 Management are mandates and things that they must do, but  
25 I've noticed something different. I've noticed a commitment

1 that's far and above what the mandates require.

2           Once again, thank you for being here and I  
3 appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today.

4           MR. CAMERON: Okay. Thank you, Chuck. Next we're  
5 going to go to Mayor Steve Shiver, who is Mayor of  
6 Homestead. Mayor Shiver --

7           MAYOR SHIVER: Good afternoon. I think the more  
8 we hear people speak, the more we know that the importance  
9 of this facility is not just about economic development.  
10 The environmental issues are there and I'd like to touch on  
11 that a little bit. Thank you very much first, for holding  
12 this forum here in Homestead. Quite often we go through  
13 these processes and they are held in North Miami or Coral  
14 Gables, and quite frankly, it gives an opportunity for those  
15 who are in the audience right now that are concerned about  
16 the operations and the safety features of the Turkey Point  
17 Plant, and concerned about continuing the plant as well, but  
18 it gives us an opportunity locally to touch on those issues.  
19 I think that's to be commended. Thank you very much.

20           My history with the plant goes back some time  
21 because my uncle actually dug those cooling canals many  
22 years ago and unlike Otis, I didn't get to work there and go  
23 through school. I was a little young at the time, but I've  
24 lived here 34 years, and the Turkey Point Nuclear Plant is  
25 something that has definitely grown on this community in the

1 sense that we now have two elected leaders -- City  
2 Councilman, Shaun Fletcher and Commissioner Eugene Berry at  
3 Florida City, that now are employed at the Turkey Point  
4 Plant. So not just the United Way and the benefits of the  
5 800 employees and how they intricately work within our  
6 community, they are actually stepping up to the plate in  
7 more ways than one. That's a very important issue.

8 I want to first -- I think Commissioner Moss  
9 touched on it quite well -- talking about safety. We are  
10 the folks that live here. We are the most effected by this  
11 if there were any emergencies and quite frankly, we are very  
12 comfortable in having a plant that has had three consecutive  
13 ratings of superior safety. I don't think anyone else has  
14 had that to boast about. So I'm very proud of that safety  
15 record. Environmental issues: We have one of the only  
16 crocodile natural habitats in this area, and that says a lot  
17 about the dedication of the Turkey Point Plant and the  
18 employees to making sure the environment can coexist with  
19 this facility.

20 I think Bob Hovey made sense when he said that  
21 there are four plants out there and they generate 500  
22 million in megawatts. Well, we have 16 engines across the  
23 street, and a max capacity we are about 55 megawatts for the  
24 same units. If that shows you that there is a facility here  
25 that is addressing the needs of power for this community, we

1 do not have to go out and build anything else. We already  
2 have it here. It's as important that we don't go and  
3 disturb sensitive lands to enhance our capacity for electric  
4 as it is important for the other issues that we're facing.  
5 I won't go into those because that's a whole different  
6 topic, but we must look at prudently using the things that  
7 are already in place. This quite frankly, is simply there  
8 and operating efficiently.

9 I want to thank you all for coming today. My  
10 comments are brief, but I think it's common sense. We have  
11 a facility that is working. We have employees that are  
12 there contributing \$8 million in real estate taxes, \$50  
13 million a year in payroll to this community. That's an  
14 economic impact and I think that may be a selfish thing to  
15 say because it effects Homestead. Well, you know what?  
16 It's time that we continued to look at the economic engines  
17 that are here. We talk about going out and attracting and  
18 trying to do our best to relocated businesses here. Well,  
19 we have an opportunity today to carry on and I hope that my  
20 support and my speaking here today has helped do that.  
21 Thank you.

22 MR. CAMERON: Thank you, Mayor Shiver. I'm going  
23 to give you a little preview in terms of who will be coming  
24 up next so that the people who are going to be speaking can  
25 get prepared. We are going to go next to Betty Thomas from

1 Dade County Public Schools. Then we're going to go to Bob  
2 Epling, and then we're going to go to Joette Lorion. So if  
3 Betty Thomas is here? Betty, you can go wherever you are  
4 comfortable.

5 MS. THOMAS: Good afternoon. I'm Betty Thomas. I  
6 work with the County Public Schools. I have been fortunate  
7 enough to work in the South Dade area for eight years. I've  
8 lived in the area that Turkey Point serves for over 21  
9 years, so the plant is of great concern to me.

10 We also have a relationship with Turkey Point  
11 because the school where I work has a satellite school at  
12 Turkey Point; so safety is a very big concern for the  
13 children and for the community.

14 I was very impressed when I had a representative  
15 from Turkey Point come over to speak with me. I asked  
16 questions. I said, I'm concerned about safety. What can  
17 you tell me? I was impressed when they said that they had  
18 received those superior ratings from the Nuclear Regulatory  
19 Commission, because we worry about our boys and girls; they  
20 are our future. I live in this community. I am concerned  
21 for safety and the environment. I want what is best for our  
22 community. I think it's very impressive that Turkey Point  
23 gives back to the community. They are involved in United  
24 Way. They donated computers for boys and girls to use at  
25 our school site. We've had them come over and talk to our

1 students on career week about jobs in the area at Turkey  
2 Point. They have always been so eager to come over and  
3 share with us, and from what I've seen, they have a big  
4 interest in the community.

5           It's important when you have people that work in a  
6 nuclear power plant that live in the community, because you  
7 know they not only have their interests, but the interests  
8 of the community at large in mind as well.

9           I was very happy when they asked me if I was  
10 interested in coming and speaking on their behalf. I said  
11 yes, I would love to come, but I again asked questions  
12 because I am responsible for children.

13           When I go over to that power plant and I look at  
14 those birds that are flying beautifully over there, I feel  
15 safe when I walk in there. I cannot predict what will  
16 happen in the future, but I am very impressed that the plant  
17 takes an interest in safety and the environment.

18           I would like to thank you all for having this  
19 meeting here because as the Mayor said, sometimes the  
20 meetings are out of reach and we aren't able to come and  
21 speak on anyone's behalf. So thank you for being here and  
22 thank you for holding this meeting. I speak in favor of  
23 having Turkey Point re-licensed. Thank you.

24           MR. CAMERON: Okay. Thank you, Betty. Next, Bob  
25 Epling.

1           MR. EPLING: Good afternoon. I want to echo the  
2 previous speakers in saying thank you all very much for  
3 coming into our community and listening to us and letting us  
4 share our views and our thoughts about Turkey Point.

5           My experience with Turkey Point goes back to the  
6 beginning when it was in the planning stages, and also when  
7 Bechtel was doing the build out. They have just truly been  
8 a part of our community since then.

9           I look at Turkey Point in two aspects. First, the  
10 corporate aspect and of course, the personal aspect. From  
11 the personal aspect, as someone before said, it's hard to go  
12 anywhere in our community that you don't meet someone who is  
13 an employee or associated with Turkey Point. They could be  
14 in your church, they could be coaching the little league,  
15 they could be a part of many civic activities. From a  
16 personal standpoint, they are good citizens. You don't hear  
17 of anything that is negative about the people who work at  
18 Turkey Point including some of the things that they've done,  
19 such as the school that they put out there and many of the  
20 things they've done.

21           From the corporate standpoint, my experience has  
22 been throughout the years they have been a good corporate  
23 partner to the community. They have kept us informed,  
24 they're had regular communications with us about what is  
25 going on out there. They have asked for our opinions. They



1 have run a safe facility. They have provided a service to  
2 our community at an economical price that I don't believe  
3 you can get anywhere else.

4           My friend, Kenny Graves, who had the lead a while  
5 ago, has a unique position in this community because he  
6 grows seed; seed corn, seed sunflower, seed tobacco for  
7 people all over the world. He said after the hurricane, he  
8 had to crank up his farm in order to survive and he had to  
9 also crank up his house on propane gas. He calculated that  
10 he spent three times as much on propane gas for three months  
11 as he would have spent for electricity from Turkey Point.  
12 So it's beneficial to everyone in our community.

13           Corporately, I know that Turkey Point has  
14 addressed the environmental issues out there because I've  
15 been out there. I've been to the red barn. My company has  
16 used the red barn on a number of occasions to enjoy  
17 themselves and to do those things.

18           On behalf of Community Bank of Florida, and on  
19 behalf of myself personally, we endorse the continuance of  
20 Turkey Point as a good neighbor, and we endorse the  
21 re-licensing. Thank you very much.

22           I have two letters here; one from another  
23 executive who would like to file their personal letter on  
24 behalf of the support too. Thank you.

25           MR. CAMERON: Okay. Thank you, Bob. We're next

1 going to go to Joette Lorion and then we'll go to Joe  
2 Wasilewski, Jenny Shaben, and Angie Howard. Joette --

3 MS. LORION: Good afternoon. I'm Joette Lorion.  
4 I've been a longtime member of this community and a longtime  
5 environmentalist. I began nuclear power issues when I lived  
6 in Canada. When I worked for a doctor who studied uranium,  
7 I learned the impact that low-level radiation was having.  
8 So I became very interested in the issue.

9 When I moved here, I became interested in Turkey  
10 Point. I remember Turkey Point when it wasn't a good  
11 performer. I remember it when it was on the worst list and  
12 I actually credit myself and the scrutiny of people like me  
13 who caused the NRC to look at what was going on very  
14 closely, to making them a very good operating plant. I  
15 credit you for doing that and I hope you continue that.

16 I have no questions about the integrity and the  
17 capability and, you know, the responsibility of the people  
18 who work at Turkey Point. I know they are good people. I  
19 don't question the integrity of the airplane pilot who was  
20 flying an old jetliner and it had a crack and he had an  
21 accident. There are just some issues involved here that  
22 people in this community need to look into. You can't  
23 blindly just look at Turkey Point. The NRC needs to look  
24 into them because this is an old nuclear power plant. What  
25 we want here in Homestead, what we want in Dade County is

1 reliable electricity. You can get that other ways. You  
2 could have a natural gas plant in Turkey Point. You could  
3 probably convert Turkey Point to a natural gas plant.

4           The question here is, do you operate an old  
5 nuclear plant for 20 years beyond its original license, and  
6 what kind of issues environmentally should the Commission be  
7 looking at? I am concerned that you are not going to look  
8 at safety issues because we know that a nuclear accident at  
9 Turkey Point worse case, could kill 29,000 people in a  
10 20-mile radius of the plant and contaminate an area within  
11 at least 70 miles.

12           A spent fuel accident could contaminate 224 square  
13 miles. We know that we live in a hurricane zone. We know  
14 that -- and Chief Lanza -- you weren't here when Hurricane  
15 Andrew hit, but there was no response capability. The  
16 reason Turkey Point was shut down is because you couldn't  
17 get out.

