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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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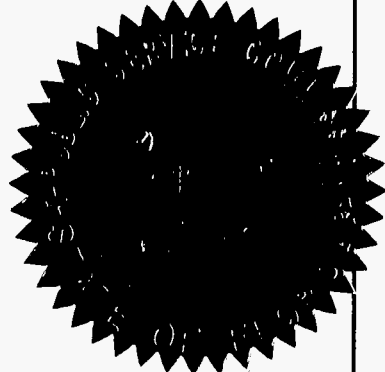
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8 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, appearing on behalf of the
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Good morning. I'd like to call
3 this hearing to order. Let's begin by having staff read the
4 notice.

5 MS. BROWN: By notice issued May 27th, 2008, this
6 time and place was set for a hearing in the following dockets:
7 080203-EI, 080245-EI, and 080246-EI. The purpose of the
8 hearing is set out in the notice.

9 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Okay. Now, let's take appearances.

10 MR. ANDERSON: Good morning, Chairman Carter,
11 Commissioners. My name is Bryan Anderson, I'm an attorney for
12 Florida Power and Light Company. I would like to enter the
13 appearances of myself, of Jessica Cano, and of Wade Litchfield.

14 MS. BROWN: And Martha Carter Brown and Caroline
15 Klancke on behalf of the Commission.

16 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Okay. Are there any preliminary
17 matters?

18 MS. BROWN: Yes, Commissioner, there are a few. FPL
19 has asked that their witnesses' testimony in the West County
20 docket and the Riviera and Canaveral dockets be taken up
21 together. Staff doesn't have a problem with that.

22 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Commissioners, any objection? Show
23 it done.

24 MS. BROWN: Also, FPL has a request regarding the
25 order of witnesses that Mr. Anderson can make for you.

1 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Mr. Anderson, you're recognized.

2 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you, Chairman Carter.

3 We would ask that Mr. Alan Taylor be permitted to
4 testify after Mr. Silva. That's the only change which we would
5 request. That is to accommodate Mr. Taylor's schedule. Thank
6 you.

7 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Commissioners, any objection? Show
8 it done.

9 MS. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, the Commission's notice of
10 hearing provides for public testimony which staff suggests we
11 hear first. We have two people who are ready to provide public
12 testimony to you, Ms. Sharon Waite and Alexandria Larson.

13 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Are there any others that would
14 like to give public testimony other than the two names that
15 Ms. Brown just read? Those of you wishing to give public
16 testimony, would you please stand and I'll swear you in.

17 (Witnesses sworn.)

18 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you. Please be seated.
19 Ms. Brown.

20 MS. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, the Commission notice
21 specifically states that the Commission will only consider
22 matters relating to the need for the proposed plants,
23 environmental matters relating to the proposed plants will be
24 addressed by the Department of Environmental Protection. When
25 the speaker is finished speaking, the parties can ask questions

1 of the witnesses. And now we are ready to proceed if you wish.

2 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Okay. Then let's do this, let's
3 call the first witness.

4 MS. BROWN: Sharon Waite.

5 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Ms. Waite.

6 SHARON WAITE

7 appeared as a witness and, swearing to tell the truth,
8 testified as follows:

9 DIRECT STATEMENT

10 MS. WAITE: Good morning, Chairman, Commissioners. I
11 wanted to preface this by saying that I live a few short miles
12 from this project, and on your mission statement it says that
13 you provide, to my recollection and my understanding would be,
14 protection from unfair prices and unfair -- or safety issues
15 that would be -- it's your purview to protect us, I guess that
16 is what I'm trying to say.

17 This whole project, all three units sit on a
18 taxpayer-funded SERC project, right next to -- within 290 feet
19 of blasting at the Palm Beach Aggregates. Has any of you ever
20 been to this location? You're 400 miles away. Have you ever
21 visited there, any of you? You have.

22 In the petition, Florida Power and Light lists
23 benefits to the taxpayers, customers, one in the same, seven
24 other resource plans. I didn't see them listed. I'm a novice
25 at this, but because this is so important, I came here of my

1 own accord at my own expense. I was wondering what these other
2 resources are. I didn't see them. For an example, \$460
3 million in savings by the customers. I question that figure,
4 because who is paying for all of these if not us taxpayers?
5 That is your purview to protect us from what I look at as
6 usury, pure and simple. They may not be a bank, but they are a
7 monopoly.

8 All estimated customer benefits are listed, but they
9 are not better than zero. People right now are struggling
10 everywhere, and I feel that they have been rubber stamped long
11 enough. I know you people care, that's why you were put there.
12 We, the public, depend on you to look out for our interests.

13 The demand-side management, it calls for their -- the
14 example that I will list is 81,000 people annually coming to
15 Palm Beach County. I don't know where they get this figure
16 from. People are leaving in droves. They can't afford to live
17 there. How did they come to this conclusion? I'd like to
18 know. 100,000 people left last year alone. They are not
19 building any more schools. They are not doing any more,
20 they're renovating what we have. Palm Beach County is flat in
21 growth. In fact, it's negative. 100,000 people left. They
22 can't afford to live there. Palm Beach County Commissioners
23 have been spending money like drunken sailors, and now their
24 chickens have come home to roost, and they don't like it.
25 Everybody is suffering, I guess you know that.

1 Thirty-two years ago when I moved to Palm Beach
2 County, my children were small, and I remember FPL had a public
3 program going on at the time where they would do an audit, an
4 energy audit of your home, which now they have renewed. But
5 there was renewable energy talked about even back then. They
6 had a solar program that you could get a rebate for. Those
7 things were stopped way back then. Even now people that want
8 solar on their homes -- I know of one particular case where he
9 won't even be allowed to get a permit.

10 Now, I would like to know why that is if they are
11 serious about solar and renewable. At the Treasure Coast
12 Regional Planning Council last month when I was there, the
13 figures they presented for renewable sources of energy were so
14 small they were insignificant. It was a joke. I don't know
15 why they bothered to even present them. They were so small and
16 so spread out over so many years, what good were they? To me
17 as a layman, they are useless.

18 I don't need a bank of lawyers to try and plead my
19 case when it is obvious that it is worthless. It should be to
20 you, too. I don't know what your staff is thinking when they
21 are on board with all of this. Certainly, you people have good
22 minds. You were given God smart minds to be doing these things
23 or you wouldn't have been put there. And it is just one of
24 those things that I don't understand.

25 The Palm Beach Post in a recent article said that FPL

1 had a 62 percent profit margin. I don't understand that,
2 either. They are bleeding us dry, and if you look at your
3 bills, they are a monopoly. And I swear that they have
4 hoodwinked everyone into thinking that whatever they tell you
5 is gospel. And where is all of this money going? It is going
6 to their shareholders and to their CEOs and everything for huge
7 bonuses. That is unthinkable when they're draining the public
8 dry.

