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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE FINAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR TURKEY POINT NUCLEAR
PLANT, UNITS 6 AND 7 COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Mueller:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed NUREG-2176, "Environmental Impact Statement for Combined Licenses (COLs) for Turkey Point Nuclear Plant, Units 6 and 7." The final environmental impact statement (EIS) focuses on the impacts of constructing and operating two new nuclear units at the Turkey Point site. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Jacksonville District, and the National Park Service (NPS) are cooperating agencies on the final EIS. The NPS's participation in preparing this EIS was primarily centered on data gathering and information sharing regarding the environment in and around the Biscayne and Everglades National Parks, and does not imply NPS concurrence. As a cooperating agency, the NPS did provide input into the NRC impact analysis based on its special expertise. However, impact determinations made in this EIS should not be attributed to NPS, but only to the NRC and USACE (also referred to as the "review team").

A notice of availability of the final EIS is anticipated to be published by the NRC on November 2, 2016, in the *Federal Register*. A copy of the final EIS is included with this letter for your information. In addition, the final EIS is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, First Floor, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, and from the publicly available records component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access Management System (ADAMS) under accession numbers ML16300A104, ML16300A137, ML16301A018, and ML16300A312. The final EIS is also available directly on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/turkey-point.html>.

As discussed in the final EIS, the NRC staff's recommendation related to the environmental aspects of the proposed action is that the COLs should be issued. This recommendation is based on: (1) the environmental report (ER) submitted by FPL, as revised; (2) consultation with Federal, State, Tribal and local agencies; (3) the NRC staff's independent review; (4) the NRC staff's consideration of comments received during the environmental review; and (5) the assessments summarized in the final EIS, including the potential mitigation measures identified in the ER and in the final EIS. In addition, in making its recommendation, the NRC staff has concluded that there are no environmentally preferable or obviously superior sites in the region of interest.

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If you have any questions and require additional information, please contact Ms. Alicia Williamson, Environmental Project Manager, at (301) 415-1878 or via e-mail to Alicia.Williamson@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos. 52-040 and 52-041

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