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Dear Sirs:

As a Florida Power & Light customer I am concerned about what the proposed steam generator repair might add to my fuel bill. I have read that it could add \$300, maybe more. It is, I feel, an avoidable expense.

Does FPL have the right to assume that all costs will automatically be passed on to the consumer? If so, the company has no particular incentive to find the least-cost option. Assuming for the moment that the steam generators should be replaced--and I know that this conclusion is hotly being contested--it does not necessarily follow that the replacement fuel should be expensive oil.

Nuclear power plants supply base load electricity. The best replacement fuel would therefore be the most inexpensive base load replacement--and that is conservation.

Oil may be an appropriate utility fuel when peaking plants need to be fired up to meet electric demand, but it is not appropriate to increase fuel oil consumption for base load generation when we are under an imperative to reduce oil imports.

It is profligate to burn more oil in order to uphold habits of energy waste. The opportunities for efficiency improvements are tremendous and well documented, yet we do not seem to be taking advantage of the opportunities. Why?

The answer comes from the fact that in the competition for capital, conservation has not fared well. It would seem that the consumer has been pre-empted from the decision-making process in many instances. If Florida Power & Light charges me \$300 for being a customer, I will have \$300 less to spend on anything else.

My house is two and a half years old. We did some landscaping when we moved in, but we intend to do more. Our plan includes a shade tree by our bedroom on the east. I happen to think that \$300 invested in trees and shrubs would keep my house cooler for more years than would a \$300 investment in a trouble-plagued nuclear power plant. I think that Florida Power & Light could spend large sums more profitably on load management equipment and conservation devices.

Thank you for providing an opportunity for public input on the expensive proposal to repair Turkey Point.

Sincerely yours,

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