18           My concern is for the person who lives here.  
19 Nuclear plants are designed for defense in depth, but when  
20 you have aging equipment and a plant gets hit by a  
21 hurricane, and you have things that could go wrong and you  
22 can't get people out, these are the things you need to look  
23 at. For you to say you're not going to look at nuclear  
24 safety which is a significant environmental impact, in my  
25 opinion, when you're talking about the public health and

1 safety of the people in this room, is irresponsible and  
2 violates NEPA.

3 I'd just like to quickly go over what I've turned  
4 in here because I have real concerns about your process  
5 which I expressed in my questions here. That's that you are  
6 doing a two-prong process. The NEPA process requires that  
7 you do a fair and objective analysis of Turkey Point and  
8 alternatives to Turkey Point; maybe it's a gas plant at  
9 Turkey Point because they have room for it. They were going  
10 to build six nuclear plants there.

11 So in order to do a fair and objective analysis  
12 you can't be going on your way re-licensing the plant --  
13 taking the process to re-license the plant. You have 12  
14 years to go. You can easily do an Environmental Statement,  
15 look at all the issues, and then go on if you deem it and  
16 re-license the plant.

17 I think what you're doing right now in my opinion,  
18 violates NEPA. I'm not a lawyer, but I've been involved in  
19 NEPA lawsuits and I don't think you can take a hard look at  
20 this issue in the way you are going about it now. In fact,  
21 I think it's kind of like Alice in Wonderland -- first the  
22 verdict, then the trial. I know that FPL has been going  
23 around trying to get people to support their proposal. I  
24 would have done the same thing, but I think under NEPA you  
25 have to be objective and you have to look at the whole

1 process.

2 I would also ask that you waive your generic rule  
3 for this proceeding. We are going to tell you why under 10  
4 CFR -- is it .758 or .748? I need to put my glasses on, but  
5 I would like you to waive the rule.

6 The reason being that there is significant new  
7 information at Turkey Point in terms of its significance to  
8 this whole area -- the whole South Florida area in the  
9 Everglades restoration effort.

10 It's a very big part of an \$8 billion Federal  
11 Government project that just went through Congress. I will  
12 give to you a piece out of the Everglades Bill where  
13 Congress has shown that Everglades restoration is a national  
14 priority, and that a site very close to Turkey Point --  
15 within a couple miles of Turkey Point -- they were concerned  
16 about how that was going to be developed because of the  
17 Everglades restoration. So I think that Congress would be  
18 very concerned about what you are doing at Turkey Point.

19 I think also the significant new information is  
20 that when Andrew happened, they did not have emergency  
21 response capability. This, unlike many of the nuclear  
22 plants you've looked at, is in a hurricane zone. We have a  
23 hurricane season. They are frequently occurring natural  
24 events. You have to look at the possibility -- which is  
25 back to the safety -- of an accident hitting Turkey Point,

1 aging equipment going wrong, and not being able to remove  
2 people at Turkey Point, and whether that increases the  
3 probability and the consequences of a nuclear accident to  
4 public health and safety and to the environment.

5 Your process must also comply with the Endangered  
6 Species Act. Within a 50-mile radius at Turkey Point I dare  
7 say you'd have probably 60 endangered and threatened species  
8 because you're talking about a major ecosystem. So it's  
9 very important that you not just look -- and they do  
10 wonderful work on crocodiles -- I love their crocodiles and  
11 the work that, is it Joe does? He's great. He goes around  
12 to the schools, but you need to look at a 50-mile radius of  
13 the plant.

14 On Page 7 of my letter, I went up to the Supreme  
15 Court. I was in so many lawsuits on this issue, but this  
16 issue was never really looked at because it became  
17 procedural just like kind of, the elections are right now.  
18 The issue of pressure-vessel integrity at Turkey Point and  
19 does this reactor have the integrity it needs to have, I  
20 don't think has been answered.

21 I know that when I was doing my other lawsuits  
22 there was a lab that tested the raw metal material at Turkey  
23 Point and they saw some problems and said, This could be  
24 wrong, but you ought to retest these materials in a couple  
25 of years.

1           I don't believe FPL has re-tested since the late  
2 70's or early 80's and they can correct me, but the proof of  
3 the pudding of how strong that vessel that surrounds the  
4 core that will protect us from a reactor accident is, is  
5 inside the Turkey Point reactors. They should be forced to  
6 test that. That should become part of the NEPA process  
7 because it's not only important to safety, it's important to  
8 economics.

9           Would testing that show that the vessels would  
10 have to be annealed or replaced during the life of the  
11 reactor? No reactor vessel has ever been replaced in a  
12 nuclear plant. I'm not sure what the figures are in  
13 annealing it, but I know it's enormous and you'd have  
14 environmental issues associated with that. So it's very  
15 important that we know if that might move toward another  
16 alternative like natural gas.

17           I am concerned that if we move down this path  
18 without doing a fair analysis of alternatives that we will  
19 wind up in Dade County without sufficient power because we  
20 will wind up with a nuclear plant that maybe will have to be  
21 derated, less power; maybe we'll have to shut down like the  
22 Yankee Road Plant because of its pressure vessel. So we  
23 want safe, reliable power and we want to know we're going to  
24 have that.

25           I would ask FPL just to give information after we

1 finish, on whether they have tested the raw metal samples.  
2 In 2000, I think, was when you were supposed to do it and if  
3 they plant to do it in the future. If not, why not, because  
4 I see that you only meet the 50-foot per pound requirement  
5 with some extra safety margin analysis. I don't really  
6 understand all of that and I'd like to understand that  
7 because I'm very concerned about you meeting those limits,  
8 okay? You are a nice guy. I like you.

9           So anyway, one of my issues was hurricane and  
10 aging equipment could increase the risk probability and  
11 magnitude of a radiological accident. You need to look at  
12 that.

13           You need to remove the generic aspects of this  
14 because this is too important a place -- this nation -- to  
15 look at it generically. It's a coastal reactor. I  
16 understand there are issues with coastal reactors about how  
17 radiation accumulates in the environment.

18           Under NEPA you need to look under the cumulative  
19 impacts of any radiation that may be building up in the  
20 cooling canals outside in Biscayne National Park, say Cesium  
21 -137 and Strontium-90. I would ask you to test some shellfish  
22 from Biscayne Bay in the vicinity of Turkey Point for  
23 Strontium-90, because I think we have -- and there may be  
24 none and I'll be fine and I'll go away. Let's test it --  
25 let's -- Under NEPA you have to look at the cumulative



1 impacts. If there is no impact, fine, say there's no  
2 impact, but you really need to assess that.

3           You also need to look at the epidemiological  
4 studies about the health of the surrounding population  
5 around Turkey Point in terms of, you know, cancers and  
6 things like that. I think things like this if you go  
7 forward and they prove to be nonexistent, will ease the  
8 minds of people like me certainly, and other people. Those  
9 are some of the issues.

10           Nuclear waste. Well, we have no place to put the  
11 high-level nuclear waste and right now we have nuclear waste  
12 piling up at Turkey Point; spent fuel, high-level waste that  
13 according to one government document, as I said, a worse  
14 case nuclear-spent-fuel accident could contaminate 224  
15 square miles, and 224 square miles is a large area to be  
16 contaminated; an interdiction area that they say probably  
17 can't be decontaminated. That is an environmental  
18 consequence and you need to look at that. Could a hurricane  
19 -- because I understand the spent fuel I don't believe it's  
20 in the containment building -- how is the equipment in that  
21 spent-fuel pool, how would a hurricane hitting the  
22 spent-fuel pool impact aging components in the spent-fuel  
23 pool -- how could the increase in spent-fuel impact those  
24 components? Those are some of the issues that I think you  
25 ought to look at.

1           The growing population in South Florida which  
2 continues to mushroom -- can you get people out? I mean, I  
3 think that's a major issue. Can you ensure the health and  
4 safety of the public and remove them in sufficient time to  
5 save them? I know too, you said that's a Category 1. That  
6 can't be a Category 1. These people would want you to look  
7 at that I'm sure. They would at least like to know if you  
8 can get them out if something happens.

9           So we have the nuclear waste issue. I personally  
10 don't think it's morally responsible to re-license a plant  
11 for 20 years and create more nuclear waste to leave our  
12 children -- I'm just giving you my personal opinion -- if we  
13 don't know where to store the waste. So a potential  
14 increase in the surrounding environment -- test to see if  
15 there is any; if there will be a cumulative impact.

16           I have a section on the re-licensing posing a  
17 unique issue in the Everglades restoration. I think that  
18 you need to involve the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration  
19 Task Force. They are a working group -- the Government's  
20 Commission on the Everglades; these are issues that are very  
21 important that people in this country who are going to put  
22 \$8 billion into this effort deserve to know the answer.

23           Two final issues, one is socioeconomic. I will  
24 just reiterate my concern that if you go along a path where  
25 you re-license a plant that will later be shut down earlier

1 than we think it will, that you will create socioeconomic  
2 effects for the people who live in Dade County, Homestead,  
3 and Florida City.

4           The Environmental Justice Impacts, just for your  
5 information, within the 50-mile zone there is Miccosukee Tribe  
6 Indians, there are Miccosukee Indians who are not in the  
7 tribe, there are independent Seminoles who also live in the  
8 Big Cypress area, so I think you need to also look at the  
9 impact on Native Americans, in that if there was a dire  
10 environmental consequence from the re-licensing of this  
11 plant, what would it do to their culture and way of life.  
12 Their culture and whole way of life depends on the natural  
13 Everglades system and it not being contaminated.

14           Thank you. These are my written comments. I may  
15 be submitting additional comments. I would just refer you  
16 to a lot of the cases I have cited about NEPA. I will give  
17 you a copy of the Award of Language, about an area close to  
18 that site, and just a little sheet on the Everglades  
19 restoration so you can see how large it is. Thank you so  
20 much.

21           MR. CAMERON: Okay. Thank you very much, Joette.  
22 We'll put that on the record and we're going to keep moving  
23 here. I'll just leave it obviously to the discretion of  
24 Florida Power & Light about communicating with Joette about  
25 the questions that she asked.

1           We're going to go next to Joe Wasilewski.

2           MR. WASILEWSKI: Five minutes; right?

3           MR. CAMERON: I'd like to make a joke about  
4 crocodile time, but I'm not going to do it. All right.

5           MR. WASILEWSKI: Hi. I just want to introduce  
6 myself to everyone. My name is Joe Wasilewski. I'm a local  
7 product, FIU -- Florida International University. I'm a  
8 wildlife biologist and I work with many different  
9 environmental issues both here in South Florida and abroad.  
10 I work for a company called Natural Selections. In fact,  
11 that company contracts from a company that contracts to FPL  
12 -- Quantum Resources.

