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To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Docket No. 150075-EI: NRDC Cedar Bay Letter
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Good Morning:

Please place the attached e-mail in docket correspondence consumers and their representatives in Docket No. 150075

Thanks.

From: Morris, Jackson [<mailto:jmorris@nrdc.org>]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2015 6:11 PM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Commissioner Brown; Office Of Commissioner Edgar; Office Of Commissioner Graham; Office of Commissioner Brisé; Office of Commissioner Patronis
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Please see attached letter regarding **Docket No. 150075-EI**.

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July 24, 2015

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**RE: Docket No. 150075-EI
Petition for approval of arrangement to mitigate impact of unfavorable Cedar Bay power purchase obligation, by Florida Power & Light Company**

Honorable Commissioners:

NRDC is a non-profit membership organization with over 170,000 members and online activists in Florida, and over 2.2 million members and activists nationwide, and a long-standing interest in minimizing the societal costs of the reliable energy services that a healthy economy requires. We have participated in utility commission proceedings and clean energy legislative campaigns across the country, with a particular focus on the utility industry's delivery of cost-effective energy efficiency programs, renewable energy resources of all sizes, and other sustainable energy alternatives.

NRDC writes to support Florida Power & Light's proposal to acquire and phase out the coal-fired power plant at the 250-MW coal fired Cedar Bay Generating station (Cedar Bay). This action is expected to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides, as well as reduce water withdrawals in the Duval County area.

NRDC is not an intervenor in this docket and has not had the opportunity to review the details of the petition, and as such we do not weigh in on the specifics other than to support the expected goal of phasing out the Cedar Bay plant.

The State of Florida is at risk of impacts from climate change like saltwater intrusion, sea level rise and stronger storms. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from all sectors—including the electric sector—is imperative to ensuring a sustainable future for the Sunshine State. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) most recent four years of data, Cedar Bay has emitted roughly one million tons of carbon annually. Eliminating those emissions would be equivalent to removing about 200,000 cars from the road each year. These emissions cuts will also help the state meet its requirements under EPA's forthcoming Clean Power Plan regulations.

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Along with the expected reductions in greenhouse gases, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions, hundreds of millions of gallons of water withdrawals from wells in Duval County associated with the production of electricity from the Cedar Bay coal-fired plant would be avoided on an annual basis.

Accordingly, NRDC supports Florida Power & Light's goal of phasing out Cedar Bay Generating power plant and exploring sustainable energy alternatives, and we hope the parties can reach an agreement to get there.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Morris', is positioned above the typed name.

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