

Matilda Sanders

From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2007 2:10 PM
To: Matilda Sanders
Cc: Angie Calhoun
Subject: FW: My contact

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From: Consumer Contact
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2007 12:46 PM
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From: Webmaster
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2007 11:43 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: FW: My contact

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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2007 11:40 AM
To: Webmaster
Subject: My contact

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:

Name: Dave Hicks
Company:
Primary Phone: 863-673-5206
Secondary Phone: 863-673-5206
Email: dave__99@hotmail.com

Response requested? Yes
CC Sent? No

Comments:

I have been reading where FPL wants you to pass on the cost of their failed attempt to build a coal plant in the glades. I am the consumer, and I dont believe I should be paying for their bad business practices, do I get paid when they make money? NO, so I shouldnt be paying when they spend it either. You can not have it both ways, if you are a for profit company with share holders you took the risk, and lost, tuff. I THE CONSUMER shouldnt get stuck with the bill for your stupid ideas.

TELL FPL NO

you dont get to send the bill to the same people you tried to shove that plant on!!

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From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2007 9:35 AM
To: Matilda Sanders
Cc: Randy Roland
Subject: FW: E-Form Other Complaint TRACKING NUMBER: 10288

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Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 8:33 AM
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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Saturday, August 04, 2007 10:44 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: E-Form Other Complaint TRACKING NUMBER: 10288

Complaint filed with PSC

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: Alex Daley
Telephone: 954-523-3688
Email: alex@alexdaley.com
Address: 717 NE 16th Ave, Apt D Fort Lauderdale 33304

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Account Name: Alex Daley
Account Number:
Address: 717 NE 16th Ave, Apt D Fort Lauderdale Florida 33304

COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Complaint: Other Complaint against Florida Power & Light Company
Details:

According to the Sun-Sentinel (<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/southflorida/sfl-0804fpl,0,2856266.story>), Florida Power & Light has requested a "refund" for money spent planning a coal plant in Glades County. I strongly oppose any refund going to FPL for this matter. Planning is part of any company's research & development. No company should have R&D costs subsidized directly like this.

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From: Ruth McHargue
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To: Matilda Sanders
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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Saturday, August 04, 2007 3:45 PM
To: Webmaster
Cc: jensenjoe@yahoo.com
Subject: My contact

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Contact Information:
Name: Joseph Florio
Company:
Primary Phone: 772-334-2136
Secondary Phone:
Email: jensenjoe@yahoo.com

Response requested? Yes
CC Sent? Yes

Comments:
I read how Florida Power & Light Co. won't be building a 1,960-megawatt coal-fired power plant in Glades County, but that the costs you incurred would be passed to your customers for the permits, or what ever business expense you may have had to try to get this plant through. I just want to tell you that this is outrageous for you to expect your customers to go along with that, especially that you have never passed the millions of dollars of your profits to your customers. During the 2004 hurricanes, you did get paid for the extra poles, wires, etc that you had to provide to get power back to your customers, that may be acceptable, even though many thought that was outrageous as well, your customers had to swallow that pill. Now your expecting us to swallow another business expense, and use the thinking that the past Governor Bush said, you have the right to survive. Well what about your customers, don't they have the same right? Seniors all over Florida are having a hard time with their bills, and the Federal Government gives them a 2-3% cost of living every year which is a joke. I'm asking that there is no charge your customers for these expenses, please allow FPL bills to be affordable, in that way we both can survive. Thank you, Joseph Florio

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From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2007 9:27 AM
To: Matilda Sanders
Cc: Cheryl Bulecza-Banks
Subject: FW: My contact

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Sent: Monday, August 06, 2007 8:25 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: FW: My contact

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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Saturday, August 04, 2007 11:56 AM
To: Webmaster
Cc: tyrone954@comcast.net
Subject: My contact

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:

Name: Tyrone Gerry
Company:
Primary Phone: 954-258-8443
Secondary Phone: 954-315-4888
Email: tyrone954@comcast.net

Response requested? No
CC Sent? Yes

Comments:

I do not think FP&L should get a "refund" from the Florida Public Service Commission for money it spent on planning a coal-fired power plant in Glades County.

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To The Florida Public Service Commission:

I would like to say **Thank You** from the bottom of my heart for your denial of the FPL Coal Plant. I have read editorials in the newspaper that say people are disappointed but that is just not true. The newspapers wouldn't print the editorials of the people who thought the FPL plant was not an intelligent plan. People are relieved and their spirits renewed knowing that someone in a seat of power had the wisdom and ability to stop the madness. I really thought that Lake Okeechobee and the surrounding wetlands were doomed. I am a 48 year old female that survived Leukemia in 2002 -contracted through toxic poisoning. I was hoping that I would not be poisoned again in another way. Thank you for my peace of mind and for saving the environment. God Bless you.

Sincerely,

Jill Strickland

Resident of Ortona, FL

P.S. I hope that everyone I know who feels the same way as I do, has taken the time to say thank you to you. If not please let me say it for them....

 **J. Strickland**
13555 Ortona Rd. SW
Moore Haven, FL 33471

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From: Webmaster
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 8:14 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: FW: My contact

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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2007 10:21 AM
To: Webmaster
Subject: My contact

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:

Name: Kathryn Wheeler
Company: Big Pine Key Civic Assn.
Primary Phone: 305-872-0831
Secondary Phone:
Email: PinkKeysCottage@webtv.net

Response requested? No
CC Sent? No

Comments:

I wish to convey a huge "Thank you!" for denying the proposal of a coal-fired power plant just North of the Everglades. Kudos for turning down this inappropriate source of future power. The Florida Keys are most vulnerable to climate change, signs of impact are already being monitored here.
Kathryn Wheeler

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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Saturday, June 09, 2007 7:36 AM
To: Webmaster
Cc: takenize@aol.com
Subject: My contact

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:
Name: Albertina Henize
Company: n/a
Primary Phone:
Secondary Phone:
Email: takenize@aol.com

Response requested? No
CC Sent? Yes

Comments:
Hi PSC!

I just wanted to thank you so very much for opposing the proposed coal plant.

There is no such thing as clean coal, from start to finish. You ARE on the right track with your decision; the cost of coal energy is too high in every respect.

The ONLY energy form deserving of ANY money or time input on the part of government or industry is clean, renewable, sustainable, alternative energy.

You have begun the move forward with your denial of this coal folly, so please continue this intelligent, sustainable direction.

Thank you, sincerely,
Tina Andracke Henize

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Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 3:15 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: My contact

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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 2:54 PM
To: Webmaster
Cc: onapond@earthlink.net
Subject: My contact

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:

Name: Elizabeth Palmer
Company:
Primary Phone: 863-528-9266
Secondary Phone:
Email: onapond@earthlink.net

Response requested? No
CC Sent? Yes

Comments:

Please accept my gratitude for wisely denying FPL's proposal for a coal-powered plant in Glades County. Florida needs to utilize alternative energy resources or carbon sequestration on existing coal-powered plants to minimize environmental impact. I'll bet that taxpayers would gladly pay (including myself) for the above changes when faced with the inevitable alternative.

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From: Helen Moe [helenmoe@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2007 9:57 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Coal Burning Plant Refusal

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Helen Moe, Fort Myers

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From: Gail Migliorini [gailandre@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2007 2:05 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Everglades Coal Plant

Dear Commissioners,
I would like to add my voice of thanks that you voted against the new FPL Coal Plant. Global warming and the pollution that contributes to it must be addressed. We so desperately need to look at alternative renewable sources of energy while at the same time protecting our environment. Your vote against the coal plant proposed by FPL will help ensure that the fragile environment around the Everglades may be protected. Thank you for your diligence.

Best regards,
Gail Migliorini
1622 Serenity Lane
Sanibel, FL 33957

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To: Consumer Contact
Subject: FW: My contact

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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 5:18 PM
To: Webmaster
Subject: My contact

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:

Name: Elizabeth Harlow
Company:
Primary Phone: 239 995 2232
Secondary Phone:
Email: ejhw@earthlink.net

Response requested? No
CC Sent? No

Comments:

I want to thank the members of the
Public Service Commission who voted no
on the creation of a coal fired power
plant in Glades County.
Thank you for realizing what a disaster
it would have been and for listening to
the public outcry against it.

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From: rltabor1017@bellsouth.net
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 5:27 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Cc: anthony-westbury@scripps.com; rld31@comcast.net; cooperbush@aol.com; dagne01@bellsouth.net; amactavi@ETHUS.jnj.com; cowardd@stlucieco.gov; democratbrick@yahoo.com; j45cassens@comcast.net
Subject: Gratitude

Thank you so much for your courageous decision to deny FP&L another coal fired power plant on the west side of Lake Okeecobee. We here in St.Lucie County would have been directly in line for the created pollution although our County Commissioners had denied FP&L also. The pressures must have been tremendous. Thanks again. Robert Tabor

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From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 5:07 PM
To: Timolyn Henry
Cc: Matilda Sanders
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From: Consumer Contact
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 4:04 PM
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From: Webmaster
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 4:02 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: My contact

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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 3:36 PM
To: Webmaster
Cc: fishalloyd@yahoo.com
Subject: My contact

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:
Name: lloyd fish md
Company:
Primary Phone: 239-466-8381
Secondary Phone:
Email: fishalloyd@yahoo.com

Response requested? No
CC Sent? Yes

Comments:

I wish to than the PSC for their action on the coal fired plant. It was an action for the future and the people of this and neighboring states.