13           As such, 12 years ago I was hired by Quantum  
14 Resources to work for four weeks to help when crocodiles  
15 were nesting. I should say my forte is field work because  
16 that four weeks turned into 12 years. I'm still at the  
17 power plant. I work part-time in the cooling canal system.  
18 That's the entire scope of my work. I get to see manatees,  
19 bald eagles, crocodiles, in fact, I love crocodiles and many  
20 other different types of wildlife. For your information, I  
21 want to work with the State because I want to protect  
22 rattlesnakes too, but that's a whole different issue. In  
23 fact, my company has worked on many projects including the  
24 Environmental Impact Statement for Homestead Air Force Base,  
25 which is also another issue we won't get into here.

1           Basically, from what I see from the company's  
2 standpoint -- speaking for my company, Natural Selections --  
3 is that there is a commitment to the environment. A lot of  
4 people spoke a lot of words today and I pretty much live  
5 this commitment. We do a lot of different work.

6           In fact, the cooling canal system is not only home  
7 to the crocodiles, but it's home to many different students  
8 from different universities that are working on graduate  
9 study projects. In radio-tracking crocodiles we're working  
10 with the University of Miami. We're getting a project going  
11 together with the University of Florida. We're going to  
12 bring in crocodile biologists from other countries -- in  
13 fact, I was in Jamaica recently -- and train those personnel  
14 to undertake monitoring programs because there is no program  
15 in Jamaica. They have the same animal there. It's the  
16 American Crocodile.

17           Again, a few things that I've learned in my 12  
18 years of working out there is -- well, every day we learn  
19 something new about the animals and the more we learn, the  
20 more questions we have and the more studies I want to do. I  
21 want more money there, you know, but anyway that's --  
22 Cooperation -- I just wrote down a few words during all of  
23 this meeting -- and one of the words is cooperation. We're  
24 also lucky that the cooling canal system is there. I mean,  
25 such an undertaking in this day and age couldn't happen. We

1 wouldn't be here because it wouldn't get to this point  
2 probably, but the cooling canal is there and I heard someone  
3 say earlier, if it's not broken don't fix it. All other  
4 issues can and should be addressed by the experts that are  
5 in their respective fields.

6           Another word is mutual benefit. I've heard that  
7 throughout this whole couple of hours; between the  
8 community, between the power plant, and I kind of want to  
9 just finish with a scientific term. It's called -- I don't  
10 know if anybody is familiar with a symbiotic relationship.  
11 That term means everybody is working toward the same goal;  
12 our own survival. Let's face it, a lot of this we're  
13 talking about today, that's the bottom line. So even though  
14 I work with crocodiles and a lot of folks work in different  
15 aspects of this whole entire package, it's important for  
16 everybody here to be on the same page.

17           That's pretty much all I want to say. I just want  
18 to voice my support for a regulated and safe environment.

19           MR. CAMERON: Thank you very much, Joe. Let's  
20 next go to Jenny O'Shaben. I'm not sure if I'm pronouncing  
21 the last name correctly.

22           MS. O'SHABEN: My name is Jenny O'Shaben. I'm  
23 from Monroe Academy. This is my son. He's two and I'm  
24 seven-months pregnant with my second child.

25           I read an article in November of last year about

1 the Tooth Fairy Project, by the Radiation and Public Health  
2 Project, and it said that the researchers had found that  
3 Strontium-90 radiation levels in baby teeth of Miami-Dade  
4 County children are twice as high as in other areas of the  
5 country. This increase is found within a 50-mile radius of  
6 the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant. I live within a  
7 50-square mile radius of the power plant in the upper Keys.  
8 I'm not really downwind most of the time so maybe I don't  
9 have concern, but I do have concern for the children of Dade  
10 County and also of Monroe County.

11           They said that the average level of radiation in  
12 baby teeth collected in New York, New Jersey, and Florida is  
13 about 1.5 P.C. and in Miami-Dade County the teeth registered  
14 an average of 2.2 P.C.

15           The chemical structure of Strontium-90 is similar  
16 to that of calcium. When the body is holding deposits of  
17 Strontium-90 in bones and teeth where it remains continually  
18 emitting cancer-causing radiation. Most of the Strontium-90  
19 in baby teeth is transferred to the fetus by the mother  
20 during pregnancy.

21           I don't know where it comes from or how it gets  
22 into the mother, whether it is ingested through the water or  
23 food, but I feel that -- Well, they had another thing that  
24 said that between 1987 and 1988, 12 U.S. nuclear power  
25 reactors were shut down. One of those was Ranch Seco, and

1 it was located in a densely populated area near San  
2 Francisco.

3 After the closing in 1989 there was a significant  
4 decrease in mortality of fetuses, infants, and small  
5 children from all causes, and congenital anomalies and  
6 cancer incidents was also decreased after the closing of  
7 Rancho Seco. They also found that there was a worsening of  
8 infant health status when the plant was opened in '74.

9 I just feel that -- I saw on vote.com that a  
10 nuclear -- Well, the question was asked, Should the Nuclear  
11 Regulatory Commission sponsor Federal funds to test for  
12 Strontium-90 in baby teeth? I believe that they should.

13 The testing was stopped back in the early 80's, I  
14 think it was, because the testing was begun during -- when  
15 they were doing nuclear testing -- aboveground nuclear  
16 testing in the 60's.

17 When it started going down, then the Nuclear  
18 Regulatory Commission stopped testing baby teeth, but I  
19 think that baby teeth should be tested again.

20 I think that the EIS should include a mandate to  
21 assess health effects of radioactive emissions and that  
22 testing baby teeth for Strontium-90 is just something that  
23 is -- it will help the public health, and you know, make  
24 sure that we're not getting this and our children are not  
25 being affected by it. Thank you.



1 MR. CAMERON: Thank you, Jenny. Angie Howard --

2 MS. HOWARD:. Thank you. Good afternoon. I'm  
3 Angie Howard. I'm with the Nuclear Energy Institute, which  
4 is a Washington-based policy organization that represents  
5 more than 300 United States and International companies that  
6 operate in the commercial nuclear industry.

7 What I'd like to do is try to give you a little  
8 bit of a perspective about what nuclear power means to our  
9 entire country. Certainly, we've heard today from what it  
10 means here in South Florida, but it does provide about 20%  
11 of America's electricity and that's produced by 103  
12 commercial plants situated in similar communities across the  
13 nation; neighborhoods where people are really proud to call  
14 home.

15 Our industry has focused on safety, and that  
16 safety has lead to groundwork for continued safe, reliable,  
17 and cost-effective operation of the nuclear plants. A  
18 concern for people's safety is paramount in all that the  
19 industry does. As an industry we are proud of the safety  
20 record that we have achieved.

21 Nuclear energy offers a wide array of benefits to  
22 the communities, to the economy, and to the environment.  
23 Let me describe just a few of those.

24 Our economy has experienced tremendous growth in  
25 the past 10 years. We've seen this across the country, and

1 with that growth has come an increased demand for  
2 electricity. The computers, the Internet -- all of our  
3 modern conveniences do consume a large quantity of  
4 electricity -- as does manufacturing those goods, and the  
5 jobs that creates.

6           The digital economy is now part of everyone's life  
7 in America and has grown because we've been able to  
8 generate, transmit, and deliver reliable, economical power.  
9 Nuclear energy -- because it supplies the country's growing  
10 urban and suburban populations -- has played a vital role in  
11 fueling economic success.

12           Beyond that, nuclear electricity is produced  
13 without producing any greenhouse gases or other air  
14 pollutants. Without nuclear energy, many areas of the  
15 country would not be in compliance with the Clean Air Act as  
16 it exist today, and certainly not in compliance with the  
17 future requirements of the Clean Air Act. Not only would  
18 this threaten air quality and the quality of life in the  
19 communities, but our country's economic growth would be  
20 jeopardized as well.

21           Also, nuclear energy ensures U.S. energy security.  
22 I think that was mentioned earlier. It lessens our  
23 dependence on foreign oil, and is not subject to volatile  
24 price fluctuations which we've seen occur in past decades,  
25 and what the California citizens today and this week are

1 experiencing.

2           Nuclear energy is also making a direct and  
3 valuable contribution to the national economy. The  
4 companies play an important role in the economic lives of  
5 towns and counties around the nation. It is a source of  
6 employment and economic activity that supports families,  
7 regional businesses, local governments as they provide  
8 residents with essential educational and social services.  
9 From direct employment and taxes flow a whole range of other  
10 economic benefits that do ripple through the community. So  
11 clearly, the generation is vital to our economy and society  
12 and will likely play an increasingly valuable role in the  
13 future.

14           Now today's meeting is important because it's a  
15 milestone for the renewal of the Turkey Point Units. We've  
16 heard today that the license renewal process is active  
17 within the United States, and some thirty units are actively  
18 engaged in the process, with other units already receiving  
19 their renewals.

20           This process has evolved and has been thoughtfully  
21 and deliberately refined over a long period of time -- over  
22 a decade. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the  
23 Industry have worked together to refine the process. It is  
24 focused on safety and includes all of the stakeholders, and  
25 is a significant achievement.

1           When we began preparing for those expected license  
2 renewals some years ago, we carefully and meticulously  
3 identified the types and severities of environmental impacts  
4 that would occur as a result of license renewal.

5           After much discussion and input from state  
6 governments, members of the public, proponents of nuclear  
7 energy, and critics of nuclear energy and the industry, the  
8 Nuclear Regulatory Commission concluded that there were a  
9 number of environmental issues that were common to all  
10 plants. It was agreed that these would be best addressed  
11 generically and you've heard that proposed already.

12           One of the other elements that I'd like to remind  
13 your audience of is that one aspect we've been talking about  
14 today is renewal of the license. One thing that has to be  
15 taken into account today and everyday is the existing  
16 license. The plants must operate today because very strict  
17 regulatory standards of safety, environmental, and emergency  
18 preparedness that exist today, and will exist until the end  
19 of the original license and will continue in effect. What  
20 we're really talking about today is additional looks that  
21 will be taken as a part of the license renewal.

22           By addressing the issues in the generic manner,  
23 the NRC has allowed for a greater and deeper focus on those  
24 issues that are deemed unique to the individual plant  
25 seeking renewal. That is positive and it's an open process

1 like today. You'll find that as you go through the process,  
2 you'll see continued publicly-available materials, and your  
3 opinions will be solicited.

4           So there a lot of benefits to extending Turkey  
5 Point's license, but let me conclude and summarize three key  
6 reasons.

7           First, the license renewal will allow this region  
8 of Florida to continue to have electricity that does not  
9 produce greenhouse gases or other air pollutants such as  
10 sulfur dioxide, mercury, nitric oxide and particulates.

11           As controls on these emissions become increasingly  
12 strict, sources of electricity that do not add to these  
13 emissions will play an even greater role in power  
14 generation.