9 And these three units are there only for growth, not
10 to reinforce what we have. That's unthinkable. I don't
11 understand how they could be allowed to get away with that.
12 And sitting on a SERC project with a gas pipeline 290 feet from
13 the blasting at the aggregates. That was brought out in
14 hearings recently. They finally -- their arms were twisted.
15 They finally relented after a whole week of stonewalling that
16 it was 290 feet. That is not even quite as big as my frontage
17 in my home and acreage. Two hundred and ninety feet, that is
18 all. And the seismic activity in that area even on the offday
19 when Palm Beach Aggregates isn't blasting, there is seismic
20 activity there. Now, why hasn't any of this been looked at?
21 Why would this be rubber stamped?

22 And that SERC project, you know, is not for the
23 Everglades; it is our drinking water. And Ricky Tomeu
24 (phonetic) is using that for our drinking water, which nobody
25 is going to have. It is all going to be poisoned. The deep

1 well injection is not -- what is the word, impervious. That
2 stuff is going to move all over. I mean, there are studies
3 done to show that is not. It is so flawed I can't even
4 comprehend how you could think of it and let this go forward.

5 Adjacent to the Aggregates and this huge project is
6 the Arthur Marshall Reserve and the Corbett Reserve. Fifty
7 thousand people where we were presented -- West County Energy
8 Center, there are 50,000 of us that live right here that were
9 not even shown on this map when they passed all of these out.
10 There is Royal Palm Beach that was shown, there was Wellington.
11 Fifty thousand people that live in the acreage were shown as a
12 cloud. Believe it or not, a cloud. And I want to tell you if
13 that pipeline blows, and if these actuaries really think we are
14 going to let them get away with thinking that people's lives
15 and properties can be paid off, they have another thing coming.

16 I don't know care what their bean counters think, we
17 are 50,000 people there, plus. And it's unconscionable to me
18 that these things are allowed. And why should two housewives
19 have to do the dirty work of the people in the power and
20 position that have the power and position to do something that
21 is right when people's safety is at stake. What is going to
22 happen when that pipeline blows because of some blasting over a
23 period of time? When that thing ruptures there is
24 345 million tons of gas doing through that pipeline when that
25 is finally installed.

1 And if any of you know from the past, when a two-inch
2 household pressure pipeline blows it takes out a whole city
3 block. And in this pipeline there is only one shut off valve
4 for 35 miles. I hate to say, but anybody who thinks they are
5 going to find that valve before their fanny is blown to kingdom
6 come, can forget it, because our butts will be long gone.

7 And I'm sorry if I sound a little crude, but I'm fed
8 up. I'm very fed up with how far this has come, and it
9 shouldn't have. And as far as I'm concerned they can tear the
10 whole thing down right now. It has no useful purpose. It's
11 dangerous. And there are 20-acre and five and ten-acre horse
12 farms, as well as Lion Country. Lion Country Safari, you see
13 that advertised everywhere. It's nationwide. Everybody loves
14 to go there. Sitting right on top of all of this. That is
15 another several thousand people that really have been ignored.

16 And since when is one of their projects, the biggest
17 in this country, allowed to be only on 220 acres when
18 everything else, if you research it, is on several thousand
19 acres, not sitting right next to Southern Boulevard, which is a
20 main thoroughfare. My God, I just can't believe how this could
21 be allowed.

22 And I don't imagine that anyone in your position
23 would want that on your shoulders. You may leave office, you
24 may leave your appointments, but how can you look in the mirror
25 at night and wonder, what could I have done to protect these

1 people just because I'm gone? What have I put in motion here.
2 It's just unthinkable.

3 I guess my last closing statement would be that the
4 danger factor is enormous, and it's your duty to not go with
5 what your staff is telling you to go with. Look into it
6 yourself, go closer. I would go through this with a fine-tooth
7 comb and not approve this unit. In fact, I think all three
8 units have gone way too far. I'm sorry, but that was a
9 flawed -- the whole thing was flawed. It was impromptu. It
10 was done under huge circumstances that are nothing but corrupt
11 from Ricky Tomeu to our commissioner, who is now in federal
12 prison, and his cohort who is also another Palm Beach County
13 Commissioner you know is in federal prison right now as we
14 speak, both of them. They were all connected to this.

15 Now, how this is allowed to go forward, I don't know.
16 But it seems to me it needs to stop. And you have the power to
17 do that. I really pray you don't want this on your conscience
18 when something happens, and it will. It is just a matter of
19 time.

20 Thank you very much.

21 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you, Ms. Waite. Would you
22 hang on for a second, please. Hang on before you go, please,
23 to see if there are any questions.

24 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: I think staff needs to
25 address some of her concerns. (Inaudible. Microphone off.)

1 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Do you have any questions of
2 Ms. Waite herself?

3 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: No, I think she has
4 expressed herself adequately.

5 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Staff, any questions of Ms. Waite?
6 Any of the parties?

7 Thank you, Ms. Waite.

8 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: When do we get to ask staff
9 to respond to some of her concerns?

10 MS. BROWN: At the recommendation portion of the
11 case.

12 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: Okay.

13 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Also the witnesses will be here as
14 well today, so you can ask the witnesses, and as we proceed
15 further I will give you an opportunity for that.

16 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: Okay.

17 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Ms. Brown.

18 MS. BROWN: Alexandria Larson.

19 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Ms. Larson.

20 MS. LARSON: Give me a moment.

21 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Yes, ma'am.

22 ALEXANDRIA LARSON

23 appeared as a witness and, swearing to tell the truth,
24 testified as follows:

25 DIRECT STATEMENT

1 MS. LARSON: We came before you before. I hope you
2 remember. I know you remember. Some of you might remember.
3 When I went outside and got this off your wall, your mission
4 statement is not in this book. That needs to change. You are
5 supposed to inform the public. It is in your mission statement
6 to inform the public and keep us covered and stuff, and for
7 your mission statement not to be in your pamphlet is a gross
8 oversight. So, hopefully, the next time I come up here that
9 mission statement will be in this book, please. You know,
10 because the public isn't informed.

11 The public relies on you and many commissions and
12 many boards to protect us. And so maybe if that mission
13 statement is in there, they will have a good idea. Because you
14 were very emphatic, a board member was very emphatic with me
15 that the only thing you guys do is need. That's not in your
16 mission statement. Safety and economics are also in your
17 mission statement. And I am very sorry that I didn't read your
18 mission statement and hold your feet to the fire the last time
19 I was here, because it was need. That is only thing this board
20 accepted. That's what they said. The environmental issues
21 will be looked at later. They will be looked at by DEP.
22 Safety is an environmental issue, so it is your purview to at
23 least take a look at it. Your staff, yourselves, I'm begging
24 you look at it. Safety is an issue for you.