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To: Timolyn Henry
Cc: Matilda Sanders
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To: Ruth McHargue
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To: Consumer Contact
Subject: FW: My contact

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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 1:00 PM
To: Webmaster
Cc: jim@jimwurster.com
Subject: My contact

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:
Name: James Wurster
Company:
Primary Phone: 954-558-2754
Secondary Phone:
Email: jim@jimwurster.com

Response requested? Yes
CC Sent? Yes

Comments:
I commend you for your vote today denying FPL a permit for the Everglades Coal Plant and thus protecting one of the most endangered ecological systems in the world. Coal is not the way to go. Only renewable energy sources will provide Florida with a clean and healthy future.

Thanks,
Jim Wurster

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From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 2:21 PM
To: Timolyn Henry
Cc: Matilda Sanders
Subject: FW: Thank you for your efforts!

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From: Consumer Contact
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 1:56 PM
To: Ruth McHargue
Subject: FW: Thank you for your efforts!

To CLK

From: Mary Cosmo [mailto:mry_cosmo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 1:14 PM
To: aronberg.dave.web@flsenate.gov; g. cavros; charlie.crist@myflorida.com; commissioners@colliergov.net;
connie.mack@mail.house.gov; Consumer Contact; Glades Democate; 'Susan Glickman'; Save It Now Glades Group; Hendry Co
Comm; Hendry Co Comm; Hendry Co Comm; Hendry Co Comm; Hendry Co Comm; lcv@lcv.org;
mel_martinez@martinez.senate.gov; no_coal@yahoogroups.com; Rhonda; schlottman.kimmie.s37@flsenate.gov;
sgonzalez@chej.org; threerivers@tellurian.net
Subject: Thank you for your efforts!

To All

Among those who have taken on the coal-fired power plant in Glades County are some of our most integral and out-standing citizens. YOU have spoke up when others were afraid. YOU have taught those who did not know. YOU worried about others children because you cared. YOU went to meetings when other could not. YOU refused the path of lest resistance. YOU took the right path in fighting for a cause and won. YOU made the difference. YOUR voice was heard and YOUR prayers have been answered. Without citizenship like yours our country would not survive. It takes citizens that know and respect their rights to make our government whole.

I also would like to commend the Public Service Commission on their efforts to protect the rate payer from the wasteful spending of the utilities on this matter. There decision has set precedence and shouts that Floridians are demanding to be leaders in renewable energy sources. Without the government there would be no justice, without the citizens there would no hope, one without the other and both would fall.

When people stand together for the greater good true greatness and history is made. This is a win-win for all of South Florida citizens, businesses, and tourists alike. I am truly honored to have been a part of this fight to save our precious Everglades from yet another potentially hazardous mistake. I truly thank you for all your unwavering efforts and would be proud to stand with you again!

Mary Cosmo
International College student
Save It Now Glades member
Hendry County citizen

Be a better Globetrotter. Get better travel answers from someone who knows.
Yahoo! Answers - Check it out.

Looking for earth-friendly autos?
Browse Top Cars by "Green Rating" at Yahoo! Autos' Green Center.

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To: Timolyn Henry
Cc: Matilda Sanders
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To: Ruth McHargue
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From: Webmaster
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 10:46 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: My contact

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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 10:24 AM
To: Webmaster
Cc: jmichell@comcast.net
Subject: My contact

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Contact Information:
Name: John Michel
Company: Retired
Primary Phone: 239-390-2236
Secondary Phone:
Email: jmichell@comcast.net

Response requested? No
CC Sent? Yes

Comments:

I believe it is a mistake to seek alternate forms of energy such as coal or nuclear. The US has more BTU's of energy in coal than all the oil in the Mid-East. This is why I believe we are in Iraq. Its energy, stupid. You will probably be against nuclear also.

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From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 2:11 PM
To: Timolyn Henry
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Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 1:01 PM
To: Ruth McHargue
Subject: FW: My contact

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From: Webmaster
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 11:38 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: My contact

Phone: 850-413-6334 Suncom: 293-6334 Fax: 850-413-6335 Email:
wchen@psc.state.fl.us Room: 115-C

-----Original Message-----
From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 11:33 AM
To: Webmaster
Cc: carollsmith@bellsouth.net
Subject: My contact

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:
Name: Richard Smith
Company:
Primary Phone:
Secondary Phone:
Email: carollsmith@bellsouth.net

Response requested? No
CC Sent? Yes

Comments:
Dear Commissioners:

Many thanks for your unanimous vote yesterday to deny the proposed Glades coal power plant.

We are truly grateful for your leadership, wise judgment and good stewardship in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rev. Richard Smith and Carol Smith
Tavernier, FL

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To: Ruth McHargue
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From: Webmaster
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2007 8:31 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: FW: My contact

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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2007 8:15 PM
To: Webmaster
Cc: jmueller@bellsouth.net
Subject: My contact

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:

Name: James Mueller
Company: James Mueller & Associates
Primary Phone:
Secondary Phone:
Email: jmueller@bellsouth.net

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Response requested? No
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Comments:

Thank you for your decision not to allowing the two coal-fired power plants to be constructed at Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades. This decision reflects an authentic concern for the citizens of Florida and the environment, and it demonstrates the integrity of the commissioners in upholding their duties. Thank you for this enlightened and courageous decision.

Ann Cole

From: Ann Cole
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2007 3:44 PM
To: Sandy Simmons; Timolyn Henry
Cc: Matilda Sanders; Roberta Bass
Subject: RE: Docket 070098-EI

Thanks, Sandy. This will be placed in correspondence today.

From: Sandy Simmons
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2007 2:24 PM
To: Timolyn Henry
Cc: Ann Cole; Matilda Sanders; Roberta Bass
Subject: Docket 070098-EI

<< Message: RE: [saveitnowglades] PSC Determination for Glades Power Park >> << Message: Glades power pack >>
<< Message: PSC Determination for Glades Power Park >>

Please place the attached correspondence in the docket file.

Ann Cole

From: rhonda roff [marshmaid@hughes.net]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 11:03 AM
To: Office of the Chairman; Katrina McMurrian; Bev DeMello
Cc: Charlie.Crist@myflorida.com; arnold.traci@leg.state.fl.us; Joy Ezell;
saveitnowglades@yahoogroups.com; No Coal; aronberg.dave.web@flsenate.gov;
baker.carey.web@flsenate.gov; bennett.mike.web@flsenate.gov;
constantine.lee.web@flsenate.gov; dockery.paula.web@flsenate.gov;
justice.charlie.web@flsenate.gov; ennis.connie@leg.state.fl.us
Subject: PSC Determination for Glades Power Park

4 June 2007

Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: FPL Glades Power Park

Dear Commissioners:

Although the true costs of this proposed plant has not be calculated yet, the Florida Public Service Commission is required to issue their final determination on Tuesday, June 5. FPL gave the state DEP an extension until June 15 to draft the air permit. That draft permit will include recommendations for pollution control devices far beyond the design presented to the PSC. These costs, following the blessing that the PSC may give, will mean very little to FPL because they will then be allowed to pass the cost on to their customers. Similarly, the South Florida Water Management District has some strong recommendations, not yet publicized, that will likely cost FPL two to three times more for their 28 million gallons per day of cooling water. Those costs have not been considered by the PSC either and will be passed directly to the ratepayer.

None of this, nor the future cost of carbon regulation, up to \$400 million for this facility alone, are unknown to the PSC. You heard this in April during the needs determination hearing during the public testimony and from participating parties to the hearing.

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Cc: Jeremy Susac; Kay Posey; Katrina McMurrian; Michael Cooke; Katherine Fleming; Lorena Holley; Tom Ballinger; Bob Trapp
Subject: RE: Glades power pack

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From: Jennifer Brubaker
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 6:19 PM
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From: Katrina McMurrian
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 6:05 PM
To: Ann Cole; Michael Cooke; Jennifer Brubaker; Katherine Fleming; Lorena Holley; Tom Ballinger; Bob Trapp
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From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 4:32 PM
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Subject: FW: [saveitnowglades] PSC Determination for Glades Power Park

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DATE: June 4, 2007
TO: Ann Cole, Commission Clerk
FROM: Roberta S. Bass, Assistant to Chairman Edgar *Rab*
RE: Correspondence Received in Docket No. 070098-EI

Please place the attached correspondence from Mr. Scott Di Stefano in the correspondence side of the above referenced docket. If you have any questions about this request, please call me.

Attachment

cc: William Garner
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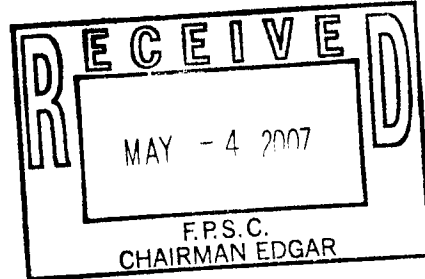
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Re: Proposed Coal Fired Power Plant in Glades County

Commissioners,

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As always, thank you for you service to the community and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scot Di Stefano

Ann Cole

CORRESPONDENCE

From: Ann Cole
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 2:54 PM
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From: Jennifer Brubaker
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1. provide a more accurate cost estimate, knowing that they are at this moment fully aware of the increases which will be revealed to the public within the next few weeks, and
2. implement incentives for truly clean renewables, conservation and efficiency rather than a \$5.7 Billion fire-breathing dragon which will cost hundreds of millions more dollars each year to run.

The \$21 million in tax revenues promised to Glades County annually can be earned in much more sustainable ways which do not require selling their collective soul.