15           Secondly, license renewal will preserve good jobs  
16 for the people of this community and continue to contribute  
17 substantial tax revenues to this region. Turkey Point  
18 Nuclear Plant is a very proud member of the community and  
19 will continue to be so in the years ahead.

20           Third, renewal of a nuclear plant's license is far  
21 more economical than building a new electrical -- any type  
22 of new electrical facility. Turkey Point as been here for  
23 South Florida and it is quietly doing its job, day in and  
24 day out, year after year. To undertake the excessive costs  
25 of new construction when you already have a safe,

1 cost-effective, reliable contributor to your electric needs  
2 right here in your own backyard, seems unnecessary.

3           The proposed renewal of Turkey Point's operating  
4 license, I think, is important to this community and it is  
5 important to our nation. It is important to the people in  
6 the greater South Florida region who rely on the plant to  
7 power their lives, and it's important to your environment.  
8 Thank you.

9           MR. CAMERON: Okay. Thank you very much, Angie.  
10 The next three speakers are going to be Captain Bowe from  
11 the Homestead Police Department, then Debra Stace and Bo  
12 Bollinger. Captain Bowe --

13           CAPTAIN BOWE: Thank you. I'm Captain of the  
14 Homestead Police Department, but more importantly, I'm a  
15 resident right here in Homestead and have been for 18 years.  
16 I too understand, am also a parent. So I can respect what  
17 the previous speaker had said with her concerns. Both of my  
18 children were born here in Homestead and raised in  
19 Homestead. We still currently reside here in Homestead.

20           I have always found FP&L to be a good neighbor. I  
21 know there are issues concerned with the age of the plant,  
22 but I think those are addressed on a regular basis. I have  
23 many friends that work out there at the plant, so I know  
24 some of the work that takes place out there -- the concerns  
25 with safety issues on a regular basis. I support the

1 re-licensing. Thank you.

2 MR. CAMERON: Thank you, Captain Bowe. What about  
3 Debra Stace? Is she here? Okay. Let's go to Bo Bollinger.  
4 You can come up here if you want, or you can speak there --  
5 whatever is more convenient for you.

6 MR. BOLLINGER: I'll come up to the front.

7 MR. CAMERON: All right.

8 MR. BOLLINGER: Good afternoon. My name is  
9 Bo Bollinger. I am the CEO at Homestead Hospital here in  
10 Homestead, and I'm also a resident of the community. I live  
11 at 655 SE 29th Drive, here in Homestead. I am here to speak  
12 in favor of extending the license to the nuclear power  
13 plant.

14 I am in favor of it for a number of different  
15 reasons. Let me show you the reasons quickly. Number one,  
16 Homestead Hospital is the only hospital for a 20-mile  
17 radius. We take care of everybody in deep south Dade. We  
18 take care of a disproportionate amount of poor people that  
19 present to the Hospital Emergency Department. We take care  
20 of everybody regardless of their ability to pay. It simple  
21 doesn't matter. They show and we take care of them. By  
22 virtue of that, we have a tremendous charity-care burden for  
23 this area.

24 The folks at Turkey Point are an essential  
25 component of this local economy. They are the largest

1 employer down here in deep south Dade. We are the largest  
2 employer in the City of Homestead -- our hospital is, but  
3 outside of the city limits, they are the largest employer.  
4 We really rely upon them deep down here in our community to  
5 help support the basic infrastructure of this community.

6           It could be extremely detrimental to this  
7 community and to our hospital if we no longer operated the  
8 Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant in our community because  
9 they contribute so much to our community. They contribute  
10 by being high wage earners who have extremely good  
11 insurance, and a number of their spouses work over at the  
12 hospital as well. A number of our excellent employees are  
13 here by virtue of their spouse being one of the technical  
14 positions out at the nuclear power plant. I don't think we  
15 would be able to obtain that kind of skilled labor and have  
16 that kind of support if it were not for them.

17           So I am really very concerned about the viability  
18 of us as a Not-For-Profit Community Hospital if we did not  
19 have the support of this power plant here in our community.  
20 They provide a tremendous amount to the local job base.

21           In addition to that, I visited the power plant. I  
22 live directly downwind of them in Keyscape. I have visited  
23 the power plant and I feel extremely comfortable with the  
24 safety of the power plant and that it's a very clean,  
25 sustainable source of energy for our community.



1           I read with interest just recently in the Tampa  
2 Tribune, that because of fossil fuel emissions the FDA is  
3 considering having warning labels on deepwater pelagic  
4 species such as tuna, shark, and swordfish because of  
5 fossil-fuel emissions. So I am a big believer in nuclear  
6 power and that nuclear power is a very clean, very excellent  
7 source of energy for this growing community. This is the  
8 only place we're going to talk about the growth. Dade  
9 County needs these people. They have supported the hospital  
10 charitably in many different ways and we really need them  
11 here in our community. We are on the brink of recovering  
12 from Hurricane Andrew. If they were not renewed, I think it  
13 could be another catastrophic event for us which would set  
14 this community back pretty dramatically.

15           So both as a resident who lives here and as the  
16 CEO of this local hospital, I am strongly in favor of  
17 renewing the nuclear license. I really appreciate the  
18 opportunity to speak. Thank you.

19           MR. CAMERON: Thank you, Mr. Bollinger. Our next  
20 three speakers are going to be George DeFazio, David Balch,  
21 and Colonel Comber. Is Mr. DeFazio here? Please stand up.

22           MR. DEFAZIO: I'm here, but I didn't sign up to  
23 speak but --

24           MR. CAMERON: Oh, I'm sorry.

25           MR. DEFAZIO: -- I'll just say something quick.

1           MR. CAMERON: Sure. Why don't you do it into this  
2 microphone?

3           MR. DEFAZIO: Okay. I'm from Long Island, New  
4 York. I was on a Citizen's Advisory Work Group that  
5 prepared a national laboratory. It has been shut down and  
6 decommissioned because dangerous levels of radioactive  
7 tritium, both gaseous and liquid over a 40-year period were  
8 released.

9           Long Island happens to have the highest rates of  
10 breast cancer -- things I think you should think about.  
11 When I was on a committee for two and a half years, there  
12 was quite a lot of -- I was almost going to say, unbiased --  
13 biased information presented. It wasn't until one day --  
14 the morning of that day -- Alfonse DeMatto, our U.S. Senator  
15 came out and said, Oh, there's nothing wrong at Brookhaven  
16 National Laboratory. I got a chance to speak that night and  
17 tell them about gaseous radioactive tritium that had been  
18 released from the stack at the reactor for 40 years that  
19 nobody every brought out. Nobody cared. Within a month,  
20 Alfonse DeMatto was calling for the immediate shut down and  
21 decommissioning of the reactor at Brookhaven National  
22 Laboratory.

23           So keep your ears open and care, and look into it.  
24 Don't just accept their blah, blah, blah that comes out of  
25 bureaucrats who are getting paid to say what they are

1 saying.

2 MR. CAMERON: All right. Thank you. Mr. Balch --

3 MR. Balch: Hello. My name is David Balch. It's  
4 a pleasure to speak here on behalf of Turkey Point and as a  
5 corporate citizen. We deal with a number of organizations  
6 and corporations in Miami-Dade County and there is nobody  
7 that does more for this community than Turkey Point and FPL.  
8 Speaking specifically as the largest employer in south Dade  
9 here, Turkey Point and its employees live here. This is not  
10 something that they leave here and then come here just to  
11 work. It's reflected in their involvement in the community,  
12 both in terms of their time and their resources and the  
13 money that they give.

14 I've had the pleasure of working with Bob Hovey  
15 and the employees for Turkey Point for 11 years. To give  
16 you an example, just this past year they raised over  
17 \$150,000 for south Dade. Just to give you a sense -- it's  
18 easy to talk about money, but what that means to this  
19 community. That means that with that money almost 3,300  
20 days of childcare provided in this community. That means  
21 almost 169 days of emergency shelter for children. On this  
22 facility here, you saw a Family Resource Center. That's one  
23 of the agencies in this community that provides shelter for  
24 kids that are need. You look at the YMCA here, which you  
25 are housed in. They are providing childcare in this

1 community.

2           Going beyond just the money though, it's the  
3 involvement in this community that's reflected by the  
4 employees of Turkey Point. You have a number of employees  
5 that participate on an annual basis in what we call our  
6 community kick-off. That involves over 3,300 people.  
7 Again, it's not just the employees that are involved there.  
8 FPL allows us to use their equipment to refurbish schools,  
9 to refurbish facilities that are really in very bad shape.

10           In addition to that, FPL employees at Turkey Point  
11 are involved in the Association for Retarded Citizens, for  
12 emotionally and physically challenged children. After  
13 Hurricane Andrew they came out and helped rebuild that  
14 facility. They are mentors with the Big Brothers and the  
15 Big Sisters Programs in south Dade. They act as Scout  
16 Leaders for the Boy's and Girl's Club, and Boy Scouts and  
17 Girl Scouts.

18           For the past eight years, every Christmas they  
19 have adopted the Campbell Drive Elementary School, and they  
20 take food and presents to those children. A number of  
21 employees are mentors and help keep up the facility for the  
22 Boy's Town location in Miami-Dade County. Approximately 300  
23 employees put on an annual golf tournament for the Burn  
24 Center of Miami-Dade County. They donate between 150-200  
25 units of blood to the South Florida Blood Bank. They are

1 also involved with the Miami-Dade Community College. They  
2 have created a \$200,000 fund for scholarships for special  
3 maintenance and operations program. They also sponsored  
4 minority students for the Inroad to Miami Leadership  
5 Development Program. The list goes on, but it's a good  
6 example in terms of the corporate citizen that the Turkey  
7 Point Facility and FPL exhibit in this community. Thank  
8 you.

9 MR. CAMERON: Thanks, Mr. Balch. Next we're going  
10 to go to Colonel Comber, I believe. Then we're going to go  
11 to Irene Toner, Bishop Williams, and Steve Garrison.

12 COLONEL COMBER: Good afternoon. I'm Colonel Bill  
13 Comber. I am the Support Group Commander out at Homestead  
14 Air Reserve Station. General Stenner, our Commander  
15 couldn't be here this afternoon. He had to go up and give a  
16 briefing to General Jumper up at Air Combat Command at  
17 Langley Air Force Base this afternoon.

18 Mayor Wallace, in his remarks a little while ago,  
19 mentioned that Homestead Air Force Base is no longer there.  
20 That's true due to Andrew, but I do want to mention that  
21 thanks to concerned citizens, the hard work of our community  
22 leaders, in 1994 -- on 1 April of '94 -- Homestead Air  
23 Reserve Station stood up and your Air Force Reserve is still  
24 here in the community.