25 And our economics are an issue for you. Not just

1 need, not just the need of a corporation, a public -- a
2 publicly traded, very profitable corporation, in fact, that is
3 a monopoly where we live. Okay. They say they have 4.4
4 million customers down there. Well, let's see, in the Palm
5 Beach Post on -- I will have to look at the dates, I'm sorry --
6 May 26th, their five top guys got over 25 million bucks in
7 bonuses and salaries. I don't know, I guess I'll put that into
8 the record for you. Your girls can make a copy of it. Their
9 top guy got 12 million bucks. My God. Do we hear Enron yet?
10 Bonuses are a problem.

11 I'm sorry, that's ridiculous, you know, especially
12 when they came before my Palm Beach County Commissioners just
13 last month and had us, the taxpayers, issue a bond for
14 \$70 million for a pipeline for them. We, the taxpayers. They
15 sat up there and said, oh, well, FPL will pay for this. Well,
16 who pays FPL? The taxpayers. FPL isn't generating any magic
17 income. It's ours. It's our income. So the \$70 million bond
18 with a \$200-million debt service belongs to the taxpayers. So
19 please take that into consideration.

20 Maybe they didn't tell you that a reclaimed pipe was
21 a public financed item. It is financed by us, the taxpayers.
22 Since when does a publicly traded private corporation need a
23 bond from the taxpayers for reclaimed water, supposedly to go
24 to this plant, because everything is based on Unit 3. What is
25 really funny is Unit 3 -- we're not going to fix Riviera Beach

1 or Cape Canaveral unless we get Unit 3. That's a crime.
2 That's extortion. That's fraud. I'll say it. I don't care.
3 It's extortion.

4 They got Unit 1 and 2. It is a huge amount of
5 megawatts that they are getting in Unit 1 and 2. Why didn't
6 they fix Riviera Beach 40 years ago? Riviera Beach has been
7 known to be the most polluted plant in the state of Florida for
8 quite awhile. Probably longer than I have been alive, and I'm
9 not going to tell you how old I am. That is nobody's business.

10 To tell you, you know, the Martin County Plant,
11 4,000 acres. This site is on 220 acres. It is in a blasting
12 operation that will be in force until 2032. They have a
13 blasting permit. Palm Beach Aggregates has a blasting permit
14 until 2032, the life of this plant, because they say a plant
15 lasts about 30 years, 40 years. It depends on how much they
16 want to spew the garbage or how much they want to fix it up.
17 But for the life of this plant, we have got a blasting
18 operation with a 36-inch natural gas pipeline. Blasting within
19 290 feet. Do you see any common sense in that? I beg you, is
20 there any common sense in blasting next to a natural gas
21 pipeline?

22 I went to FDOT. I asked them is there anywhere in
23 the state of Florida where they are blasting next to a
24 pipeline? The emphatic answer is no. The health, safety, and
25 welfare of your constituents has to be part of your purview.

1 I'm begging you, that should be it. And if I can go to FDOT,
2 so can you. You can investigate this. You do have an
3 excellent staff. They are very kind, they are very patient,
4 but I don't think they are very well informed, and I want them
5 to get informed. Because if a couple of housewives can, so can
6 they.

7 The fact that this power plant is being challenged in
8 federal court, do you know that also? There is a federal
9 challenge to Units 1 and 2. I can add the Public Service
10 Commission to the list. They are being challenged in federal
11 court, because there is some people out there with common
12 sense. The Arthur Marshall is 147,000 acres. It is only
13 1,000 feet away. The plant is right here. I'm sorry, it's a
14 little teeny-weeny document. I wish I had something to blow it
15 up for you. But here is the plant. That big blue area right
16 there is the Arthur Marshall. It is right across the street.

17 This blue area up here at the top is J. W. Corbett,
18 60,388 acres. These are preserved areas, preserved by the
19 taxpayers. It is taxpayer funded. It's our money. We are
20 risking the water, the wildlife, and the health and human life.
21 It is just a fact. That's the way it is. And I will try to be
22 quick.

23 It's funny that they say that they want to, you know,
24 save us money. They say they are going to save us some
25 incredible amount of money. And yet in the Palm Beach Post on

1 Wednesday, June 6th, FPL is asking for a 16 percent increase.
2 That's coming before you guys, right? Am I correct? Maybe I
3 have lost my mind. Maybe the paper is lying. But, you know,
4 16 percent seems pretty -- if they are doing this every year.
5 They hit us with hurricane fees.

6 You know, they got rid of their maintenance crews in
7 the early '80s -- I mean, late '80s or early '90s. They got
8 rid of their maintenance crews. That's why it costs us a
9 gazillion dollars to fix everything. They got rid of their
10 maintenance crews. And do you know the costs, the funny part
11 is when they had to ship all those people in from Iowa and
12 Arkansas and wherever they came from to fix things after the
13 hurricane, the cost to ship in all of those guys cost more than
14 had they kept their maintenance crews those 20 years. Isn't
15 that frightening? It's true.

16 Green Mountain is another fraud. They have their
17 Green Mountain Energy Program. It supposedly is going to go
18 for solar and wind, and I guess, methane gas. And 75 percent
19 of their money went to their salaries. You guys -- I think
20 that's before you guys, also, isn't it? Am I correct? I'm
21 sorry. I didn't study you all until last night. I got some
22 information, and I tried.

23 But Green Mountain, what a fraud. That's a fraud.
24 You know, if they spent that ten million bucks on solar, they
25 probably could have financed, you know, 10,000 homes using

1 solar hot water heaters, for God sakes. So I want to pay some
2 guy in a suit in Texas? No, I'm not going to pay him, and I
3 don't think we should have to because we are poor. We are
4 very, very poor people, and we get poorer every day. I mean, I
5 know, I'm just trying to, you know, it's very --

6 The other thing is this plant is natural gas. The
7 funny part is, the really frightening part is, the absolutely
8 terrifying part of this is -- I just took up a map of all the
9 natural gas pipelines in the United States. I'm going to give
10 you a copy of this so your staff will have it, and they can go
11 look at all of them. There is only one pipeline leading to
12 Florida, one. If something happens, guess what, all of those
13 gas plants go down. Isn't that scary? One pipe going across
14 the Gulf of Mexico. Did you know that? I didn't until I
15 looked it up. I mean, I thought, my God, they can't be this
16 stupid.

17 We are in a time of war. The Arabs -- everybody
18 hates us. You know, the American people, we are all, you know,
19 we look really bad in everybody's eyes. And we're getting --
20 the price of gas is going up every day. Do you think natural
21 gas isn't going to go up, also?

22 You have to hold this group's feet to the fire on
23 alternatives. They cited Treasure Coast the other day. To
24 2017, one-tenth of one percent is alternatives. They have got
25 coal and gas and some nuclear mixed in there on their little

1 pie chart. One-tenth of one percent is alternatives? We are
2 going to be out of water in 2012. It's even -- it's even in
3 this giant document. They know. They know and you know we are
4 not going to have water in 2012. We have got a real serious
5 water problem, and we are not holding their feet to the fire to
6 an alternative?