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Matilda Sanders

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From the desk of Debbie Arnason, 12 Dill St, Alva, FL 33920 386-288-4454

Florida Public Service Commission - ATTN: Commissioners
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32399 phone 850-342-3552, Faxed 413-6108
c/o Bev DeMello to convey to Commissioners for June 5, 2007 decision on proposed FPL
Glades Power Park Needs & Cost determination

June 1, 2007

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is the letter I sent to FL DEP regarding their siting hearing for this proposed coal-burning power plant. I have included in this fax pertinent information to update my testimony since I spoke at PSC Hearing on April 16, 2007.

I respectfully request that you look into FPL's coal and nuclear rush at the expense of taxpayers, ratepayers and the environmental expense to Florida, the nation and the planet.

I do not understand the "need" for such a plant without thoroughly exhausting such alternatives as hybrid solar, unless it is to enrich FPL executives before the coal "gravy" train of this administration runs out or expensive carbon caps are required at public cost.

-I want to know if any Florida energy company is being subsidized by billions of dollars in Federal taxpayers money for coal. (I'd bet Seminole Electric Coop is, and possibly FPL as well.)

-I want to ensure that ratepayers are never asked to pay up front for what will most likely be a failed project according to the best scientific minds in the world (i.e. James Hansen of NASA).

-I want an investigation now into the "Green Mountain" program that FPL is using to scam customers like myself while pursuing fossil-fuel energy.

-I want to know why PSC, DEP, EPA and any PUBLIC or governmental group that is supposed to represent citizens is acting like they represent the energy companies instead.

-I insist that FPL thoroughly exhaust all means of solar, wind and other truly healthy alternatives much as individuals and Germany and other countries have successfully done before considering any form of coal or nuclear. I trust that the PSC will insist as well.

-I want to know how anyone can consider this project "Cost effective" without considering the environmental costs to the ratepayers and taxpayers of Florida? We are being asked to spend \$11 billion to clean up the Everglades while at the same time, spend millions on installing more pollution in the form of FPL's proposed coal burner? Is this taxation without representation?

Please respond.

Sincerely,



Deb Arnason, ratepayer, taxpayer, planet Earth

- Faxed 27 pages 6-1-07 FLOEP 850-245-8003 Fax (8002 Phone)
- Copy faxed to PSC 6-1-07 with any new info since 4-16-07 Hearing

Arne and Debbie Arnason, 12 Dill St., Alva, FL 33920 386-288-4454 cell

May 31, 2007

MC 5700 Dept of Environmental Protection
Siting Coordination Office
2600 Blairstone Rd, MS 48
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

RE: Hearing to consider land use issues of Florida Power & Light
PROPOSED Glades Coal Burner siting in heart of endangered Everglades
June 5, 2007 in Moore Haven, FL)PA 06-49, #06-0005334EPP, #06-2649

ATTN: DEP Siting Coordination Office and Administrative Law Judge

Dear Cindy, Mike, Trina and Judge J. Lawrence Johnston: Also Scott, Mimi, Alex:

Thank you, Cindy, for your phone call last week and mailing informing me
of the Hearing. I request that this be entered into the proceedings.

I wish I could attend as an FPL rate payer, former "green" program
contributor, homeowner/taxpayer in Florida for many years, US citizen and
taxpayer, a person who calls this planet "home" and is now living in close
proximity to FPL's proposed coal burner which will spew, by FPL's own
estimates, millions of tons of pollutants into our air and water.

It seems to me to be suicidal to site anything but solar or wind or truly
renewable energy at this location.

We are also people who have been sickened and forced to move from Ft.
White, FL, because of local, State and Federal approval of a "state-of-the-
art" coal-burning plant in Branford, FL, which "only" spewed 20% of the
pollutants that Glades Power "Park" would. Medical tests are attached.

In the fall of 2005, we attended DEP Air Permitting Hearing which allowed
Suwannee American Cement to DOUBLE its output. I believe in my heart
this was JUST FOR SHOW. The few locals who had any fight left in them
presented their case. Due to reduced State DEP and Federal EPA rules to
accommodate big \$\$ campaign contributors, this Hearing was simply an

Deb Arnason - page 2 of 2 - 5/31/07

opportunity for citizens to vent while the Corporation forged ahead with their pre-agreed plans.

I can only hope and pray, under a new Governor, the State DEP, will not be influenced by FPL's greedy bottom line to the destruction of our Everglades, our tourism, and indeed our Earth in a time of global warming crisis when healthy alternatives exist. Time for a NEW TRIPLE BOTTOM line which includes people and planet as well as profit.

There is so much more. I will let the truth speak for itself.

I appreciate you, Cindy, and all the good folks at DEP, PSC, EPA and FPL. I believe you are doing your best in a sick system. However, we are all being asked to "go along to get along" simply to enrich a few syndicated criminals at the top level of corporate and political structure. Let's stop enabling our own destruction. There are so many more of us. Why accept unacceptable behavior? Siting such a coal burner at this location would be Everglades and planetary suicide. Just say, "NO." Thank you.

Love,



Deb Arnason, 12 Dill St, Alva FL 33920

360 Webb Rd, Wadesboro, NC 28170 704-851-3925 visiting grandkids

CC: PSC, Gov. Crist, Sen Aronberg's Everglades Restoration Committee, Commissioners of Collier, Lee, Hendry, Broward, Miami-Dade Counties

The "renewable energy" program you're chipping in for spews the same old pollutants

Do Not let FPL Fool You! Not Green!

BY ERIC ALAN BARTON

Gotten that call yet from FPL? Or the letter in the mail? They're asking you to do your part and tack on an extra \$9.75 to your monthly payment. It's for "renewable energy." Who in good conscience could say no?

The pitch is this: Florida Power & Light promises that its Sunshine Energy Program will use your contribution to build solar collectors stashed on the roofs of South Florida buildings as well as to buy "green" renewable energy from other companies. There may be a brighter tomorrow after all, right?

Turns out the deal isn't as green as promised. Most of the money sent in by well-intentioned FPL customers will not go toward buying energy produced from traditional "clean" sources like solar or wind but from the burning of industrial wood waste and landfill methane. Experts differ on whether waste-to-energy operations are good for the environment, but environmentalists claim such operations have upped the mercury levels in the Everglades and may contribute to air pollution.

What's more, FPL has hired Texas-based Green Mountain Energy Co. to administer the program. Green Mountain has a long history of running a foul of environmentalists. Critics say the company claims to produce renewable fuel but then provides it from less-than-clean sources. Green Mountain is nothing but a front for big oil, contends Mike Ewall, director of the Energy Justice Network in Philadelphia. "What Green Mountain is marketing as green energy," he says, "is actually a lot of the stuff that

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the environmental community has been fighting for years."

FPL's Sunshine Energy Program got its start last year with a telemarketing and mass-mail campaign. By now, the program has lined up more than 12,000 customers who have agreed to chip in the extra \$9.75 a month — in total, more than \$1.4 million a year. Jack Rose, FPL's program manager of Sunshine Energy, says the donors envision a greener future with the help of renewable energy. "Renewables are a good thing," Rose says. "They make sense for the environment."

Sure, but how much of the environment? FPL says that its first solar collector, for which the company is still looking for a rooftop location, will eventually produce 150 kilowatts of juice — enough to power about 20 homes. Environmentalists figuratively roll their eyes. "Isn't that a crock?" says Rosa Durando, with Audubon Society of the Everglades. "They're relying on the good nature of stupid people."

In its defense, FPL says the cost of generating power from alternative sources is expensive. Solar power costs 60 cents per kilowatt hour, as opposed to about 7 cents an hour from fossil fuels, FPL spokeswoman Pat Davis says. The utility insists money isn't the issue. "We are not after a profit on this," Davis says.

But FPL isn't buying energy that, by everyone's definition, is clean. According to an FPL spokesperson, the Sunshine Energy Program gets 27 percent of its power from wind, 30 percent from the burning of methane produced by decomposing landfills, and 42 percent from incinerators that burn wood waste — with only wind being a legitimately clean source of power.

Environmentalists have long questioned whether the burning of landfill methane could put harmful chemicals into the air. And the burning of wood waste has been credited with adding to air pollution. Waste incinerators are Florida's largest mercury polluters and have been blamed for spreading the deadly chemical into the Everglades, the source of drinking water both for endangered species and millions of people.

Environmentalists say there's reason to raise questions about FPL's partnership with Green Mountain, a company that operates in nine states from Oregon to New York. The company has mostly set up shop where deregulation of the power industry allows it to compete with local companies. It's owned by oil magnate Sam Wyly of Texas and gas giant BP Amoco, which has shoveled out more than \$100 million to expand.

In recent years, there has been a series of set-tos with environmentalist and public interest groups. In Pennsylvania, Green Mountain took heat from a coalition that claimed the company did little to supply renewable fuels like solar, wind, and hydroelectric. Thirteen national and local environmental groups banded together to boycott the company. Ewall,

who's been fighting Green Mountain for six years, says, "Green Mountain is not the company it claims to be."

The negative publicity prompted an investigation into the company's advertising by the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office. The company acknowledged it had made a mistake when, in pitching its own cost-saving virtues, it advertised its rates without figuring in taxes, comparing them with competitors' rates, taxes and all. The company admitted no wrongdoing, but it paid a \$100,000 fine to settle the investigation.

In September 2000, Green Mountain angered environmentalists by relocating its corporate offices to a building that sat above an environmentally sensitive aquifer in Austin, Texas. The company paid \$20,000 in restitution for the blunder.

"Green Mountain is not the company it claims to be," an environmentalist says.