25 The Air Force goes back a long way as a Nader --

1 FP&L at Turkey Point -- as far back as I can remember in my  
2 30 years in the Air Force, that all of the water survival  
3 training up until 1992 when Andrew hit here, was done at  
4 Turkey Point. All the pilots, navigators, and aviators in  
5 the Air Force right there in the waters adjacent to Turkey  
6 Point had all their training done there. I don't think that  
7 if the Air Force was concerned about the safety of the  
8 nuclear power from Turkey Point, they would be putting their  
9 aviators there. So we have enjoyed a good neighbor and  
10 strong working relationship with them. Also we are good  
11 customers of FP&L and today as a reserve base, many of our  
12 reservists are employees of FP&L.

13 We look forward to a continuing, good working  
14 relationship and being a member of the community with FP&L.  
15 Thank you very much.

16 MR. CAMERON: Okay. Thank you very much, Colonel.  
17 We are going to go next to Irene Toner, and then before we  
18 get to Bishop Williams, I'm going to ask Dave to come up.  
19 Irene --

20 MS. TONER: Good afternoon. My name is Irene  
21 Toner. I am the Director of Monroe County Department of  
22 Emergency Management. It is also known as the Florida Keys.  
23 There are many people who relate better to that than Monroe  
24 County.

25 The Florida Keys are known for their beauty and

1 the natural environment. Whether we like it or not, these  
2 attributes have attracted more and more people to Key West,  
3 Marathon, the county as a whole. We know that people these  
4 days expect electricity to be available at all times.

5           What is not known by most is where the electricity  
6 comes from to support the existing population and any future  
7 growth in our county.

8           Marathon as Florida Keys Electric Cooperative,  
9 also known as the FKEC, receives a majority of its electric  
10 power wholesale from Florida Power & Light through Florida  
11 City. Again, like it or not, the Florida Keys are dependent  
12 upon Florida Power & Light for the majority of the  
13 electricity used by residents and tourists alike.

14           The alternative is more power plants in the Keys  
15 with their unavoidable impact on the fragile Keys  
16 environment. Other alternatives, such as the sun which  
17 Monroe County has in abundance, are not ready to power all  
18 the air-conditioners, lights, and countless A/C vacancy  
19 signs.

20           The low cost of electricity as supplied to Monroe  
21 County homes and businesses is impacted by the cost of  
22 producing that electricity. Although not in Monroe County,  
23 the Turkey Point Plant is an existing facility that helps  
24 FP&L supply Monroe County with a direct benefit of  
25 affordable, if not cheap electricity.

1           So far the Turkey Point Power Plant has been a  
2 good neighbor with a history of preserving the environment  
3 in the area just north of the Keys. Since the north part of  
4 Monroe County is located within the emergency planning zone,  
5 we have a very close working relationship with Florida Power  
6 & Light and Turkey Point regarding our emergency response.  
7 The support via training, resources, and the availability of  
8 Florida Power & Light and Turkey Point personnel are  
9 24-hours, seven days -- second to none.

10           Not only are they there when we have questions at  
11 any given time relative to the nuclear power plant and  
12 issues that are raised to my agency by citizens, they were  
13 there -- they were one of the very first organizations to  
14 call us in 1998 after Hurricane George, with an offer of  
15 assistance and resources. We are dependent upon Turkey  
16 Point to supply us with the power because building a new  
17 power plant in Monroe County is not an issue. It is not --  
18 we don't have a place to build one. The environment would  
19 suffer greatly, and so Florida Power is a good neighbor.

20           On a quick personal note regarding safety at  
21 Turkey Point, over the 20 years that I have been in  
22 Emergency Management now, I have had the opportunity to work  
23 the nuclear power plant on Long Island, New York, which is  
24 no longer in existence -- it was shut down -- and also  
25 affiliated with the Hope Creek too, and subsequently Turkey



1 Point. When it comes to safety -- oh, and let's not forget.  
2 My husband is an engineer at Turkey Point. The safety issue  
3 of nuclear power plants is an ongoing thing at our house.  
4 We're very comfortable with that and we have seen the  
5 changes regarding safety of nuclear power plants, especially  
6 after the three-mile Island incident and the Chernobyl.

7 Things are changing. The technology that we had  
8 20 years ago is no longer in existence. We're getting  
9 better and better. Safety issues are taken very seriously  
10 by Florida Power & Light and the facility at Turkey Point.  
11 I simply hope that a license renewal will be taken into  
12 consideration. Thank you.

13 MR. CAMERON: Thank you, Irene. Now could we have  
14 Paige -- is it Paige Lettenor?

15 MS. LATTERNER: Latterner.

16 MR. CAMERON: Latterner, all right.

17 MS. LATTERNER: It's hard for me to say. Good  
18 afternoon everyone. I do want to thank you very much for  
19 giving me the opportunity to speak. If you will pardon me,  
20 I'm dealing with the flu here. My name is Paige Latterner. I  
21 am a representative for the developers of the Keyscape  
22 Project, and for my company Keyscape Realty, which is  
23 located here in Homestead.

24 I would like to just briefly speak regarding the  
25 economic impact. As Joe said, I'll try to stick to the

1 subjects that are in my field.

2 We have invested millions of dollars in Keyscape  
3 over the last two and a half years, and truly feel that the  
4 economical impacts if this license is not reviewed would be  
5 devastating to the local community of south Dade and  
6 especially Keyscape. We have numerous residents from FP&L  
7 and Turkey Point who live in Keyscape. We have opened up a  
8 New Home-Builder Division which has been extremely  
9 successful for the past year and an extreme amount of it is  
10 due to Turkey Point. So I do support the license renewal  
11 for Turkey Point. Thank you very much.

12 MR. CAMERON: Thank you. Bishop Williams -- All  
13 right. Let's go to Steve Garrison.

14 MR. GARRISON: Good afternoon. My name is Steve  
15 Garrison. I'm here representing the Florida Nurserymen and  
16 Grower's Association. I'm on their Board of Directors. I'm  
17 also representing the Farm Bureau; I'm on their Board of  
18 Directors. These organizations represent several thousand  
19 agribusinesses located within Dade County.

20 Because you are not from here, let me explain to  
21 you that we are the second largest industry in Dade County,  
22 second only to tourism. We represent a half a billion  
23 dollar a year industry and we are among the closest  
24 neighbors to the Turkey Point facility. That's where our  
25 fields are for our row-croppers and our field-grown

1 nurseries.

2           Both of the organizations have gone on record as  
3 being unanimous in support of the renewal of the Turkey  
4 Point facility. It is clean, it's economical, and it  
5 provides a dependable energy source to the industry --  
6 agriculture business. Perhaps row-croppers could survive a  
7 brownout or a blackout during a freeze, but the nursery  
8 industry could not.

9           In addition to the fact that I'm involved in the  
10 nursery industry and these too, I also spent four years in  
11 the Navy. I spent, as I said earlier, I spent two years on  
12 the Enterprise, but I also spent two years on the Kiersarge,  
13 which an Essex-class fossil-fuel burning Aircraft carrier.  
14 I can tell you the difference between the two. One of them  
15 belched out emissions constantly and you had to live with  
16 the noise, you had to live with the smell and the soot, and  
17 whatever. Nobody gets closer to a nuclear facility or a  
18 fossil-fuel facility than somebody who spends two years  
19 living on an Aircraft carrier. I can tell you that the  
20 Enterprise -- being on that ship -- was far superior to the  
21 duty that I spent on board the Kiersarge.

22           To sum it up, the nursery industry feels that it  
23 is very important that we go ahead with the renewal and we  
24 are in absolute agreement within our industry that this  
25 application be seriously considered and implemented. We

1 need Turkey Point. Thank you.

2 MR. CAMERON: Okay. Thanks, Mr. Garrison. We are  
3 next going to go to Reverend Campbell, Tim Williams, and  
4 Cynthia Harris. Is Reverend Campbell here?

5 REV. CAMPBELL: Good afternoon. My name is Doctor  
6 Walter L. Campbell. I am Pastor of First Baptist Church of  
7 Florida City. You guys get to stand behind this seal all  
8 the time. That's really neat. I like that. Get my picture  
9 behind it. No. I'm only joking.

10 What I'm here to say is not that -- well, we don't  
11 have a seal like this at our church. I'm not here to tell  
12 you that God has a position in this, but I am here to tell  
13 you that we believe in Turkey Point.

14 In my church, at least once and maybe twice a year  
15 we take children from the inner cities of Florida City and  
16 Homestead, that could not even spell FP&L out to the red  
17 barn for a church-wide picnic. In the process, they get to  
18 walk and to interface with the ecology that is so much an  
19 issue out here, and come up and say, ALook Brother Walt,  
20 look what I found. They have these little creatures, and I  
21 say, AGo put it down. It wants to live. They get to chase  
22 the sand crabs out there. So there is a very personal  
23 aspect to it, and I appreciate the fact that you will listen  
24 for even a moment to nonscientific individuals.

25 Let me tell you, I live close enough that if they

1 change a lightbulb on the superstructure outside, I can't  
2 see the guy do it, but I can see the light being changed. I  
3 go to sleep every night and have for the last seven years  
4 without one bit of concern about that place out there. I am  
5 at ground zero. I live as close if not closer than most of  
6 the people in here unless you happen to live in one of the  
7 guard shacks. I haven't eaten fish from that Bay. I fish out  
8 in that Bay. I have run along the outside of the area out  
9 there. I have eaten shellfish. I have eaten fish and I  
10 don't glow at night, at least not from that.

11 I do want to say this however, I am qualified to  
12 speak about the people at FP&L. I have known them through  
13 the church and community contacts. One individual I went to  
14 school with in Jacksonville, Florida, who works out there.  
15 About two years ago I had the awesome responsibility to  
16 conduct a funeral for two individuals that worked there --  
17 Clyde and Sherry Kelly. Those of you who are employees will  
18 remember. That happened about two weeks apart.

19 What impressed me the most was when Sherry passed  
20 away and we had her funeral at our church. Our church seats  
21 right around 300 people. There were so many people, that  
22 people were standing in the side aisles; standing outside.  
23 Then two weeks later when Clyde passed away, we had to use a  
24 bigger facility over on 288 Street, and that too was pushed  
25 to capacity to hold everyone.

1           What that spoke to me was a community of family,  
2 and that's important to Homestead and the Florida City area.  
3 I am part of it. They are a part of our churches. They are  
4 a part of our communities. They support everything from the  
5 pubs to the hospital. We need this industry, but let me say  
6 this and then I'll shut up. I do not worry about the  
7 problems out there. My granddaughter, nine-months old --  
8 beautiful child -- the most beautiful in the world, I have  
9 it on reliable sources which is my wife -- lives right over  
10 there very close too. If I had the concerns of a three-mile  
11 Island or a Chernobyl incident would take place there, I  
12 promise you we would not live that close. I have people  
13 that I trust very much. I have been in and out of that  
14 facility at different times. I believe that they are going  
15 to do what is best for our community, and I don't believe  
16 they are going to leave us with something that we are not  
17 looking for.