7 At the South Florida Water Management District, at
8 the Palm Beach County Commission, do you know what's really
9 funny, power plants get water before people. Did you know
10 that? Don't you think that's frightening, because your
11 grandchildren won't get water. They can lick the cooling tower
12 water, because the power plant will get the water before they
13 do. I think that's pretty frightening.

14 But to have one pipeline going -- I don't think the
15 public knows this. I don't think they have any clue at all,
16 that there is one pipeline feeding these little guys. I
17 don't -- I don't -- do you think the public knows? Because I
18 don't. I don't think -- I think you would have 10,000 people
19 in here if they thought we were that stupid, really. I guess I
20 will have to fly a banner over Tallahassee and say you have
21 only got one gas pipeline. Do you think you are safe?

22 I mean, I am that kind of woman. I will fly a
23 banner. I did, I flew a banner over the Governor's head doing
24 scripts. I had no problem with that. I mean, we are -- what
25 happens if the pipe blows? That is what I am wondering. What

1 happens if the pipe stops running? They are so emphatic
2 saying, we need this 20 percent extra power. We have to have
3 it over and above. We have got this projection of these
4 gazillion people coming into Florida, because the West County
5 Energy Center is one -- it's for one million units of new
6 development. It is not for existing development. It's not for
7 what is here in Florida right now. It isn't. So for them to
8 say that this is for anything to help anybody that is here
9 right now, it's not.

10 And do they need the third unit? Should you be
11 holding their feet to the fire for solar and wind and whatever
12 else we can come up with? For them to say that solar is only
13 15 percent efficient. That's a fib. I was at the University
14 of Delaware in 1976. The whole house completely solar. 1976.
15 They had a complete house on solar. It was 30 below outside
16 and that house was nice and toasty, I assure you.

17 So if the energy and the technological is there --
18 they use the rooftops in Germany. We are all building enough
19 Super Wal-Mart's. They said they need six acres to, you know,
20 generate a megawatt. That is what Mr. Gnecco (phonetic) said
21 the other day at Treasure Coast. Well, then use the top of a
22 Wal-Mart. Use a Target. Use all of these retail places that
23 they have got.

24 I am so ashamed that I did not know that your purview
25 was safety last time. You sat up there and told me need, just

1 need. I think that is -- you know, and that is not true. You
2 are safety. You are supposed to look out for our economics.

3 The only reason FPL doesn't want solar, they cannot
4 charge for sunshine. It's free. It's free. They haven't
5 figured out a way to charge it. You know, they haven't figured
6 out how to be God yet to charge for sunshine. That is why
7 solar isn't viable in Florida. Nick Blount, Jr., (phonetic) a
8 rep of FPL, said solar wasn't viable in Florida. And we are
9 the Sunshine State. Shame on us. And get a solar heat water
10 heater. That would cut 10 percent use right there. Mandate,
11 say everybody get a solar hot water heater. Everybody is going
12 to get one. Every new house, solar hot water. Every old
13 house, try to get one, and we will give you a rebate. That
14 would cut our usage by 10 percent right there, so we wouldn't
15 need this plant.

16 And, certainly, to build this plant on a SERC
17 project, on a taxpayer funded SERC project, 212 million bucks
18 we paid for that. Okay. This is in federal court. I brought
19 some other stuff for you, too. You know, I figured you ought
20 to know because they might say that the corruption doesn't
21 exist where we live. There it is on the front page of the Palm
22 Beach Post, the corruption of our commissioners. We have two
23 commissioners in federal prison. We have got three more going,
24 too. You know -- I mean, this is what is in our newspapers,
25 block papers, politics. FPL paid 42 million bucks for that

1 land when land was going for 5,000 bucks an acre. Do you think
2 they might have been aware of the little bit of payoffs that
3 Ricky Tomeu was doing? I think they were. I think everybody
4 is aware of, hell, the corruption in Palm Beach County. It is
5 a pay for play county.

6 So this is something -- I mean, you guys, please, get
7 involved. Go read the Palm Beach Post. I'll leave this for
8 you. Your staff can probably go make a -- they probably have a
9 big printer back there and can print this so you can read it.
10 It's the way it is down there. And the plant doesn't belong
11 there.

12 And it is being challenged in federal court, and I
13 think FPL is thumbing their nose at me because it is in federal
14 court. But you know what's funny is I went to federal court
15 before. I won, you know. I will do it again, because I care
16 about the future. I care. I don't even have kids, but our
17 grandkids deserve clean, pure water. And a power plant should
18 not get water before people. That is criminal.

19 Do you want your grandkids not to have water? Each
20 and every one of you, you have got kids, you have got
21 grandkids, you have got great grandkids coming, and the State
22 of Florida is under siege because we are going to have water
23 wars that you can't believe. And one of them is a power plant
24 should not get pure, clean water before your kids. That is
25 your purview to look out for our safety, and to look out for

1 our welfare, and to look out for our funding. Because water --
2 our kids shouldn't have to pay 800 bucks to take a bath because
3 the power plant took the water first.

4 And I hope you guys take this into consideration
5 today. Do not let FPL extort you and say we need Unit 3 to fix
6 two plants that are really dirty and have been for over
7 40 years. If they have been dirty for 40 years, and they
8 didn't have Unit 3, don't give it to them. Make them clean up
9 the plant. Hold their feet to the fire. You do have that
10 purview. You do know about need, and maybe we do need some
11 power somewhere, but they can clean up those plants without
12 Unit 3. That's a fact. And I hope you take that into
13 consideration.

14 Do not, do not let a publicly traded private
15 corporation extort the taxpayers anymore. Because just the
16 fact that they took my 70 million bucks for a bond is criminal.
17 And, you know, you guys aren't in Palm Beach County. You are
18 not sitting at the, you know, the county commission meetings.
19 I won't hold you to that, but they know what they have done,
20 and they know what they plan on doing. And for them to get
21 water before our kids should never happen, you know, never.

22 Deep well injection doesn't work. That is why they
23 have to do it on this plant. The plant is so small, the site
24 is so small, it is 220 acres, they have to do deep well
25 injection. Well, the one thing I know about the aquifers in

1 Florida, they are all connected. Every aquifer is connected to
2 another aquifer. And if you didn't remember Erin Brockovich,
3 it was cooling tower water that poisoned all of those people in
4 California. It was cooling tower water. So shooting it down
5 into the ground, you know, a lot of people think out of sight,
6 out of mind. It doesn't. It bubbles back up. It bubbles back
7 up to the surface, and it's going to bite us all in the butt.

8 And I don't want our kids and grandkids to have
9 cancer. I don't want to die of cancer. I don't want anyone I
10 know to die of cancer. And I think we need to start looking at
11 true facts, true numbers. I mean, even Page 271 in this
12 document here, go to 270 and 271. No alternatives. They don't
13 have any alternatives, because they don't want any
14 alternatives. Because if we use less power, they get less
15 money. And that means Mr. -- whatever the hell his name is,
16 doesn't get his 12 million bucks.