Ralph Nader's watchdog group, Public Citizen, investigated Green Mountain's claims that it was supplying clean power to California, determining that some actually came from coal plants in Oregon. The 1999 report also said that Green Mountain's "purchasing" of clean power may do little if anything to improve the environment because the company buys power that's already being fed into the national power grid, having no effect on the balance of renewable energy.

Green Mountain's deal with FPL allows the company to buy renewable energy from outside the state if it can't find enough within Florida. The result may be that the power it buys will never come close to Florida consumers. Rose responds that the program isn't about getting the power directly to FPL customers but simply increasing the amount of renewable energy put onto the national grid.

When asked about Green Mountain's checked past, FPL's Davis says her company reviewed the records of other renewable-energy providers and determined that Green Mountain was the best at it. "Green Mountain has the experience," Davis says, "to do what we need them to do."

Adding to the widespread skepticism about the program, though, has been the FPL's secrecy. The power company refuses to reveal the sources of the power it provides or the methods used in converting wood waste to energy, suggesting that the information is proprietary.

"Make no mistake, there's stuff put out in everything you burn," says Peter Frederick, a professor at University of Florida's Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. Smokestack cleaners can remove many pollutants from wood pulp, he says, but, because of FPL's secrecy, it's unclear whether plants that supply FPL use cleaners.

Rose, the program's manager, would acknowledge only that the wood waste plant is located in Georgia. "What I can say is that Green Mountain has done an admirable job."

Contact the author to discuss the story: eric.barton@newtimesbpb.com

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Christopher Smith

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kWh this month 1078
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Electric service amount 109.95
Sunshine energy amount 9.75
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Total new charges \$126.54

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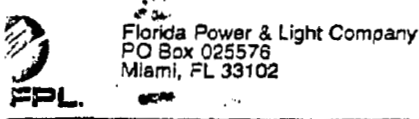
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Total amount you owe \$126.54

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Deb Arnason

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Go with solar, not coal

The Southern Ocean around Antarctica is so loaded with carbon dioxide that it can barely absorb any more. Scientists didn't think this would happen until after 2050 if we didn't change our careless, carbon-spewing ways. Without this carbon sink more of the CO2 will stay in the atmosphere to warm up the planet.

The Florida Public Service Commission is scheduled to decide on June 5 whether FPL has demonstrated a need for a new \$5.7 billion coal plant and that it will be economically feasible for its customers. Company officials say new technology that involves pulverizing the coal to a fine powder makes it cleaner than traditional coal plants.

Listen folks, technology that is not even "new" can be applied to your very own roof to generate electricity for you and it won't release one single global warming molecule, and it won't require pulverizing dirty coal to fine powder to produce your electricity. It's called solar energy.

We have a solar electric system on our house that is tied to the power grid and as of this week FPL officials came to our house telling us that we need to sign their interconnection agreement. This agreement says that when our solar system is creating pollution-free electricity and putting it back on the grid for others to use, we now are going to be forced to install a \$500 meter (that FPL pays for) to monitor the ebb and flow of electricity from our solar system.

Fearing a loss in revenue from us because our electric bills are very modest - \$9.26 last month - monitoring us will give FPL the ability to make money from us. For the same price as the \$5.7 billion dollar coal plant, FPL could install a quarter million solar electric systems (\$25,000 each) on homes or 2.3 million solar hot water systems (\$2,500 each).

FPL hasn't even begun to address energy conservation and don't be fooled by their saying, "We are doing an incredible amount to conserve energy, but we must meet the demand." I demand FPL leave us alone and let us use our solar system to benefit the entire planet, not just benefit the bank account of FPL and their shareholders. I hope our needs are met.

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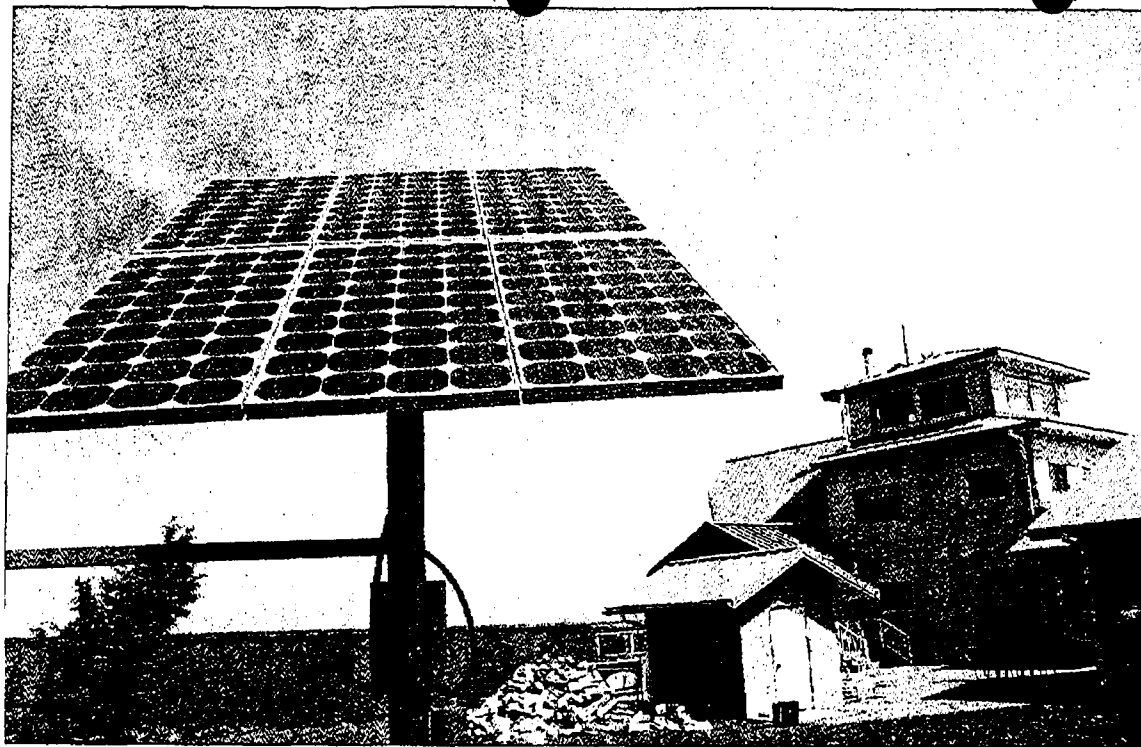
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WASHINGTON — Instead of slowing down, worldwide carbon-dioxide levels have taken a sudden and alarming jump since 2000, an international team of scientists reported Monday. CO2 emissions from fossil fuels — mostly coal, oil and gas — are increasing at three times the rate experienced in the 1990s, they said. The rapid acceleration could make the battle against global warming even more difficult than it already appears. — MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

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A solar panel provides power for a home at the Three Rivers Recreational Area, in Lake Billy Chinook, Ore. Everyone in this community lives 'off the grid,' part of a growing number of homeowners now drawing all their power from alternative sources:

Happily living 'off the grid'

More people are relying in power produced by solar panels, windmills

BY JOSEPH B. FRAZIER
Associated Press

LAKE BILLY CHINOOK, Ore. — Before power lines, homesteaders had no choice. They lit their stoves, stoked their fires and packed away winter ice against scorching summers.

Owners of about 250 homes in the Three Rivers community near this central Oregon lake are far from homesteading or camping out.

But they are among a growing number of Americans who shun power lines, choosing to live "off the grid," without commercial power.

Everyone in Three Rivers gets out of their power from dark solar panels on their rooftops or

on nearby freestanding structures positioned to more efficiently capture the sun. Some supplement it with energy generated by windmills.

Solar power easily handles their computers, lights, large-screen televisions, microwave ovens, refrigerator-freezers and more.

"Ninety percent of the people here, if (outside) power were offered to them, they'd turn it down," said Gary Sweet, a semi-retired insurance agent who moved to the high desert community in Central Oregon a couple of years ago.

Off-the-grid living is edging into the American mainstream. It isn't there yet, but about 180,000 homes, mostly in the West, operate on it.

It's occurring mostly in the West because of people moving into remote areas that are beyond the reach of commercial power, because of ample sun and environmental conscientious-

ness, and possibly because of Westerners' traditional independent streak.

Residents in the decidedly upscale, gated, Three Rivers community could easily afford the \$300,000 the power company said it would cost to extend its lines three miles or so to their property 10 years ago.

Still, living off the grid isn't cheap.

High demand for solar panels and improved technology has kept the price up, and homeowners in Three Rivers say an advanced solar energy system can cost \$25,000 for the panels, batteries, inverter and other equipment.

Some companies offer cheaper systems, and the federal government and most states offer tax credits.

Savings over commercial power costs depend on the investment and durability of the system and local energy prices.

Don Bliss, of Three Rivers, has

a windmill to supplement his solar panels when the sun isn't shining, but said it couldn't do the job alone.

Residents with wells need generators for the pumps that fill their cisterns, and propane powers high-demand appliances such as stoves. Beyond that, the sun does the job.

With six- and seven-figure homes, residents of Three Rivers share nothing with the homesteaders of the past.

Richard Perez might have come closer.

He headed for the remote solitude of southernmost Oregon's Siskiyou Mountains in 1970 and was told it would cost \$270,000 — then — to extend commercial power to his site.

"We started with a generator and gradually added solar. We rarely use the generator except during extended cloudy periods," said Perez.

"I'd rather eat a bug than burn gas."

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Cloudy Germany a Powerhouse in Solar Energy

By Craig Whitlock
 Washington Post Foreign Service
 Saturday, May 5, 2007; A01

ESPENHAIN, Germany — When it opened here in 2004 on a reclaimed mining dump, the Geosol solar plant was the biggest of its kind in the world. It is so clean and green that it produces zero emissions and so easy to operate that it has only three regular workers: plant manager Hans-Joerg Koch and his two security guards, sheepdogs Pushkin and Adi.

