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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO REVIEW NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT RELATED TO THE REVIEW OF THE COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE TURKEY POINT, UNITS 6 AND 7

Dear Mr. Croom:

By letter dated May 22, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE),-Jacksonville District, received comments from NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on the draft environmental impact statement and essential fish habitat (EFH) assessment prepared in support of the NRC's environmental review of the Florida Power and Light Company's combined license (COL) application for construction and operation of two new nuclear units at its Turkey Point site in Homestead, Florida. The aforementioned assessments provided an analysis of the potential environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the two proposed new nuclear units at the Turkey Point site. Additionally, the assessments initiated joint consultation between NRC, USACE, and NMFS pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Management Act.

The NRC and USACE staff reviewed the May 22, 2015, letter and respectively request additional time to respond to the NMFS EFH consultation recommendations until 60 days after an upcoming meeting with NMFS to discuss the technical details for the proposed project. The meeting is scheduled for the end of June 2015, and is an opportunity for all three agencies to discuss the staff's analysis in more detail. In addition, we hope to present a clearer picture of each agency's regulatory role in regard to the proposed project.

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If you have any questions regarding the staff's request, or the environmental review for the proposed Turkey Point Units 6 and 7 project, please contact Ms. Alicia Williamson at [Alicia.Williamson@nrc.gov](mailto:Alicia.Williamson@nrc.gov) or at (301) 415-1878.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 52-040 and 52-041

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