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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Attn: Document Control Desk
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: Florida Power & Light Company
Proposed Turkey Point Units 6 and 7
Docket Nos. 52-040 and 52-041
Alternative Site Selection Process and Least Environmentally Damaging
Practicable Alternatives

Reference:

1. FPL Letter L-2013-043 to NRC dated February 12, 2013, Status of Actions to Address NRC COLA Review Schedule Letter dated May 4, 2012
2. Summary of the Public Meeting to Discuss Environmental Requests for Additional Information Draft Responses Relating to the Alternative Site Selection Process for Florida Power and Light's Turkey Point Units 6 and 7 Combined License Application, dated January 3, 2013

Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by letter dated February 12, 2013 (Reference 1) of the status of actions being taken to address, in part, issues that were affecting the ability of the NRC staff to complete the environmental review of FPL's alternative site selection analysis.

A portion of those actions relate to Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) concerning the availability of cooling water at several alternative sites and the consistency between the alternatives analysis that the NRC performs under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the practicability analysis that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) performs under the 404(b)(1) Guidelines. Based on the interaction with the NRC and the USACOE at a public meeting held on December 7, 2012 (Reference 2) and more recently, FPL believes that further clarification to FPL's draft responses to RAI 6353, Question 11 and RAI 6879, Questions 1 through 4 would assist in the NRC's and USACOE's understanding of FPL's alternative site selection process and FPL's position that alternative sites ultimately deemed not practicable under a 404(b)(1) Guidelines analysis can still qualify as reasonable alternatives under NEPA.

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FPL anticipates an additional public meeting in late March may be necessary in order to achieve resolution of this issue. FPL will consult with the appropriate Staff to arrange for such a meeting, if needed.

FPL will keep the NRC and the USACOE informed as to when it will be providing responses to RAI 6353, Question 11 and RAI 6879, Questions 1 through 4, but currently anticipates providing them no later than April 30, 2013.

If you should have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at 561-691-7490.



Sincerely,

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