The plant is part of a building boom that has made gloomy-skied Germany the unlikely global leader in solar-generated electricity. Last year, about half of the world's solar electricity was produced in the country. Of the 20 biggest photovoltaic plants, 15 are in Germany, even though it has only half as many sunny days as countries such as Portugal.

The reason is not a breakthrough in the economics or technology of solar power but a law adopted in 2000. It requires the country's huge old-line utility companies to subsidize the solar upstarts by buying their electricity at marked-up rates that make it easy for the newcomers to turn a profit. Their cleanly created power enters the utilities' grids for sale to consumers.

The law was part of a broader measure adopted by the German government to boost production of renewable energy sources, including wind power and biofuels. As the world's sixth-biggest producer of carbon-dioxide emissions, Germany is trying to slash its output of greenhouse gases and wants renewable sources to supply a quarter of its energy needs by 2020.

Since the Geosol plant was built, it has been eclipsed in size by six other German solar plants, including the new world's-largest, the Solarpark Gut Erlasee in Bavaria, which has more than double the capacity. Last month, construction began on yet another monster solar plant on an old military base in Brandis, about 12 miles north of Espenhain. Once completed, it will generate 40 megawatts, or enough to power about 10,000 homes.

German officials readily acknowledged that they are embracing solar technology not just for its environmental benefits. German firms that manufacture photovoltaic panels and other components have prospered under the new energy act and now employ 40,000 people. An additional 15,000 people work for companies in the solar-thermal business, which make heating systems for homes and businesses.

Matthias Machnik, an undersecretary for the German ministry of the environment, said

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the country can't hope to compete in the long term with perpetually sunny ones in generating solar power. But it hopes to expand its exports of solar technology and become the leader in that field as well.

"Unless climate change accelerates, we only have a certain amount of available hours of sunshine," Machnik said in an interview. "For us, of course we will use solar power, but it is more important to secure the know-how for research and development."

Last year, German exports accounted for 15 percent of worldwide sales of solar panels and other photovoltaic equipment, according to industry officials. German companies hope to double their share of the global market, which amounted to \$9.5 billion last year and is growing by about 20 percent annually, said Carsten Koernig, managing director of the German Solar Industry Association, a trade and lobbying group.

"It's been very important to create the necessary market in Germany," Koernig said. "We not only want to master the German market, but to conquer the world market as well."

For now, the technology remains expensive and barely registers as a fraction of total energy production — less than 0.5 percent. The government hopes to increase that figure to 3 percent by 2020.

Industry supporters, however, say there are other factors that favor solar production in the long term.

One is that other forms of non-fossil fuel energy are falling out of favor. The government has decided to phase out all nuclear power plants by 2020. And while Germany is also the world leader in wind power, a popular backlash is building against the towering wind turbines that have proliferated in farmers' fields across the country and are criticized as eyesores.

In Espenhain, local officials have warm words for their solar plant, owned by the Berlin-based company Geosol. The facility was constructed on land that had served as a dumping ground for millions of tons of coal dust produced by nearby mines since the 1930s. The property had been rendered unusable for agriculture or other purposes.

Two decades ago, the region was part of communist East Germany and known for that coal industry, which employed 8,000 people. After the reunification of Germany in 1990, most of those jobs quickly disappeared, but this part of the state of Saxony continued to suffer from air and water pollution from the mines.

"This region was known as the dirtiest in all of Europe," said Juergen Frisch, mayor of Espenhain. "The solar plant came at a very good time for Espenhain. It's helped to change our image."

Unlike the coal mines, the solar plant makes almost no noise, save for the low thrum of a few outdoor air-conditioning units that cool the electrical transformers. The plant, with 33,500 solar panels, sits on a 37-acre site in a field off a rural road and requires scarcely any maintenance.

On a tour of the property, Koch, the manager, acknowledged that eastern Germany is not the ideal site for collecting the sun's rays.

Contrary to popular expectations, however, the solar panels work fine on drizzly days, he said, although they are able to generate only a quarter to half the usual output of electricity. "We are still producing at the moment, even when we have overcast or rainy conditions," he said cheerfully.

Special correspondent Shannon Smiley in Berlin contributed to this report.

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Report: CO2 Emissions Must Drastically Reduce by 2015

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a summary of current climate science in February, confirming that global temperatures are increasing, and that the chief cause are human actions that release carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels.

beginning of a new phase: cooperation from the US in finding ways to stop the onrushing environmental disaster.

Of the utmost urgency is stabilizing the global temperature before it increases another two degrees. This means dramatically reducing the amount of carbon dioxide we in the US and the rest of the world inject into the atmosphere, and shifting away from carbon-containing fuels to sustainable energy sources.



The summary was officially accepted as a basis for policy decisions by more than 100 countries, including the US and China.

On April 6, the IPCC released a second summary report that outlined the disasters precipitated by the global temperature increase: floods, forest fires, droughts, crop failures, water shortages, health problems, animal extinctions, and the steady erosion of the ecological capital upon which humanity depends.

All these impacts will worsen as the temperature increases.

More than 100 UN-member countries, including China and the US, also adopted this report.

These reports put the finish on arguments over the reality of climate change and human causation, and make possible the

But how much must we reduce emissions, and how long do we have to do it?

Five years ago, NASA climate scientist James Hansen (who the White House repeatedly tried to silence) proposed a strategy based on the effectiveness of natural processes that recycle carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere to the oceans and other natural systems.

These natural systems now remove approximately 40 percent of the carbon dioxide contributed by human activities to the atmosphere each year. Therefore, to stabilize the CO2 levels in the atmosphere and stop temperature increases, we must reduce world emissions by 60 percent to match the quantity that natural systems can handle.

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The more we reduce emissions, the lower both the resulting atmospheric concentration of CO2 and the resulting global temperature will be.

The faster we act, the more tolerable the resulting temperature.

But if we wait too long, we will lose any chance of controlling the warming processes caused by our use of coal and fossil fuels.

According to Hansen, it is possible to keep the total temperature rise below the 2 degree total (where truly nasty consequences kick in), but this will require very rapid action.

Developed countries must stop increasing emissions, and start reducing them by 2015, and developing countries must do so by 2020.

Increasingly aggressive emission cuts must continue until 2050 for the world to meet the needed 60 percent reduction. If the US is to match per capita emissions to those of the rest of the world, total emission cuts here must reach 80 percent or greater by 2050, and continue downward until the end of the century.

Failure to achieve the necessary 2015 targets would likely scuttle the benefits of any subsequent reductions since the atmosphere would then be so overburdened by CO2 that the earth's environment could no longer retard the rise in temperature.

Hitherto, action by the federal government has been paralyzed by the Bush Administration's tilt in favor of the coal and oil industries, but state governments are stepping up to the task and showing the way to success.

Twenty-nine states have produced or are developing climate action plans.

Those state plans feature strong goals and targets and emphasize greatly improved energy efficiency in electrical equipment, and household appliances, as well as improved building codes.

Eleven of the twelve state plans have explicit greenhouse gas emission reduction targets that are consistent with the Hansen crash program schedule.

Ten states have adopted California's vehicle tailpipe carbon dioxide reduction regulations, which were approved in a landmark Supreme Court decision that was announced April 2.

In California, emission standards will be introduced in model year 2009 and become increasingly stringent so that by 2016 new car vehicle emissions will drop 30 percent.

Existing state plans contain more than 300 energy and climate policies and mechanisms for reducing emissions. If implemented throughout the country, the Hansen crash program would more than meet the targets of the Hansen crash program.

This is good news indeed, because Federal legislation enacted in one of two years—is likely to follow the blueprints already pioneered at the state level.

Of the five legislative proposals at the federal level, only one has a clear substance: the Global Warming Pollution Reduction Act, also known as the Sanders-Boxer Bill.

The act calls for an 80 percent reduction in global warming pollutants by 2050—compared to 1990 levels—and offers the most progressive and comprehensive solution to reduce greenhouse gases across the nation.

The bill sets out a roadmap of targets, requirements and incentives for the EPA to use to reduce US emissions and to help stabilize global atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases.

Specifically, the act sets a goal of achieving a reduction in US greenhouse gas emissions that will help stabilize global concentrations below 450 parts per million—a critical level recognized by climate scientists.

To achieve this goal, the United States must reduce its emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and make additional reductions

between 2020 and 2050. The bill include a combination of economy wide reduction targets, mandatory measures, and incentives for the development and diffusion of cleaner technologies to achieve these goals.

The legislation is supported by such national groups as the Earth Day Network, Earthjustice, Environmental Defense Environmental & Energy Study Institute, Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, League of Conservation Voters, National Audubon Society, National Environmental Trust, National Wildlife Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Public Citizen, Sierra Club, Union of Concerned Scientists, and US PIRG.

Meritans should let their favored candidates know that it's time to get serious about global warming and to support this legislation.

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Coal-fired foolishness

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Global warming may be strong enough to melt giant glaciers and spawn killer storms, but it is no match for an even more powerful force: congressional pork. After giving lip service to the need to reduce greenhouse gases, lawmakers are about to take back their promises.

Democrats and Republicans alike favor funding a tax-subsidized loan program to help rural electric cooperatives build \$35-billion worth of conventional coal-fired power plants over the next decade. Those plants will spew enough greenhouse gases into the atmosphere to offset emissions reductions promised by federal and state regulations, the Washington Post reported.