17 I mean, did you know about their fees? Did you know
18 about their bonuses? Did you get information on that? Did the
19 staff get that? Really, I mean, this is -- the whole thing, I
20 get up in the morning, and I just want to throw up. I was
21 praying that I wouldn't throw up before you today, because I
22 get such an acid stomach from such -- because I don't believe
23 in fraud. I don't believe in extortion, and I don't believe
24 the taxpayers need to be squeezed anymore. They are all saying
25 uncle. They voted not to have anymore taxes, didn't they? So,

1 obviously, we are all dying, and people are running from this
2 state. They are not coming. The million new units of
3 development ain't going to happen. Palm Beach County ain't
4 going to build the roads, and the builders can't build because
5 nobody is buying their houses.

6 So, please, when they are telling you this 20 percent
7 and all of this other crap, it's crap. I will call it crap,
8 you know. Please take it into consideration, because they have
9 Unit 1 and 2. They might get them. Maybe I won't prevail, but
10 Unit 3 should not be hinged fixing -- you know, Riviera Beach
11 should not be hinged on Unit 3. That's wrong. Make them fix
12 it. They can fix it right now and still have the power that
13 they need to take care of everybody else.

14 And they certainly should have one more -- they ought
15 to have an alternative to just one gas pipeline for two
16 3,800-megawatt plants, because I think they are putting all
17 their eggs in one basket. Because if that pipeline goes, where
18 is your power going to be? You know, please keep it in mind.
19 And I know I sound angry, but I'm angry at FPL, and I'm angry
20 at -- I'm a little angry at you, because the last time you did
21 just say need, and then I went back and read your mission
22 statement, and safety is your purview. Our money is your
23 purview. Our economics -- economics is written all over this
24 document. What is this, a thousand pages, maybe two?
25 Economics is in there. And I really -- that was very

1 disappointing when I read your mission statement, and I'm like,
2 damn, they fibbed to me. They said they just do need. And you
3 do a lot. You do a lot, and I hope you are up there. I hope
4 you are okay. I hope I didn't offend you today.

5 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Ms. Larson, would you mind sitting
6 for a moment, please?

7 THE WITNESS: Pardon me?

8 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Do you mind sitting for a moment?

9 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I'm just trying to get all of my
10 miss out of your way for whoever else is coming up here.

11 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Commissioner Argenziano, you're
12 recognized.

13 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: Thank you.

14 Never apologize. This is your government, so you
15 have a right to express yourself, and that is exactly what you
16 have done today.

17 I just have a few questions I want to ask you.
18 Number one, I want to ask you have you been to your
19 legislators?

20 THE WITNESS: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: And let me ask you -- let
22 me just tell you this, because some of the things that you are
23 asking we don't have statutory authority to do, they do. And
24 some things that you have suggested we do have control over.
25 But I need know if you have been to your legislators and what

1 they have --

2 THE WITNESS: And they threw it in the laps of the
3 Public Service Commission, DEP, FDOT, the Fire Marshal and the
4 Department of Health. I did, I went before the legislative
5 delegation, not this year, but last year. And one of the
6 legislators, I won't name him, but he said, oh, well,
7 compromises have to be made. It was just really sad to hear my
8 legislator say that. It was frightening. I was out in front
9 of White Hall in Palm Beach, you know.

10 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: And you do -- a question
11 about your comments on water being used before the people get
12 it. From what I understand of the statutes, there the existing
13 users get precedence. I helped write that law, so I know that.
14 I want you to elaborate on what you feel is behind that or how
15 you are saying --

16 THE WITNESS: The South Florida Water Management
17 District, I was before them several times, and it got to the
18 point where the chair and two of the other guys, they yelled at
19 me and said power plants get water before people when it comes
20 to fresh water. And the South Florida Water Management
21 District controls the tap.

22 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: Well, the statutes, the
23 policymakers control what they have to go by, and part of that
24 is that the existing users in the state of Florida get
25 precedent. And you can't interfere with an existing use, but

1 you also have to understand that any -- whether it is this
2 plant or any other plant, they have to be able to run the plant
3 to provide energy to the people, which is another thing in the
4 statutes that says we have to give them what they need.

5 But if you know of cases that somebody with an
6 existing permit or an existing user is impacted, you know,
7 because of that, that's something your legislature needs --
8 your legislator needs to hear. The Water Management District
9 is not correct if they told you that.

10 THE WITNESS: They screamed at me. It's on tape.

11 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: One other question. Well,
12 they tend to do that sometimes because -- and they --

13 THE WITNESS: They are not the nicest guys in the
14 world.

15 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: Believe me, I know. I have
16 had my qualms with the water management districts, but they do
17 serve a purpose, and if we keep them on that purpose we'll be
18 better off.

19 But let me ask you another question about the solar
20 issue that you had mentioned. I think -- I don't remember what
21 state you referred to as a house being entirely running off
22 solar.

23 THE WITNESS: University of Delaware, Wilmington,
24 Delaware. Newark, Delaware, is where the University of
25 Delaware is.

1 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: And the thing that gets me
2 with solar, I think, I am not giving it -- I think solar is
3 something we need to be looking at. I think if you were told
4 it is not as efficient, I want to know -- because I found out
5 that the new technology is coming in making it more efficient
6 as far as pulling up different colors of the light from the sun
7 and making it much more efficient and much more costly. But do
8 you know what it would cost today, and this is what I am going
9 to ask staff later, too, because I want everybody's answer to
10 entirely retrofit a house with solar to get --

11 THE WITNESS: Just for the hot water heater. All I
12 did was ask you for hot water heaters. I wasn't telling you to
13 do the University of Delaware stuff or go to Germany. But it
14 would be about 2,000 bucks, and that's to get the permits and
15 put it up there.

16 My friend, I have a dear, dear friend, Stella Rossi.
17 She is 82 years old. Her family are true Floridians. They
18 were farmers here way back when. And Stella's father took
19 copper pipes and put them in, you know, a snake figure, back
20 and forth, back and forth, a four-by-four set of copper pipes
21 and put a piece of black glass over the copper pipes. They
22 never were without hot water. He put it on the roof. Copper
23 pipes and a piece of black glass. What would be the cost of
24 copper pipes and a piece of black glass?

25 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: So what you were indicating

1 is that, in other words, to reduce some of the dependency on
2 the existing --

3 THE WITNESS: Ten percent.

4 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: Okay. And just one other,
5 if I may. Actually, it's two-part. The comment on aquifers
6 being all connected, who advised you of that?

7 THE WITNESS: It was -- I have it. I brought the
8 lawsuit with me just in case. I wasn't going to try to dump
9 that on you, but it's 900 pages, because we challenged the deep
10 well injection of the power plant in an administrative hearing.
11 And, I mean, they literally -- there's testimony from the guys
12 at DEP. And I said is there a wall down there, a wall that
13 stops the water from moving? No. There is no wall. We have
14 four aquifers.

15 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: Yes, I know, but some of
16 them -- they are separate water sheds. And I want to know if
17 you are differentiating between the water sheds.