18           Anything that happens out there will be beyond the  
19 capabilities of very responsible individuals. I'm glad this  
20 is all just opinions so none of us are held to it beyond  
21 that. Thank you so much for allowing me your time.

22           MR. CAMERON: Okay. Thank you. We're going to go  
23 to Mr. Williams next. You can come up here or speak from  
24 there.

25           MR. WILLIAMS: I feel comfortable back here.

1           MR. CAMERON: All right.

2           MR. WILLIAMS: I can't hear myself -- I have a  
3 cold. My name is Tim Williams, and I am a local, native  
4 resident. I have lived here all my life. I was born and  
5 raised in this community. I farmed out there where Steve  
6 Garrison was talking about those trees being grown. My  
7 family has farmed out there for the last 80 years. So we  
8 are intimately knowledgeable about that area. We don't live  
9 in west Kendall. We don't live in Coral Gables. All the  
10 members of my family that live and work in this community  
11 live right here.

12           We have also known a lot of good folks that have  
13 worked at Turkey Point over the years and continue to work  
14 there. They are an integral part of our community and you  
15 have certainly heard that before.

16           I want to encourage you all not to subject your  
17 process to some other process or bring in any other  
18 quasi-judicial group, you know, some other type of entity.  
19 You have a solid project or process. It's well-documented  
20 that it has worked a few times before. This is, I think,  
21 the fifth plant scheduled for review. Don't subject  
22 yourselves. You are the authority on this. Don't rely on  
23 some small planning group somewhere else, or some other, you  
24 know, group of residents. You've got to look at the big  
25 picture and you're seeing a well-balanced presentation of

1 the picture here today.

2           Someone mentioned endangered species and I want to  
3 tell you that farmers are less than 2% of the population,  
4 and that's a number that shrinks all the time; we are  
5 endangered. So please take Mr. Garrison's words to heart.  
6 He hit the nail on the head. I do agree and we have  
7 survived frosts and freezes, but I know that the nursery  
8 cannot do that. Part of my family's income is dependent  
9 upon agriculture in that area. Our ability to continue  
10 doing that -- power is a very important part of that. We  
11 used to have the biggest facility out there between town and  
12 Turkey Point. Then they built the racetrack and that kind  
13 of put us in perspective. We have the potato packing house  
14 that's right on Mallory, but I assure you we are dependent  
15 upon the generation of affordable and abundant power to  
16 operate that facility.

17           I'm putting on a few different hats if you'll just  
18 bear with me. I'm also on the Board of Directors for  
19 Lay-Hardy and Community Center Eight. We are the recipient  
20 of United Way funding. We operate a Head-Start facility and  
21 we use their money as wraparound funds to provide  
22 continuing, over-the-summer service for people that  
23 otherwise would be dropped out of that program. You're  
24 talking about as many as 450 underprivileged if you will, I  
25 mean, it's an income-based program -- people who are



1 dependent upon this type of activity of funding, you know,  
2 people at FP&L giving that money to United Way and then  
3 those dollars being reused in this community.

4           We have also heard about Federal efforts. I want  
5 to talk to you for just a minute about the empowerment zone.  
6 We have a Federally-designated empowerment zone in this  
7 area. We've heard some people talk about after Andrew and  
8 the effects that had on our economy. Certainly the base is  
9 not what it once was although we are very appreciative of  
10 the Air Reserve Station. Those guys are fantastic, but  
11 we're not where we were. Agriculture has taken a serious  
12 hits because of NAFTA and other situations well outside our  
13 community's control. I would encourage you not to force an  
14 additional burden on people who cannot afford to pay higher  
15 prices for energy.

16           We are a Federally-designated empowerment zone.  
17 There is a great component of our community that is  
18 dependent upon affordable power. If that hasn't been an  
19 issue that you've heard clearly, let me state it very  
20 clearly. To increase the cost of power production for our  
21 community would put -- you've heard, you know, people hint  
22 around it -- at physical problems and medical things.

23           Let me tell you, the number one way to keep a  
24 child from receiving the benefit of what we have to offer  
25 here in America is by keeping his parents from being able to

1 provide that, and I hope you hear that clearly. I can't  
2 speak it as well as I can understand it, but I hope you get  
3 the point that I'm trying to make.

4           We see oftentimes people come from Haiti, from  
5 Jamaica, other parts of our, you know, little spot on the  
6 globe where they don't have affordable power and they are  
7 just not, you know, they don't have the benefits that our  
8 children have. So I would encourage you to look at that.

9           Please re-license Turkey Point. I would like to  
10 see a few more nuclear power generation facilities down  
11 here. I don't think that's going to happen, but you've  
12 certainly heard that there is a disparity between the  
13 cleanliness of this type of power versus other kinds of  
14 power. So please re-license the plant. We need them and  
15 we'd like to see them continue if you can do it for another  
16 40 years or 50 years, or even longer. That would even be  
17 better. Thank you very much.

18           MR. CAMERON: Thanks, Mr. Williams. I'd just like  
19 to thank all of you for your patience today. We are getting  
20 down to the last several speakers, so just be patient for a  
21 little bit longer and we'll hear from everyone.

22           The next three speakers would be Cynthia Harris,  
23 Mary Finlan, and Ruben Rothschild. Is Cynthia here --  
24 Cynthia Harris? Okay. How about Mary Finlan?

25           MS. FINLAN: I need a copy of my resolution if I

1 could. Thank you. My name is Mary Finlan. I am the  
2 Executive Director of The Greater Homestead/Florida City  
3 Chamber of Commerce.

4 We have approximately 600 members; 85% or more of  
5 those numbers are very small businesses. I really would  
6 just like to briefly read a resolution that our Board of  
7 Directors approved back in August when we knew that there  
8 was a proposal to renew the license at Turkey Point.

9 The undersigned, The Greater Homestead/Florida  
10 City Chamber of Commerce does here certify that the  
11 following resolution was duly adopted and the meeting duly  
12 called and held on August 17, 2000.

13 A resolution from the Board of Directors of The  
14 Greater Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce in  
15 support of the license renewal for Florida Power & Light's  
16 Turkey Point Plant, to allow the plant to continue to safely  
17 produce electricity for an additional 20 years beyond the  
18 year 2013.

19 Whereas, the Board of Directors of The Greater  
20 Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce is aware of the  
21 proposed license renewal for Turkey point, and whereas,  
22 Florida Power & Light's Turkey Point Plant is located in the  
23 Homestead/Florida City area and provides 900 jobs, and  
24 whereas, Turkey Point generates over 1,400 million watts of  
25 electricity -- enough to supply the annual needs of

1 approximately 250,000 homes, and whereas, since 1995, Turkey  
2 Point was the only nuclear plant in the nation that  
3 consistently achieved the highest performance rating from  
4 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, whereas, we believe  
5 Turkey Point is both safe and cost-efficient, assuring safe,  
6 high-quality, low-cost power, therefore, be it resolved this  
7 17th day of August 2000, that the Board of Directors of The  
8 Greater Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce does  
9 hereby support the renewal of the operating license at  
10 Turkey Point.

11 I have also attached the list of the 18 members  
12 that went through this on that day. I thank you.

13 MR. CAMERON: Thank you very much, Mary. Next  
14 we're going to go to Ruben Rothschild and then Katy Olesen  
15 and Lan Anthony.

16 MR. ROTHSCHILD: Thank you. My name is Ruben  
17 Rothschild. I work at Turkey Point and I'd just like to  
18 say, thank you. I'm really impressed that all you people  
19 understand what we do out there, and some of the things that  
20 we have done.

21 I'm a technical document reviewer. That means I  
22 review purchase documents for correctness, that they meet  
23 the current plant design requirements, and they comply with  
24 local, State, and Federal regulations. I've been doing this  
25 for FPL for 13 years.

1           In my career I've worked for the U.S. Navy in the  
2 conventional and nuclear submarines, grey-iron foundries,  
3 food canneries, 55-gallon drum reconditioning plants, cement  
4 plants, earthmoving equipment manufacture, fossil and  
5 nuclear plants. There have been some of these plants that  
6 had no concern about safety, but there have been two  
7 companies that took their personal safety seriously.

8           The first was a cement plant that I worked for,  
9 for U.S. Steel Corporation. The best one that I've ever  
10 worked for is Turkey Point. Turkey Point has put into place  
11 an atmosphere, a culture of plant personal safety. They  
12 have in place, simple methods of reporting safety concerns  
13 and reporting maintenance problems. These concerns are  
14 prioritized and handled promptly. Our record of over 6.5  
15 million man hours worked without a lost-time accident shows  
16 that it works.

17           Personal safety is an important thing to me. I  
18 plan on retiring in a year and a half and I'd like to do it  
19 in one piece.

20           The other reason I'd like to thank Turkey Point is  
21 for their work for the Boy Scouts. You see I'm also the  
22 Training Chairman for the local district -- the Thunderbird  
23 District -- that Turkey Point is in. I also work with the  
24 council-training committee. For each of the last five  
25 years, the plant has provided the facilities for up to 36

1 boys to earn the Atomic Energy Merit Badge.

2           The site vice-presidents -- first Tom Plunkett,  
3 and now Bob Hovey, have extended a welcome to the boys and  
4 the leaders that have taken part in this activity. Most of  
5 the presenters from the simulator operator to the Sievert  
6 reactor operator, the trainers who teach the boys the  
7 history of atomic energy, and how to make a model atom and  
8 reactor, to the health/physics personnel who show how to use  
9 the detectors and how to dress in protective clothing are  
10 not scouters. They are interested employees giving of their  
11 own time.

12           The boys spend a full day of learning and fun at  
13 the plant. They are provided lunch, mementoes of their  
14 visit, and a Certificate of Completion. Turkey Point  
15 provides this at no cost to the Scouts.

16           Turkey Point also maintains an excellent scout  
17 camp on the property. I have used this camp many times for  
18 training Boy Scout leaders in the fundamentals of scouting.  
19 My staff and the participants enjoyed coming here because of  
20 the excellent facilities and they are very good, and  
21 maintained in an excellent manner.

22           Personally, as a customer, it makes good sense to  
23 extend the license for an additional 20 years. If these  
24 plants were required to shut down, new and possibly more  
25 expensive plants would have to be built in order to provide

1 generation capacity required for an ever-increasing  
2 population in the area. Thank you.