Florida, a major contributor of greenhouse gases, is just starting to take the problem seriously. Recognizing the potential impact on the state from stronger hurricanes and rising sea levels, Gov. Charlie Crist and Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink recently called for action on climate change. If Congress subsidizes a new 750-megawatt coal plant planned by Seminole Electric Cooperative of Tampa, however, such talk is meaningless.

There are other problems with the appropriation beyond its effect on global warming. The program begun during the Depression to bring electricity and phones to isolated homes and communities is now an anachronism. The so-called "rural" cooperatives often operate in what have become booming metropolitan areas.

The program costs taxpayers billions and gives certain electric companies an unfair edge over others. As Scott Hodge, a critic of the program, wrote for the conservative Heritage Foundation 10 years ago: "Last time I checked, just about everybody in America except the Unabomber had electricity and telephones."

Yet once Congress gives a special interest a lucrative privilege, it is difficult to take it away. Even the Bush administration called for an end to the loan-subsidy program, but then 3,000 members of rural co-ops from around the country descended on Congress.

The outcome was predictable. "So are we supposed to tell members of Congress that you've got to be willing to sacrifice your seat for the sake of energy efficiency?" Glenn English, chief executive of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, told the Post. "I don't think the political community wants to take out the knife and commit hara-kiri."

True, there often is little courage in politics. Rep. Allen Boyd, D-Monticello, of all people, is a key supporter of the loan program that would bring more

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Any member of Congress who votes for putting tax dollars into conventional coal-fired power plants and then claims to be concerned about global warming is full of, well, hot air.

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Air Pollution Growing

Power Plants To Blame

LABELLE, FL. -- For the first time, data reveal a split picture along either side of the Mississippi River, as particle pollution (soot), the most dangerous pollutant, increased in the East but decreased in the West, while ozone (smog) decreased nationwide from peaks reported in 2002.

The number of counties scoring an A grade for ozone levels increased from 82 in 2000 to 145 this year, but particle pollution levels show an ominous trend, with F grades nearly doubling in just one year.

Higher soot levels in the East are linked to an increase in electricity generated by heavy polluting power plants. In the West, by contrast, soot levels continue to drop even in areas that rank historically high in particle pollution. California showed the most improvement with 32 counties dropping their year-round particle pollution levels. Ozone pollution dropped thanks to a late 1990s requirement to clean up emissions of the raw ingredients of smog, as well as cooler summers in 2003 and 2004.

Reductions in the nitrogen oxide emissions from coal-fired power plants that were in place by 2004 kept smog levels down, even when the heat returned in summer 2005 in much of the East. In the West, particularly in California, aggressive measures to reduce emissions from a wide range of air pollution sources (cars, trucks, and other mobile sources) contributed to fewer high ozone days.

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Deb,

Such a coal plant would be an extremely foolish investment. It is clear that, during the next few decades, we will need to "bull-doze" all coal-fired power plants that do not capture and sequester CO2. Yesterday's "debate" between John Kerry and Newt Gingrich should have helped make that clear. See article below for a reasonably straightforward discussion of the science.

Jim Hansen

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Article submitted to be an introduction to next "State of the Wild" is available at http://www.giss.nasa.gov/~jhansen/preprints/Wild_070410.pdf. Criticisms welcome. I ran out of time to make the final subsection (government/industry connection) as clear as it should be.

Jim

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From the desk of Deb Arnason, 12 Dill St., Alva, FL 33920, FPL rate payer, former FPL Sunshine Energy Program voluntarily paying an extra \$9.75 month for clean energy.....until I recently learned of FPL's proposal to put a polluting coal plant, the largest in the nation, at great expense, in the heart of the endangered Everglades we (the State of Florida and the Federal Government) are spending \$11 billion to clean up!

This proposed plant is just another form of fossil-fuel pollution, an insult to those of us who have suffered the effects and were counting on FPL to diversify using solar, wind, biomass, algae, etc. Combined with existing energy sources, a gradual phasing in of hybrid alternatives would meet our needs inexpensively for years to come while creating a sustainable network that does not go down with the grid!

Honestly, in light of global warming, it is unbelievable that this proposed plant is still on the agenda because it will add 16,000,000 (that's sixteen million) tons per year of global warming carbon dioxide leading to increased hurricanes and rising sea levels. At that rate, there will be no need for energy in South Florida.

I am sure you are also aware the Supreme Court has just mandated EPA to clean up carbon dioxide which will come at great expense to FPL rate payers and all of Florida. They also ruled against Duke Power in NC making it more

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Every single component of Florida's destructive growth machine is on view in the struggle by FPL and citizens whether or not to build a new coal fired power plant at the edge of the dying Lake Okeechobee in Glades County.

It is a demonstration project: how the economic elite team up with local mainstream media to perpetuate false Chamber of Commerce values—that all expanded tax base is good and when it is bigger, better.

The liar's miracle of expanded tax base has turned Florida into an old painted whore who can still pass for pretty in certain rural communities that are desperate to be like the big city.

Oh yes, we can already hear the howling complaints: "we just want jobs for our children".

One step at a time, drained aquifers, degraded springs, choked infrastructure, burning fires surrounding islands of the natural world defended as arks by environmentalists, all ringed by a polluted coastline: this is the frame for "jobs for our children".

Damn if you don't need a Hazmat suit just to protect yourself from news stories like this one, from the Glades County Democrat.

"A group of local citizens has organized in support of a power plant. Citizens Power Coalition is a local organization made up of residents from Glades and Hendry counties who are pushing to help FPL's proposal to build a power plant near Moore Haven. The group organized about six months ago when some residents began to feel that the power plant would be a positive beginning for the inevitable growth of rural Glades County."

What the Glades County Democrat doesn't say is that the citizens group is organized by the Miami public relations firm, Wragg and Casas, funded by Florida Power and Light.

In a letter to the editor, Rhonda Roff—an indomitable foe of the power plant—writes, "Knowing that the Power Coalition is funded by FPL and orchestrated by Wragg and Casas, the public relations firm that has done more harm to the Everglades than any other, I cannot understand what Nena Bolan (the writer) was thinking, or why her editors did not see this failure to understand the English language!"

Indeed, Wragg and Casas is the spin machine for the sugar industry.

The sugar industry itches for zoning and permitting to build suburban tract housing in the Everglades Agricultural Area. Its dominance of the mechanics of water management in Florida assured that Lake Okeechobee would turn into a

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cesspit, that Florida's estuaries would be ruined on not one but two coasts, and that drinking water for millions of South Floridians would depend on a system designed to optimized sugar production but leave rate payers vulnerable to drought.

Whenever the status quo of water management in South Florida is called into question, Wragg and Casas arrive like the fire brigade—whether it is pressuring US Senators to preserve the vast profitability of the Farm Bill, or, turning out middle schoolers or church go'ers, or, persuading county commissions to let a little sun shine into its plans for suburbia in the Everglades—Wragg and Casas is walking point.

The Glades County Democrat reports on opposition by "environmental activists" like Rhonda Roff but spins the article like a Wragg and Casas press release: "... there are some, including the parents in Glades County who do not want their children to leave the area in search of jobs..." and "many people support the project... because of the estimated \$21 million in annual tax benefits to Glades county and several million for Hendry county."

Wragg and Casas is just doing its job.

In Miami, Joanna Wragg was a senior editor of the Knight Ridder Miami Herald and mightily contributed to the Big Sugar aura as an immoveable placeholder in the Everglades.

Additionally, sugar's retainers with virtually every big downtown law firm in Miami assured no criticism of sugar would ever leak out of Florida's largest county to Tallahassee, or, to Washington.

Rhonda Roff's letter to the editor "outs" the fake citizens group, calling it an example of "astroturfing": "The goal of (astroturfing) is to disguise the agenda of a client as an independent public reaction to some political entity." Indeed.

Cooked coral reefs, dead hooded Arctic seal in a Florida waterway, disappearing bees, drought, fire—with carbon dioxide levels approaching levels not seen for 600,000 years and racing higher, what Florida needs is a tough conservation program that pushes the electric utilities into line, with clear incentives based on reducing energy—and not investment in a single new coal-fired power plant, no matter how "clean".

We would like to think that the world is capable of adjusting to the threats of global warming, but if the Miami-Dade county commission won't whisper a word about reconciling development patterns with a serious drought, and if Glades county elected officials are determined to sell its citizens the same Chamber of Commerce version of liar's poker that has pummeled Florida—what hope is there for the future?

It is a shame: Florida Power and Light understands perfectly well the nature of the challenge to humanity, by global warming. One of its divisions is the largest producer of wind energy in the nation. The company is staffed by engineers and experts who can parse the difference in regulatory policies in every state in the nation.

What it is doing in Glades county is simply pushing its own corporate agenda—shareholder profits—to the edge of what is practical, including the same spin machinery that has had a devastating impact on Florida.

It is hard to reach any other conclusion: the way Florida Power and Light is slamming its coal-fired power plant into Glades County, Florida, is a frightful

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indicator that society will not curb greed and avarice in time to beat back the impacts of global warming.

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Collins targets mercury pollution

By Kevin Miller

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Republican U.S. Sen. Susan Collins has joined two colleagues in introducing legislation to create a nationwide mercury monitoring program to detect harmful levels of the heavy metal in the environment.

The bill would establish monitoring sites throughout the country to assess mercury contamination levels in the air, soils and waters as well as plant and wildlife populations. Collins' bill, which is co-sponsored by Democratic Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York and independent Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, also would authorize funding for the ambitious monitoring program through 2013.