18 THE WITNESS: Even in Dade county they proved -- for
19 years they were fighting me, because I knew ten years before
20 the judge found the ruling, that there was Benzine in the water
21 and traveling through all the aquifers. They found Benzine in
22 the aquifer for the drinking water for two million people in
23 Dade County. You know there is no measurable amount of Benzine
24 that is safe for you or I, and that traveled through all the
25 aquifers in Dade County.

1 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: Well, it went into the
2 zone. There are some areas that are -- (simultaneous
3 conversation.)

4 THE WITNESS: They are trying to say that there is
5 this magic zone called the boulder zone where it doesn't
6 travel, but even the guys that I met -- I've talked to hundreds
7 of engineers. I have tried to become the most informed human
8 being ever. I don't sleep anymore. I haven't slept in four
9 years, and that's no kidding. But the water literally if it --
10 even when it goes into the boulder zone, the G-4 zone, there is
11 only two places for it to go when it moves, when it migrates,
12 the ocean or the Gulf of Mexico. It's there. It's there.

13 And the funny thing thing is, in our testimony -- in
14 their testimony their expert witness was a guy named Tom
15 Missimer (phonetic). And the only thing that he left out of
16 his 15-page resume was his paper that he had done last May on
17 upward migration of water. Isn't that amazing? I mean, that
18 thing he wrote, his resume had everything in it from the time
19 he was five years old, every paper he ever wrote. It was the
20 most impressive document I have ever seen in my life. I was
21 like, my God, Mr. Missimer, you are one smart dude. Why is
22 this document on upward migration not in this resume?

23 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: If I can -- hang on second,
24 because I want to ask you a few questions instead of going --
25 and I understand you want to get everything in there.

1 THE WITNESS: I'm trying.

2 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: Your comment about the
3 preserves, the existing preserves, what is it that you feel,
4 besides the plant itself, the physical plant itself, that would
5 cause adverse harm to the preserves? Is it the deep well
6 injection?

7 THE WITNESS: There is deep well injection. They are
8 going to store 12 -- they are going to store 18.9 million
9 gallons of diesel on-site. That's their backup. That is one
10 hundred hours of backup for the power plant in case the guys'
11 pipeline disappears. They get 500 hours of use other than
12 natural gas. That is diesel. They call it low sulfur diesel.

13 They make it sound like Florence Henderson is up
14 there dancing, and it's Canola oil. It's not. It's diesel.
15 The one thing about low sulfur diesel, if that storage tank
16 ruptures, breaks, flows, the Arthur Marshall is only 1,000 feet
17 from this plant. It literally is 1,000 feet away. The J. W.
18 Corbett is one mile to the north. And the one thing about
19 diesel -- when we think of Enron -- the Valdez, you know, when
20 they spilled all of that oil up in Alaska there? That was
21 crude, thick heavy crude. We couldn't even clean that up.
22 That was in 1988. Low sulfur diesel will emulsify, and it will
23 destroy the Arthur Marshall. It's gone. It will be -- there
24 will be no saving the Arthur Marshall.

25 And, see, that blasting, my concern is with the

1 pipeline for sure, because if that explodes, what fun. But if
2 the diesel ruptures and it just flows, and it only takes two --
3 you know it only takes two tablespoons of anything to destroy,
4 you know, 10,000 gallons of water. I don't know if you realize
5 that, but, you know, anything getting into our water system, it
6 can change the whole dynamic and destroy our water. And the
7 Arthur Marshall, it's beautiful. I don't know if you ever been
8 there, but it's --

9 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: I used to live in Palm
10 Beach County.

11 THE WITNESS: Well, then, thank God. Bless you. I'm
12 glad you at least know where I live. You are at least familiar
13 with our territory, because we have some of the most beautiful
14 land in the world. It takes your breath away. When you see,
15 you know, a deer running or, you know, some kind of little
16 lizard, or -- they don't like iguanas, but they are kind of
17 cool-looking. The county wants to get rid of the iguanas.
18 That came out the other day.

19 You know what I mean, when you see the wildlife, and
20 we are supposed to protect the dumb animals. We are. We are
21 the stewards of the future. We are the stewards. The mistakes
22 we make today our kids are going to pay for in 20 years, you
23 know. Because, you know, you look at me, you know, and say,
24 oh, well, the explosion won't happen. But what if it does?
25 What if it does rupture? What if the 18.9 million ruptures and

1 they don't catch it?

2 There was a pipeline up in Alaska, 400 million
3 gallons leaked out without anybody noticing. You know, what
4 happened to the tundra when all of that stuff went out there?
5 And it was just like, oops. And it was a small leak and it
6 wasn't detected by their detection thingies. This pipeline
7 which will lead from Martin County down to me, 34.7 miles, it
8 has one shutoff valve. I asked him is there a little monkey
9 you are going to send out there with a big screwdriver that is
10 going to shut this sucker down? You are going to pay a guy
11 enough to go out there when, well, the explosion is imminent.
12 Go out there and shut it off. You know, I don't think there is
13 anybody dumb enough to do that.

14 But really there is one shutoff valve. The amount of
15 diesel that is on site, that's my concern for the Arthur
16 Marshall, because we are the stewards of the future. That
17 147,000 acres is supposed to be protected. I'm kind of ashamed
18 of some of the people at the Arthur Marshall Foundation because
19 they took donations from FPL. That's why they are silent. I
20 have a copy of the canceled check.

21 So, you know, maybe they are not here today, but I
22 am, and I care about the Arthur Marshall. And I hope you
23 know -- I am glad you know the J. W. Corbett, because it is
24 kind of cool. They have Class 1 water in the J. W. Corbett.
25 You can drink it and not die, and treat it. You know, you

1 don't have to put it through the chlorine system.

2 So please, please, take that into consideration when
3 you listen to this testimony today, and please take into
4 consideration that I do have a challenge in federal court, and
5 I plan on prevailing. I am a very steadfast little girl. My
6 grandmother told me so. My grandmother was a judge. My dad
7 was a scientist. I do have some brains. I did go to the
8 university and learn about solar in 1976. And for me to be
9 here in 2008 and we still ain't there is kind of frightening to
10 me, because the alternatives are out there. And even if it
11 does -- let Green Mountain take that \$10 million and put it on
12 10,000 houses, how about that? Instead of buying the Gucci
13 shoes and loafers and everything, hold their feet to the fire.

14 That Green Nountain thing ought to be abolished. I'm
15 sorry, that's a fraud. Because when they talk about the
16 25 percent, what they really used was 25 percent of 25 percent,
17 when they talk about the numbers. Crunch the numbers.