3 MR. CAMERON: Thank you, Mr. Rothschild. Kay  
4 Olesen -- Is Katy still here?

5 MS. OLESEN: Hello. My name is Katy Olesen. I am  
6 one of those chamber members who signed that resolution.  
7 However, I'm here speaking on a personal basis today as a  
8 wife, a mother, and a business owner here in town.

9 My husband and I have a construction company and  
10 are in the process of re-titling a historic building in  
11 downtown Homestead that has been closed up -- boarded up.  
12 In January, we will have employed 50 employees, which is  
13 nowhere near some of these, but that's one of the jobs that  
14 will happen because of Florida Power & Light.

15 Our children were raised here. They went to  
16 Little League baseball, football -- all thanks to Florida  
17 Power & Light and the contributions that they made to the  
18 community. If the power plant was not re-licensed, it would  
19 be like ripping part of our family apart because they are  
20 part of the family in this community.

21 I would just like to reiterate the fact that we  
22 believe in the security out there and what they do for this  
23 community and wish that you do approve the re-licensing of  
24 the plant. Thank you.

25 MR. CAMERON: Thank you. Lan Anthony --

1           MR. ANTHONY: Thank you for the opportunity of  
2 being here this afternoon. By the way, my name is Len  
3 Anthony, not Lan Anthony.

4           MR. CAMERON: I'm sorry.

5           MR. ANTHONY: Other than that, I'd like to quickly  
6 read two of my presentations and I will try to take as  
7 little time as possible, but I mentioned that I am here  
8 first of all, in my role as President of the Board of  
9 Directors of our condominium association. We are a private,  
10 not-for-profit condominium of 241 units or apartments.

11           On our November 29, 2000 meeting of the Board of  
12 Directors, I was authorized as a representative of the Board  
13 to extend our support in endorsing the FPL application for  
14 license renewal.

15           AWe have been here for almost 30 years, survived  
16 and rebuilt after Hurricane Andrew in '92, when most of our  
17 immediate neighborhoods were totally devastated and still  
18 are wastelands. We look forward to the future redevelopment  
19 of those devastated neighborhoods and note the need for  
20 ample power to support that redevelopment. That same  
21 Hurricane wrecked havoc -- similar havoc, I should say -- on  
22 the local Air Force Base. In connection with the Federal  
23 Base realignments, lands have been and will become available  
24 for civilian usage. What this redevelopment will need in  
25 electrical service support is questionable at this time, but



1 it could be substantial if a commercial airport development  
2 is an eventuality.

3 We the Board, note with interest and state the  
4 following:

5 The electrical service provided is adequate in  
6 volume to serve our current and future communities and at a  
7 reasonable cost, and FPL has been a good neighbor. The  
8 employees live in our community. They are our friends and  
9 neighbors and they spend dollars in our neighborhoods buying  
10 services and goods as does FP&L.

11 FP&L has protected and enhanced the environment in  
12 which they operate and FP&L has a safety record many times  
13 cited by the NRC as one of the safest and most reliable  
14 plants in the U.S.

15 We, the Board of Directors of the Naranja Lakes  
16 Condo. #5 on behalf of the 241 apartment owners, recommend  
17 the re-licensing of FPL when that current license expires so  
18 that it will continue to be there for the community as they  
19 have been throughout our existence, and on into the future.

20 From a personal point of view, I reside at 14820  
21 Naranja Lakes Boulevard in Homestead, which is actually in  
22 the unincorporated part of Miami-Dade in the State of  
23 Florida. My residence is within 10 miles of the operating  
24 location and I personally feel safe. I also lived proximal  
25 to three-mile Island Nuclear Power Plant when they

1 experienced a nuclear incident in the late 70's.

2           My living close to the FPL operating location does  
3 not give me any cause for concern as I said for the record  
4 earlier. I am currently the President of the Board of  
5 Directors of Naranja Lakes Condo. #5 and am responsible for  
6 the disaster preparedness plan for any disaster that might  
7 require evacuation or other preparation in the defense of  
8 the occasion.

9           Although we live within a 10-mile radius of the  
10 plant, my emphasis is on Hurricanes and not nuclear  
11 accidents.

12           I was a member of the Citizen's Advisory panel  
13 created by FPL to provide input for community awareness and  
14 involvement in the re-licensing process. I was made aware  
15 of the many safeguards in existence both as to plant  
16 operations and personal visitor familiarization.

17           Recently, I had the good fortune to give a small  
18 group a tour of the plant. Having been in the military for  
19 many years -- I am a military retiree -- and having seen  
20 many security systems I was most impressed with the FPL  
21 personnel handling system. You sign in, are assigned to a  
22 guide or a sponsor, passed from that sponsor to another  
23 whenever there is a need to do so. You can't even use the  
24 toilet facilities without having an escort. It was a most  
25 reassuring process I will tell you.

1           When questions were posed, the answers were clear  
2 and to the point, and both extensive and expansive. No  
3 matter how sensitive the question, it was answered. For  
4 example, if the wind during Andrew severely damaged an  
5 exhaust fan in the fossil-fuel plant, what assurance do we  
6 have that a future hurricane or an airplane crashing into  
7 the nuclear response, the response was quick, forthright,  
8 and most importantly, reassuring as to the degree of safety  
9 and the structural integrity in the plant.

10           This is an issue raised by environmentalists --  
11 extremists -- as to why the former Homestead Air Force Base  
12 runway should not be part of the reuse of the excessive  
13 properties when they were turned over to the civilian  
14 community, and I was very much assured by their responses.

15           I am impressed by the extensive land holds -- some  
16 20-some thousand acres that FPL owns, maintains, and uses to  
17 sustain both the plant and the status quo of the environment  
18 for the sustenance of the flora, fauna, and land. The warm  
19 water being cooled in the canals is engineered to provide a  
20 flow of water. From the discharge from the plant until it  
21 reenters the plant for further cooling purposes, it does not  
22 create hot spots. It's not just sitting there. It might  
23 create a breeding ground for a mutual hybridization in flora  
24 or fauna. As we've said before, it provides a desirable  
25 habitat. Now if they'd only restore our fishing rights out

1 there in those canals.

2           The water cooling in the canals is not  
3 interconnected to the adjacent fragile Biscayne Bay.  
4 Stories about diseased marine life must be discounted  
5 therefore. The extensive both marshy and dry land provide  
6 much wildlife habitat for birds, varmints and so forth.  
7 Part of the land even provides the community an open and  
8 sheltered picnic area, as has also been mentioned.

9           FP&L and its appropriation has another community  
10 interest in their direct dollar donations to the local  
11 hospital. Most notably recently, the pediatrics unit. They  
12 are good neighbors and an integral and concerned part of the  
13 community. They serve us well in their provision of  
14 electricity. They do it well, safely, now and in the future  
15 at a reasonable cost.

16           I recommend the FPL be granted the license renewal  
17 they seek. Thank you.

18           MR. CAMERON: Thanks, Mr. Anthony. We have a  
19 couple representatives from the International Brotherhood of  
20 Electrical Workers, I believe. Then we have four final  
21 speakers. Mike Pedriones?

22           MR. PEDRIONES: Very good.

23           MR. CAMERON: Thank you.

24           MR. PEDRIONES: Good afternoon. My name is Mike  
25 Pedriones. I am a representing the International

1 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 359. I am here in  
2 support of Turkey Point's license renewal.

3 I have lived in this community for 50 years and I  
4 believe Turkey Point has been a good neighbor to all of us.  
5 Turkey Point employees about 800 people of which  
6 approximately 300 are IBW Local 359 members.

7 They also employ about 50 trade union workers,  
8 such as boiler makers, mill writes, printers, pipe fitters,  
9 and sheet metal workers. Many of these employees live in  
10 the surrounding area. These people shop in our communities,  
11 they go to our churches, their kids play baseball,  
12 basketball, football, soccer in the organized leagues in the  
13 area. These employees dollars help our United Way agencies.  
14 Their participation in the Scouts, PTAs, and other  
15 organizations show interest in youth groups and education.

16 Turkey Point is rated as one of the safest and  
17 most reliable nuclear power plants in the industry, and has  
18 received three consecutive security ratings from the Nuclear  
19 Regulatory Commission. We, as members of the IBW Local 359,  
20 take pride in this accomplishment and we look forward to the  
21 opportunity to continue to help operate this plant as one of  
22 the safest, most reliable, and cost-effective power  
23 suppliers in this community for an additional 20 years. The  
24 IBW fully supports Turkey Point's renewal issue. Thank you.

25 MR. CAMERON: Thank you, Mike. Is Buddy Howamitz

1 with us? Buddy --

2 MR. HOWAMITZ: Hi. My name is Buddy Howamitz. I  
3 am the business representative for the IBW Local 349, which  
4 is the construction group, and past-President of the Miami  
5 Building & Construction Trade Council in Dade County. Our  
6 members built the plant initially and I've had the pleasure  
7 over the years to witness from the very beginning of  
8 construction, to the very end -- to the problems experienced  
9 in '89 -- to the reconditioning of the plant in '93 and the  
10 award ceremony after that.

11 I can honestly say from having been to the plant  
12 many times -- literally hundreds of times -- to represent  
13 workers there, I don't like going there at all. The biggest  
14 reason I don't like it is because of the security. Bob  
15 Hovey said many times to me, AWhy don't you come down?  
16 Well, I don't like going into the gate because if you go to  
17 Turkey Point, if a person puts a badge down and can't find  
18 his badge, it's reported to the NRC. If my member has three  
19 misdemeanors for the last years, he can't work at Turkey  
20 Point. So their safety is such that -- just bear in mind  
21 two areas of safety, one worker safety and another, the  
22 safety of everyone here from espionage or something else.

23 So when we look at safety and we look at the NRC  
24 and the job that they do, obviously I don't have to speak on  
25 the merits on the corporate side because Florida Power &

1 Light has been a good neighbor.

2           Just to make a point as well, I live in the area.  
3 I live on a small ranch here in the Redlands and have lived  
4 here for some 57 years now. My concerns are none in terms  
5 of worker safety, which I think is elementary at least from  
6 my perspective, but also my children, your children,  
7 everyone else's children, and the environment. I had my  
8 little boys fishing the other day at Black Point and my wife  
9 would love to relocate the crocodiles. She kept saying to  
10 me, When are we leaving? I said, Man, what's your hurry?  
11 She said, I'm afraid one of these alligators is going to  
12 get one of my little boys. I said, People wait for weeks  
13 and never see one of these crocodiles. Quit worrying about  
14 the crocodiles. Let's catch some fish.

15           If each of you here who may be skeptics would have  
16 no opportunity to go into the plant -- I know there was a  
17 mention of Chernobyl. Chernobyl I don't even think had a  
18 reactor. They were under different rules and a different  
19 system there. I don't think Turkey Point has a stack as we  
20 just spoke about on Long Island, where you release gases  
21 that can actually effect the environment. I do know that if  
22 one of my workers goes into an area that is in the least way  
23 contaminated, several things have to happen. There are  
24 forms upon forms, upon forms that have to be filled out.