The proposal comes about four months after reports identified five "biological hot spots" for mercury contamination in wildlife in New England, New York and eastern Canada. While mercury was present throughout the region, the five "hot spots" were contaminated above healthy levels.

One of the identified "hot spots" was the upper watersheds of the Androscoggin and Kennebec rivers, which include Moosehead and Flagstaff lakes. The lower Penobscot River, Down East Maine and the St. John River were listed as "areas of concern" in the report, meaning preliminary data indicated a possible problem.

Researchers said the findings mean people should be aware of the health risks of eating too much fish from "hot spots" and adjust their diets accordingly.

At the time, Collins said the study underscored the need for a comprehensive program to detect and track environmental levels of mercury, a neurotoxin particularly harmful to young children and pregnant women. Mercury is dangerous because it accumulates in tissue and becomes more concentrated as it moves up through the food chain.

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On Wednesday, the senator also repeated her earlier criticisms of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Clean Air Mercury Rule," which regulates mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants. The "hot spots" report identified such power plants as a primary culprit in contamination.

Collins said she was "deeply troubled" by the computer modeling that the EPA used to create the rules on mercury.

"This data was neither peer-reviewed nor verified with scientific measurements, and yet EPA used [the data] as the basis for its mercury rule, which does not account for mercury hot spots and which places children and pregnant women at risk," Collins said in a statement.

"Hopefully, the new measurements provided by this legislation will form the basis for a new mercury rule which adequately protects human health and environment."

EPA officials have defended the mercury rule as helping to achieve a projected 80 percent reduction in mercury deposition in the northeastern U.S. Officials said at the time of the "hot spots" studies that the agency was working to establish a coordinated, nationwide network of monitoring sites for atmospheric mercury.

One of the researchers involved in the "hot spots" reports and discussion over a monitoring program was David Evers, executive director of the BioDiversity Research Institute in Gorham.

Evers was one of about 30 scientists from around the nation invited to a 2003 workshop sponsored by the EPA and industry to talk about mercury monitoring. Workshop participants developed a conceptual plan for 200 monitoring sites spread throughout the country.

In the years since, Evers and other researchers have delved into studying mercury's impact on wildlife. For the "hot spots" studies, the researchers looked at mercury levels in perch, loons, bald eagles, brook trout, otters and other animal species.

But the nationwide monitoring program never materialized, at least not yet. Evers is nonetheless optimistic and strongly supports Collins' bill. Evers said he acted as a scientific adviser to Collins' office on the issue.

"Is it realistic? I think it is because all of the industries and agencies have been involved in putting together a plan," said Evers, whose BioDiversity Research Institute is also behind the popular "eagle cam" in Hancock County.

The "hot spots" studies also found that mercury contamination levels near a coal-fired power plant in southern New Hampshire were five times the levels predicted by the EPA's computer models.

The four other hot spots identified by the reports were in New York's Adirondack Mountains, the upper Connecticut River in Vermont and New Hampshire, the Merrimack River in Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire, and in central Nova Scotia.

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COVER STORY

Changing All the Rules

By Bruce Barcott

Of the many environmental changes brought about by the Bush White House, none illustrate the administration's modus operandi better than the overhaul of new-source review. The president's legislative initiatives, such as his energy bill and the "Clear Skies" package, have languished on Capitol Hill. Nonetheless, the administration has effected a radical transformation of the nation's environmental laws — quietly and subtly, by means of regulatory changes and bureaucratic directives. New-source review represents the most sweeping change, and among the least noticed.

The overturning of new-source review has been portrayed by the president and his advisers as a compromise between the twin goals of preserving the environment and enabling business. But a careful examination of the process that led to the new policy reveals a very different story, and a different motivation. The administration's real problem with the new-source review program wasn't that it didn't work. The problem was that it was finally about to work all too well.

Having long flouted the new-source review law, many of the nation's biggest power companies were facing, in the last months of the 1990's, an expensive day of reckoning. EPA investigators had caught them breaking the law. To make



Compared to enforcement of the old new-source review rules to regulate power company pollution — the Bush administration's new rules would result in an annual 200,000 tons of 7 million tons of sulfur dioxide and 2.4 million tons of nitrogen oxides per year by 2020.

amends, the power companies were on the verge of signing agreements to clean up their plants, which would have delivered one of the greatest advances in clean air in the nation's history. Then George W. Bush took office and everything changed.

The 1970 Clean Air Act required power plants and large factories to minimize their emissions of harmful pollutants and established national air-quality standards to be met by

1975. Congress acknowledged, however, that forcing polluters to retrofit every existing plant immediately would be tremendously costly. So in a concession to industry, the lawmakers applied the tough standards only to newly built facilities.

Seven years passed, and the national air-quality standards went unmet. Instead of building new, cleaner plants, many companies simply upgraded their old, dirty plants. So Congress updated the act in 1977, introducing a regulation called new-source review (NSR), to bring older plants into compliance. Under NSR, a company could operate an old factory as long as it wasn't substantially modified. Eventually, it was assumed, the company would have to update its equipment, at which point new-source rules required the company to install the best available pollution-control technology. The legislators who passed new-source review expected the law to encourage electric utilities to replace old, heavily polluting coal-fired plants with cleaner new ones.

During the 80's and 90's, some power companies did exactly that. But many others retooled plants to keep them running long past their expected life spans, and few were fitted with the scrubbers and other equipment required under NSR.

The electric industry complained that NSR rules were so complicated and confusing that it was impossible for utilities to determine the difference between "routine" maintenance,

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ide, nearly 70 percent more nitrous oxides and five times as much mercury as the Clean Air Act – rigorously enforced – called for.

Because of this discrepancy, the legislation was not greeted with much enthusiasm in Congress. Clear Skies wasn't helped by the fact that a former top EPA official went on ABC's "This Week" to denounce the proposal two weeks after it was introduced. "We can do better under current law than what they're putting on the table," Eric Schaeffer told George Stephanopoulos. Schaeffer, the EPA's head of civil enforcement from 1997 to 2002, who had worked on the new-source review lawsuits since their inception. He left the EPA in early 2002, tired, as he said in his letter of resignation, of "fighting a White House that seems determined to weaken the rules we are trying to enforce."

The Clear Skies initiative stalled in Congress. The bill's principal sponsor, Representative Joe Barton, a Texas Republican, formally introduced it on the last Friday in July 2002, just before the House adjourned for summer vacation. That fall, an internal EPA analysis found that a rival Democratic bill sponsored by Senator Thomas Carper, a Democrat from Delaware, would reduce more emissions, on an earlier schedule and at the same cost to consumers, than the president's Clear Skies plan. A copy of those findings was leaked to the media, undermining an already shaky bill. If the Bush administration was going to bring about changes, it was becoming clear that they would have to be done administratively.

Meanwhile, the EPA revealed its overhaul of the new-source review

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rules on Friday, Nov. 22, 2002. For all the buildup, it was a conspicuously low-key debut. President Bush issued no statement about the new guidelines. Christine Whitman declined to attend the news conference, which was run by Jeffrey Holmstead. Cameras were not allowed at the event, which seemed timed to hit the weekly news cycle at its Friday night nadir.

The new rules gave utilities much more maneuverability under NSR, and blunted much of the law's original bite. An official with the National Association of Manufacturers called the new rules "a refreshingly flexible approach to regulation." The usually staid American Lung Association, in a

report issued with a coalition of environmental groups, called the rule changes "the most harmful and unlawful air-pollution initiative ever undertaken by the federal government."

Bush Overpowers EPA

Bush's EPA appointees left one crucial detail out of the final report. They said they were still working on a final revision of NSR having to do with the often contested definition of "routine maintenance." The agency published its proposed rule in the Federal Register but left the crucial percentage unspecified.

Nine months later, the other NSR shoe dropped. By then, Christie Whitman was gone, having announced her resignation in May. She said she was tired of making the New Jersey-to-Washington commute and wanted to spend more time with her husband.

So it was Marianne Horinko, acting EPA administrator, who announced in

August that the agency had finalized its rule on routine maintenance. Under the new formula, Horinko said, utilities would be allowed to spend up to 20 percent of a generating unit's replacement cost, per year, without tripping the NSR threshold.

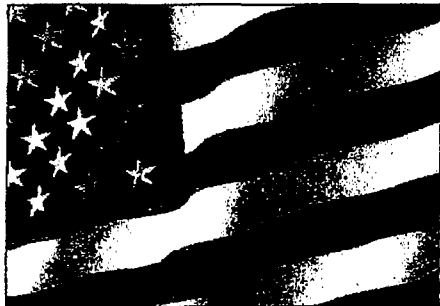
To EPA officials who had worked on NSR enforcement, who had pored over documents and knew what it cost to repair a generator, the new threshold was absurd. "What I don't understand is why they were so greedy," said Eric Schaeffer, the former EPA official. "Five percent would have been too high, but 20? I don't think the industry expected that in its wildest dreams."

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IN BRIEF

The World Bank is currently considering whether to adopt a number of sweeping reforms for the oil, gas and mining sectors. Its decision is expected later this summer.



Victory! Federal Officials Reject FEC's Attempt to Impose Restrictions on Advocacy Groups

Federal officials rejected an attempted proposal from the Federal Election Commission (FEC) threatening the First Amendment rights of environmental groups and other advocacy organizations. The FEC's recently released "Notice of Proposed

Rulemaking" would have imposed sweeping restrictions on the activities of charitable, educational and advocacy groups across the political spectrum.

The proposal covered non-profit, educational groups such as the Sierra Club, the National Rifle Association and the NAACP. Overnight, the rule would have reclassified many of these groups as political committees, subjecting them to the same strict contribution limits that federal candidates and Political Action Committees must follow.