18 And I appreciate your time and patience with me
19 today, because I know I went way over my time, and I didn't
20 plan to. But I want you to be the stewards just like we are.
21 And I want my grandchildren and my great-grandnieces to be
22 happy, healthy, and to live half the life that I deserved,
23 because our grandparents and parents, your parents, my parents
24 wanted better for us. For some reason this generation is like,
25 screw the future, you can't take it with you. You know, let

1 the kids deal with it. And that's not right. We should be
2 wanting that same stuff for our kids. We should want the
3 future to be brighter, richer, and more easy for them, not for
4 them to be, you know, herded like sheep and to be told that,
5 no, you can't take a bath today because the power plant needs
6 water.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you. Hang on one second,
9 Ms. Larson.

10 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

11 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Just wait one second. Thank you so
12 kindly.

13 Commissioner Skop, you are recognized, sir.

14 COMMISSIONER SKOP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

15 And good morning, Ms. Larson. How are you doing?

16 THE WITNESS: Shaking, but I'm okay.

17 COMMISSIONER SKOP: You're doing fine. I'm also from
18 Palm Beach County and have experienced some of the things that
19 you have mentioned. Actually, I've spent a lot of time out at
20 the Corbett Wildlife Management area. It's a beautiful place.

21 I just wanted to thank you for your comments. I
22 think that they were very astute and insightful in so many
23 different regards. And with respect to your comments regarding
24 the Sunshine Energy Program, I would love to discuss that, but,
25 unfortunately, it's the subject of --

1 THE WITNESS: There is another hearing.

2 COMMISSIONER SKOP: -- it's the subject of a
3 separately docketed matter before this Commission. And I have
4 many questions regarding that program, but I have to wait, I
5 think, until July 1st to address those.

6 THE WITNESS: You are going to make me come back,
7 aren't you?

8 COMMISSIONER SKOP: You are certainly welcome to do
9 so. But, anyway, I just wanted to thank you for your comments.
10 I think it means a lot in terms of the process to have input
11 from the consumers, from people that care. And, certainly, it
12 is a big ordeal. I mean, I have made that drive many different
13 times. So, again, coming all the way from Palm Beach County to
14 Tallahassee is big, and I thank you for your dedication and
15 your desire to express your concerns to this Commission.

16 THE WITNESS: Well, we really love where we live.
17 You don't -- I don't know -- if you do know Palm Beach County,
18 I live in Loxahatchee, which is known as the acreage. And, you
19 know, to hang onto that little bit of land, I have had to
20 mortgage my house and quit my job to do what I do. You can't
21 stay up all night long and do the research to be ahead of these
22 guys, you can't. No human being could. I mean the research
23 that me and a friend of mine do is ungodly. I wish -- I wish
24 to God I didn't have to do it. I asked God, I said, I don't
25 want this mission. Give it to somebody else, because somebody

1 else -- there needs to be more people who care about the future
2 of our kids. And certainly if we have solar power and you have
3 got hot water and you can run -- say you can run your water
4 pump on it or your refrigerator, then you are going to survive
5 a hurricane. You are going to survive that.

6 I ran 14 days. You talk about them -- power, I
7 didn't have power for 14 days and 12 days respectively. It is
8 like being pioneers. And I do thank you for your patience with
9 me. I'm a little rough around the edges, I'm told; but I don't
10 know any other way to present it, because I care so much. And
11 the area they did -- they did not present the acreage at all
12 when they did this initial permit, you know, for 1 and 2. They
13 completely ignored 50,000 people, and we are -- we are not
14 cattle. We are not agriculture. We might be agricultural
15 residential, but there are 50,000 people out there that want to
16 breathe.

17 The zone of endangerment just for their little stacks
18 is 12 miles. And when they talk about 20-mile bend, people
19 don't realize that is 20 miles from the coast. They think it's
20 out in Belle Glade. It's like, oh, who cares, it's out in
21 Belle Glade. Let them choke. You know, I don't want to choke.
22 But that is not your purview, either. The pollution is not
23 your purview, I understand that, but our safety is and our
24 water is.

25 And it's really funny because they said that Broward

1 County will not have water in 2012, and that seems to be the
2 key date in this little document I started going through this
3 morning. So take that into consideration. If you do, if you
4 are from Palm Beach County, they think we are going to sell
5 water to Lee and Charlotte and Broward County. So they have
6 big plans for our water. And thank you for your patience with
7 me.

8 COMMISSIONER SKOP: Thank you, Ms. Larson.

9 Let me do a few housekeeping matters before you go.
10 First of all, on the yellow document, the PSC with our mission
11 statement, we will posthaste ensure that our mission statement
12 is included within that, and I'm sure --

13 THE WITNESS: I'm so sorry I had to find that for
14 you.

15 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you. Thank you for doing
16 that. We will get right on that. I'm sure our staff is, those
17 that are present and those that are watching and listening to
18 this, and we will have that done as soon as possible.

19 Secondly, Staff, just for informational purposes,
20 there is a statement about there is only one gas pipeline to
21 Florida. I think there are three. There is the Cypress that
22 comes in the north in the Jacksonville area. There is the Gulf
23 Stream that comes through the Gulf. And there is one other
24 that escapes me. FGT. FGT. So there are three gas pipelines
25 coming into Florida. So I just wanted to kind of for the

1 record clear that up.

2 The other thing is, again, on my housekeeping
3 perspective is the documents that you wanted to leave for us.
4 Staff, can we just make that a composite exhibit under our
5 public testimony? Can we just make that a composite exhibit?
6 Give me a number for that.

7 MS. BROWN: 97.

8 CHAIRMAN CARTER: That will be, Commissioners,
9 Composite Exhibit Number 97, and this will be the exhibits
10 presented by Ms. Larson.

11 (Composite Exhibit Number 97 marked for
12 identification and admitted into the record.)

13 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Ms. Larson, thank you for your
14 passion, thank you for your dedication, and thank you for the
15 information. We will have that officially part of the record.
16 And if there are some copies that you need to keep your
17 originals and all like that, staff will make sure that we get
18 the copies.

19 THE WITNESS: I only have one copy of the salaries.

20 CHAIRMAN CARTER: That's okay. We'll get that done.

21 THE WITNESS: But I did want to clear up the pipeline
22 that feeds Martin County and us, this proposed West County
23 Energy Center, is only one pipeline, and it comes in from the
24 Gulf. It is not coming from nowhere else. It's just one, so I
25 don't know what the backup dog Zippy is. That kind of

1 frightens me.

2 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Okay. Thank you so kindly.

3 Commissioners, let's do this. Staff may need a
4 moment to kind of gather those documents so we can have them
5 officially into the record. Let me -- we'll have --

6 Thank you, Ms. Larson. We will have one of our
7 staffers will get with you on that.

8 THE WITNESS: Okay. Thank you.

9 Oh, can I do one more thing I forgot? I'm so sorry.
10 Bear with me. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
11 presented this document on Friday. They are presenting it to
12 their board on July 16th, and they told me I could bring it to
13 the Commission. They gave me permission. But it is -- it is
14 telling them, we do not want Unit 3. We want to look at
15 alternatives. So I -- it is a draft document, but they gave me
16 permission to bring it to you.