25           Not only does the direct supervisor and his

1 supervisor and others that have been involved in this  
2 process, but the worker himself has the opportunity, and  
3 they have to read their job assignments to say, AI'm not  
4 comfortable with this. I don't want to go in there until  
5 things occur. This is usually when the plant is shut down  
6 and when you have to go in, and certain times, you know,  
7 there has to be repairs in radioactive areas. I can tell  
8 you -- I've taken the Red Badge Class and every other class  
9 that they offer at Turkey Point, and worker safety I don't  
10 think is as good anywhere, or any better in any country or  
11 any facility in the United States as it is at Turkey Point.

12           So having said all of that, our relationships with  
13 the building trades and we've had over a thousand people at  
14 any given time working at Turkey Point -- from the economy  
15 and from the CEO from the local hospital, I can tell you one  
16 thing. They treat a lot of indigent people here. It's the  
17 nature of the farming industry and the people that we have  
18 working here. The people that go to that hospital from  
19 Turkey Point have healthcare benefits and they don't have to  
20 worry about it because they have insurance that's going to  
21 pay, and also help the indigent person in the hospital  
22 billing process. I guess that's a burden we all as  
23 taxpayers have to be part of, but as a corporate citizen,  
24 Florida Power & Light has never backed away from the table  
25 and never tried to deny a person pension benefits,



1 healthcare benefits, and those benefits that average people  
2 need in life.

3           So obviously today, I'm an advocate of extending  
4 the life of the plant. I'm very familiar with the plant.  
5 If ever the plant was tested in terms of integrity, it would  
6 have to have been during Hurricane Andrew. Although, I  
7 heard that the emergency response system wasn't exactly  
8 correct, I can tell you one thing. For those of you who  
9 were without power like myself, I had never seen any area so  
10 devastated as this area -- you all might have been here  
11 during Hurricane Andrew, but if you remember that the power  
12 poles all over the community that were on the ground, in a  
13 matter of weeks were all back.

14           I never thought, and I've been in business a long  
15 time -- too long. I never thought they could ever do what  
16 they did in such a short period of time. So I credit them  
17 with two things. Number one, with management and their  
18 ability to respond to the emergency. And number two, the  
19 working relationship between the people. I'll say my people  
20 that worked there -- 359th people, and others as a team. I  
21 can say to all of you that Florida Power & Light has always  
22 approached our problems, sometimes we have some, we  
23 sometimes sit on different sides of the table, but we have  
24 never gone forward without going forward in a teamwork  
25 effort.

1           So I'll close now and let the rest of this thing  
2 finish, but I appreciate the opportunity, and thank you  
3 again.

4           MR. CAMERON: Thank you. Is Joe Vernon here?  
5 Okay. We'll look for him tonight. Let's go to our last  
6 four speakers starting with Mike Richards, and then Greg  
7 Lindsford, Hayden Blaylock, and Charles Muntz. Mike.

8           MR. RICHARDSON: I'd like to get the record  
9 straight. I'm Mike Richardson.

10          MR. CAMERON: Mike Richard's son?

11          MR. RICHARDSON: Richardson, not Richards' son.  
12 For our guests here from the Washington area, thank you for  
13 coming down here. As our political leaders indicated  
14 earlier, we greatly appreciate the fact that you brought the  
15 hearing here to Homestead. We've gone to too many public  
16 hearings that effected our community that were located  
17 outside of our community and it's nice to have it here, and  
18 you listening to us and the residents of our community.

19               I live in the Keyscape community, as you've heard  
20 it referred to several times. It's the largest community  
21 near the Turkey Point facility. I am vice-president of the  
22 First National Bank of Homestead, and I could stand here and  
23 tell you about the impact of Florida Power & Light and the  
24 Turkey Point facility on our community and on the economy of  
25 our community. You've heard that from an awful lot of

1 people through the day and I would only be repetitious of  
2 the praise that they heaped upon Florida Power & Light and  
3 their impact on the community.

4 I'm here today to talk about the re-licensing  
5 process because when I go back to one of the slides that you  
6 showed earlier and that Joette was commenting about, is your  
7 parallel process. There are two things that you need to  
8 concentrate on, and that's a safety review and an  
9 environmental review.

10 I would ask you to make those reviews as  
11 absolutely thorough, rigorous, and timely as you possibly  
12 can. For the last seven years I have been immersed in the  
13 reuse of Homestead Air Force Base and watched us go through  
14 an EIS process that was subsequently deemed to be  
15 inadequate, and have watched us now for three years now go  
16 through an agonizingly slow Supplemental Environmental  
17 Impact Statement process. Don't let that happen here. Be  
18 thorough, be rigorous, and keep it on schedule. Where did  
19 Joette go? Joette Lorion was the spokeswoman earlier.  
20 Joette has got a lot of concerns. Joette and I meet at a  
21 lot of the meetings. We have a mutual interest and  
22 sometimes we are on the same side, and sometimes we  
23 disagree, but Joette is an intelligent, rational woman that  
24 has some good questions. We need to listen to her concerns  
25 and have answers so that when we get done, all of her

1 concerns are answered and the community can be comfortable  
2 that we have a safe operating facility out here.

3 I don't think anyone in this community would  
4 oppose the extension of the licensing if we could be  
5 absolutely convinced that the plant is safe, that the  
6 pressure vessels have the strength and the capacity to  
7 continue to operate for another 20 years. We can have  
8 opinions as to whether that will happen. You'd better give  
9 us the facts to make that decision. That's we depend upon  
10 you for.

11 Equally on the environmental side, Joette brought  
12 up the fact that when you did the EIS, you've got to look at  
13 a mandatory four different alternatives; right? The  
14 proposed alternative and at least two others -- all the  
15 reasonable alternatives. Look at reasonable alternatives.  
16 Don't throw out the ones that are inconvenient. Take a look  
17 at all of them because there are a number of issues that  
18 have been brought up here today that need to be addressed as  
19 you look at alternative sources of power. Whether it's a  
20 gas-fired generator, whether it's another fossil-fuel  
21 generator, whatever it may be, let's be sure that the  
22 extension of the license gets us the best way of generating  
23 safe, reliable electricity for our community.

24 So in the end of those two parallel processes, if  
25 in fact, you find that the facility is safe like I'm

1 convinced you will, and if you find that there are no  
2 environmental problems with the extension of the Turkey  
3 Point facility, then I would urge you to renew that license  
4 and continue to let that facility provide electricity for  
5 our community, and let FP&L continue to be a partner in our  
6 community.

7 Thank you.

8 MR. CAMERON: Thank you, Mr. Richardson. Greg  
9 Lindsford. How about Hayden Blaylock?

10 MR. BLAYLOCK: I thank you all very much for  
11 letting us be part of this very important venture this  
12 afternoon. We do thank you all for being here -- that  
13 somebody is as interested in our safety as we are. So we  
14 thank you all.

15 I could echo our Mayor's and our Commissioner's  
16 words today, but first of all, I'm Hayden Blaylock,  
17 President of Blaylock Oil Company. Also I am Chairman of  
18 the Board at the Community Bank of Homestead. You've heard  
19 from our President a little bit earlier.

20 I was born about 20 miles up the road at Kendall,  
21 a long time ago. I've been in the oil business for 50 years  
22 at Homestead -- the southwest section. I've been serving  
23 Florida Power & Light, Turkey Point since 1962. Now like I  
24 say, I could echo a lot of things the other people said, but  
25 I'm going to tell you just some things that I've witnessed

1 over 38 years.

2           Originally, the Chairman of the Board at Florida  
3 Power & Light, MacGregor Smith, who oversaw the building of  
4 that facility, road around on a little weasel, they called  
5 it grain buggy, et cetera, to oversee -- this is the  
6 Chairman of the Board -- he was there every day. I heard  
7 two words for a year more than I've ever heard the rest of  
8 my life. One of them was environment and the other one was  
9 nature. As the building went on up we would serve the plant  
10 since the first bucket was dug.

11           I'll tell you a few items from a safety  
12 standpoint. In 38 years, we've had a number of drivers and  
13 trucks that go in. Now this is a bid, but Florida Power &  
14 Light considers other things besides the monetary. They  
15 look at service, etcetera, but our drivers were checked for  
16 drugs, psychologically they are checked every few months to  
17 make sure that they can handle going in and going out, our  
18 trucks are checked going in and coming out. A safety  
19 engineer from Florida Power & Light comes to our plant at  
20 least once a year, maybe a little more often to check our  
21 facilities to go over -- he'll spend a day on how we order  
22 the products that go out there.

23           In addition to that, every branch of oil that we  
24 send out there gets tested by Florida Power & Light, so we  
25 try to keep the same batch number because it costs \$3-400 to

1 check a batch, but they are security conscious. I know that  
2 from a fact for 38 years of going in and out of there.

3 As far as efficiency, you know, they sell fuel to  
4 some of our other customers, the City of Homestead, Florida  
5 Keys Electric, City Electric in Key West, they have  
6 fossil-fuel burning generators. This tells you about the  
7 efficiency, and they only sell it during the non-peak  
8 hours. The peaking hours -- they have to crank up responsal  
9 burners and buy fuel from us. Anyhow, they must be very  
10 efficient or they couldn't be selling other plants  
11 electricity.

12 The economy locally as you all know, was hurt very  
13 badly by the hurricane and of course we are slowly coming  
14 back. Being in the banking business and in the oil business  
15 -- it has been slow in coming back. As you all heard, they  
16 are an extremely large, well-trained employer/employees.  
17 They purchase locally. Their tax base for the county is  
18 extremely good. They are extremely good neighbors. They  
19 are involved in nonprofit. The employees live here and are  
20 involved in the community and churches we go to. They are  
21 involved in everything.

22 Florida Power & Light and Turkey Point is truly a  
23 good neighbor and dedicated to safety, our environment,  
24 efficiency, and community involvement. We're proud to be a  
25 part of their team, but we ask you to renew the license.

1 MR. CAMERON: Thank you, Mr. Blaylock.

2 MR. BLAYLOCK: Thank you.

3 MR. CAMERON: Mr. Muntz, Charles Muntz? Okay.

4 I'd like to thank all of you on behalf of the NRC for all of  
5 the comments today which should be very helpful for us in  
6 preparing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

7 Thank you again. I think that we caught everybody  
8 who wanted to speak this afternoon. We are going to do this  
9 again tonight at 7:00 o'clock for anybody who is interested.  
10 So you are adjourned.

11 (Whereupon, at 4:35 p.m., the meeting was  
12 recessed, to reconvene, at 7:00 p.m., this same day.)  
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