17 CHAIRMAN CARTER: That's okay. We'll still take a
18 copy of it.

19 THE WITNESS: And I just thought you might -- it
20 might weigh with you a little bit that they are even looking at
21 alternatives rather than another unit. And maybe it will weigh
22 with the council a little bit.

23 CHAIRMAN CARTER: One moment. Commissioner
24 Argenziano.

25 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: One question I didn't ask,

1 and I would like to have you answer this. Are you -- how do I
2 ask this question? Are you -- do you think coal plants are a
3 good idea?

4 THE WITNESS: You know, it's really funny, we have
5 a -- it's sad that we have a super abundance of coal, but I
6 think that there have been -- when I was a little girl in
7 Delaware, there was a guy who created a car that could go 100
8 miles an hour on a gallon of gas. GM gave him a million bucks
9 to go away. I think that the alternatives are out there, but I
10 think as they come and try to reach the market, or they reach
11 the patent office, big corporations come in and buy them out
12 and say let's not do this. This ain't a good idea. So --

13 COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: Do you like coal?

14 THE WITNESS: No. I think -- I look at -- I've
15 looked at -- like I said, since 1976 I have been looking at
16 solar. I've looked at wind. I mean, FPL, if you want to put a
17 windmill in my backyard, I've got 1.63 acres, put that sucker
18 up. I don't care how tall it is. Sixty-six feet, put it in.
19 You can put a windmill in my yard. I'm willing to do that.
20 I'll sacrifice my little piece of land in the corner to put a
21 windmill in. Because the alternatives, our kids need that.

22 And, you know, there might be a super dynamic
23 way that they can pulverize coal and there is no emissions
24 whatsoever. I haven't seen it yet. You know, the emissions
25 are what is causing global warming. Treasure Coast did a study

1 about how our coastlines will be under water in a few years. I
2 am really worried about that, because some of my best friends
3 live on the coast. So if they are under water, I hope they
4 have scuba gear, because that's global warming.

5 And, you know -- I mean, I know that it's a
6 controversial issue with governments that global warming is out
7 there. But if it is, if they are right, and we are under
8 water, then we are all moot anyway, because Florida, we are at
9 sea level, so we are in a lot of trouble. Just please take
10 that into consideration.

11 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you.

12 THE WITNESS: Thank you. And I will give your people
13 my stuff if you like.

14 CHAIRMAN CARTER: One second.

15 Commissioner Skop.

16 COMMISSIONER SKOP: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

17 Well, she brought up the wind subject, so I'm glad to
18 see that at least some people in Florida are deeply in favor of
19 wind. I commend you on that. We need more people like that.

20 Also, too, I just wanted to confirm that you are
21 appearing before the Commission today in your individual
22 capacity, is that correct?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER SKOP: And not on behalf of an
25 organization?

1 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir, I am. I wish I was in an
2 organization, but I do, I am representing groups like Sierra.
3 They are down there. I mean, I am a member of Sierra. I'm a
4 member of Audubon. I'm a member of The Thousand Friends of
5 Florida. And no one has ever scolded me for coming out and
6 jumping up and down and waving my arms. But I do, I come
7 before you because I care.

8 COMMISSIONER SKOP: I just wanted to make sure that
9 it was in your individual capacity. Thank you.

10 THE WITNESS: I didn't say Alex Larson from anywhere,
11 did I?

12 COMMISSIONER SKOP: No, ma'am. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you, Commissioners.

14 Ms. Brown.

15 MS. BROWN: No questions.

16 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Parties?

17 Thank you so kindly, Ms. Larson.

18 THE WITNESS: Thank you for indulging a housewife.

19 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you for your passion. And we
20 will have one of our staffers get with you to get those copies
21 and all. Anymore from the public?

22 MS. BROWN: No, Mr. Chairman.

23 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Is there anyone from the public
24 that wanted to speak, but did not get an opportunity to speak?

25 Okay. Hearing none --

1 MR. ANDERSON: Commissioner Carter.

2 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Yes, sir.

3 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Mr. Anderson.

5 MR. ANDERSON: Before we finish that, we brought with
6 us some letters from government officials and various civic
7 groups that we thought would be appropriate to leave with the
8 court reporter during the public portion. May we do that right
9 now?

10 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Ms. Brown?

11 MS. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I wasn't aware that FPL had
12 these exhibits. We could perhaps put them in the
13 correspondence side of the file.

14 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Okay. Show it done.

15 Commissioners, let's do this. Let's give staff an
16 opportunity to get the composite exhibits and have those put
17 into the docket, and let's take a few minutes and then we can
18 reconvene. And at the point when we reconvene, Commissioners,
19 we will start with the actual test -- let me flip my page here.

20 THE WITNESS: Mr. Chair, I brought letters from a
21 couple of people that wanted to be handed in to you guys.

22 CHAIRMAN CARTER: We will take it from you. That
23 will part of -- we will make a composite exhibit.

24 THE WITNESS: I apologize. I got sidetracked, but
25 there were -- the Fox Trail Homeowners Association sent a

1 letter from their government liaison, a woman named Nancy
2 Gribble, and then two individuals gave me letters, also.

3 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you so kindly.

4 THE WITNESS: Should I just leave them here for you?
5 I have copies of these.

6 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Good. Good.

7 What we will do, Commissioners, we will take a break,
8 and then we will come back for our hearing testimony. I'm
9 looking at the clock. I think we are going to need -- Staff,
10 what do you need, 15 minutes?

11 MS. BROWN: Yes, please.

12 CHAIRMAN CARTER: We'll give staff 15 minutes to do
13 that.

14 Mr. Anderson.

15 MR. ANDERSON: I would just like to briefly describe
16 the letters from the public officials.

17 CHAIRMAN CARTER: You're recognized.

18 MR. ANDERSON: They did take their time, also. The
19 letters we will be submitting are a letter in support of the
20 conversion of the Riviera Plant from Cedric Thomas, the Council
21 Chair of the City of Riviera Beach; a letter in support of the
22 conversion of the Riviera Plant from Jeff Coons, who is Vice
23 Chair of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners; a
24 letter in support of FPL's three-part plan, including the
25 conversion of the Cape Canaveral Plant, by Truman Scarborough,

1 who is Chairman of the Brevard County Board of County
2 Commissioners. I also have a letter which was also sent to the
3 Palm Beach Post from Edie Green, Chairwoman of the Palm Beach
4 Board of County Commissioners in support of the Riviera
5 conversion. And, also, there is a resolution from the Board of
6 Directors of the Greater Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce in
7 support of West County Energy Center 3; a resolution of the
8 Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce in support of West County
9 Energy Center Unit 3; and last, a resolution of the Chamber of
10 Commerce of the Palm Beaches in support of West County Energy
11 Center Unit 3. We wish to just ensure those voices were heard,
12 too, and submit those as described. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you so kindly.

14 Commissioners, we will go on break and give staff an
15 opportunity to get the documents and the exhibits together, and
16 we will reconvene at ten of. We're on recess.

17 (Recess.)

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