Friends of the Earth would like to thank all of you who sent letters to the FEC and members of Congress through our online action center: www.foe.org/action

Controversial Ninth Circuit Court Nominee Faces Resistance on Capitol Hill

William G. Myers, former solicitor at the Department of the Interior, faced

tough opposition on Capitol Hill when the Senate Judiciary Committee narrowly approved him by a 10 to 9 party line vote.

The vote drew strong words from Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), ranking minority chair of the committee, who said, "He has a consistent record of using whatever position and authority he had to fight for corporate interests at the expense of the environment and of the interests of the American people in environmental protections."

President Bush nominated Myers in May 2004, but his nomination was held up after Friends of the Earth and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility filed a claim with the Office of Government Ethics alleging that he had violated his ethics agreement by continuing to meet with his former employer and clients. Myers awaits a vote on the Senate floor. ■



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The framework of new-source review would remain, but the new rules set thresholds so high that stricter pollution-control requirements would almost never come into effect. "It's a moron test for power companies," said Frank O'Donnell, executive director of the Clean Air Trust, a nonprofit watchdog group. "It's such a huge loophole that only a moron would trip over it and become subject to NSR requirements."

A report from the American Lung Association and various environmental groups estimated that compared with enforcement of the old NSR rules, the new rules would result in emissions increases of 7 mil-

lion tons of sulfur dioxide and 2.4 million tons of nitrogen oxides per year by 2020. Had the new rules been in effect before 1999, the lawsuits that the Justice Department filed against the power companies would have been impossible: nearly every illegal action the power companies were accused of back then would have been legal under the new rules.

The announcement of the 20 percent limit had a devastating effect on the EPA's enforcement division. "Under the new rules," Bruce Buckheit said, "almost everything we worked to achieve is wiped out." Two months later, in November 2003, J. P. Suarez, the Bush-appointed E.P.A. assistant administrator for enforce-

ment, informed agency enforcement staff members that investigations into 70 companies suspected of violations of the Clean Air Act would be abandoned. Around that time, some longtime EPA officials decided they'd had enough of the Bush administration's attacks on the Clean Air Act. Bruce Buckheit and Rich Biondi, Buckheit's deputy, took retirement buyouts and left the agency. "I left because I wanted to make a difference," Biondi said. "And it became clear that that was going to be difficult at the EPA." ■

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From the desk of Deb Arnason, 12 Dill St, Alva, FL 33920 386-288-4454

Connie Mack, House of Representatives
3301 E Tamiami Trail, Naples, FL 34112

April 22, 2007

RE: Response to April 3, 2007 correspondence regarding a comprehensive energy policy for Florida and especially the Everglades which would not include global-warming and polluting fossil-fuels or nuclear.

Dear Connie Mack:

I appreciate your response to my serious concerns. However, I must disagree with your observation that we have not had a comprehensive energy policy over the past decade. Perhaps you are not aware that in 2001, Vice President Cheney had a "secret" energy meeting with discredited Enron executives, Exxonmobil, BP, Shell and several other energy companies that he and the President had ties to.

These companies have been carrying out their comprehensive energy policy ever since, resulting in excess profits and increased dependence on fossil fuels while destroying the infrastructure of our environmental controls. The public has been forced to pay the price for corporate welfare giveaways and no serious moves have been made towards solar, wind and renewables for the good of citizens. Enron execs had plenty of practice in manipulating the markets, creating artificial shortages and obtaining deregulation for the corporate bottom line, no matter what the costs to the public health and pocketbook.*

These are not accusations, just obvious results which include Exxonmobil's failure to clean up oil spills from the 1980's while reaping record profits and the war for Iraqi oil ongoing today.

Personally, my husband and I have experienced costly health issues due to fossil-fuel burning plants the DEP and EPA failed to regulate properly here in Florida these past couple of years.

It is time for all Congressmen to put aside partisanship and corporate corruption in doing their job of public service to the citizens of the United States. We need campaign finance reform. We need you to work closely with all members of both parties to give us a safe local network of solar, wind and alternative energy in combination with existing grids, a hybrid energy policy that does not jeopardize our health, our economy and the only home any of us have, our planet.

We are trusting you to represent us in this great work.

Sincerely,

Deb Arnason

"The people, united, can never be defeated" Clean Air, Clean Water, Clean Government

*Documentary, "The Smartest Guys in the Room" about Enron and how they did it.

CONNIE MACK
14TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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April 3, 2007

Mrs. Deb Arnason
12 Dill St
Alva, FL 33920-5593

Dear Mrs. Arnason:

Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns regarding the energy bill. I appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts with me on this matter.

Over the past decade, America has enjoyed great prosperity and an increased standard of living. However, we have not had a comprehensive energy policy, thereby leaving the nation with an energy crunch and increased prices at the gas pump and in home and business utility bills. During this time, our energy consumption increased by more than twelve percent; however, our domestic production has increased by less than one-half of one percent. That means our nation is more and more reliant on foreign sources of energy. When our nation depends on just a few countries for the majority of our energy, this adversely impacts American security. This is unacceptable.

On January 18, 2007, the House Democratic Leadership brought to the House floor the Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation (CLEAN) Act of 2007 (H.R. 6). This bill, which I voted against, was a misguided attempt to punish the energy industry. I am committed to moving our nation closer to the goal of energy independence while protecting the interests of American consumers. The Democrat energy bill raises taxes, kills jobs, and actually increases our dependence on foreign oil. Specifically, the Democratic energy bill discourages companies from exploring for oil domestically and would impose tax hikes that would make America a less attractive place to manufacture and produce oil and natural gas. This creates incentives for foreign importation.

I support a comprehensive national energy policy that will reduce foreign energy dependence by requiring conservation and domestic exploration. By using less energy and opening up new areas for environmentally-responsible exploration, we will become less dependent on foreign sources of energy. Finally, I believe we must provide an environment of certainty and stability that will foster prosperity in America. Rising energy prices has become a tax Americans must pay everyday in the form of higher gas prices, increased costs to heat and cool our homes, and higher prices to move products across the country. Having a comprehensive energy policy will allow businesses to flourish as we will have reliable and dependable sources of energy.

Again, I want to thank you for taking the time to contact me. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further assistance on this matter. I also invite you to visit my website at mack.house.gov for additional information on issues facing Congress.

Sincerely,

Connie Mack

Connie - what ARE you thinking??
We need to get off our fossil fuel addiction!

Where are Solar, wind, renewables, hybrids
was more to "engine" fossil fuels.

Matilda Sanders

From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 10:12 AM
To: Timolyn Henry
Cc: Matilda Sanders
Subject: FW: My contact

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From: Webmaster
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 8:41 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: FW: My contact

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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 8:06 AM
To: Webmaster
Subject: My contact

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:

Name: Joe Buck
Company:
Primary Phone:
Secondary Phone:
Email: jgbck@aol.com

Response requested? No
CC Sent? No

Comments:

Commisioners,

Fpl should be held to the highest standards when it comes to building a new coal powerplant in the Glades area. The 21st century should offer more than the familar coal burning of the last 150+ years.

Any new plants should be held to the highest standards of new technology. Straping a few more scrubbers on an old technolgy is insufficient to both the enviroment and the people of florida. Please reject the permit for the Glades power pack.

thanks you,
Joe Buck

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To: Timolyn Henry
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From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Sunday, June 03, 2007 4:47 PM
To: Webmaster
Subject: My contact

Contact from a Web user

Contact Information:

Name: Diana Tedtmann
Company: none
Primary Phone: 561-734-3163
Secondary Phone:
Email: dianamted@bellsouth.net

Response requested? Yes

CC Sent? No

Comments:

Please oppose the coal burning plant proposed by FPL. There are too many negatives associated with this project: mercury, carbon dioxide, water use, the transport of the coal(creating more emissions), etc. We have also learned that smoke travels in Florida. Encourage solar, wind, and water energy. We need to think smart. Thanks.

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Matilda Sanders

From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 10:05 AM
To: Timolyn Henry
Cc: Matilda Sanders
Subject: FW: Glades Power Park hearing June 5
Attachments: letter to PSC.rtf

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From: Consumer Contact
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 8:16 AM
To: Ruth McHargue
Subject: FW: Glades Power Park hearing June 5

To CLK

From: bruce steinfeildt [mailto:seadogdoc@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, June 03, 2007 2:18 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Glades Power Park hearing June 5

Letter in opposition to the Proposed Glades Power Park plant. Please give to Commission members. Thank you.

bruce steinfeildt
seadogdoc@earthlink.net
Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

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June 3,2007

To: Members of the Florida Public Services Commission

Re: Florida Power & Light's proposed Glades Power Park coal fired electric power generating plant

Dear Commission Members:

We wish to express our concern and opposition to the proposed twin 980 MW coal fired power plant Florida Power & Light intends to build near Moore Haven and the headwaters of the Everglades. We have attended "informational" meetings regarding this proposed plant. The information provided was presented by persons in the employ of or under retainer from FP&L. FP&L claims they are under a mandate to diversify their fuel supply and coal is cheaper and more abundant than other sources of energy. Our county commissioners on the other hand are eagerly anticipating the tax revenue such a plant would bring. In the rush to build this plant, everyone seems to have forgotten the environmental impact.

- There is no such thing as a clean coal plant. Coal pollutes twice: once when it is mined in open pit fashion and again when it is burned. The prevailing southwesterly wind will carry the sulfates, oxides of nitrogen and mercury over Lake Okeechobee bringing with it acid rain, algae blooms and toxins to a fish and wildlife population already under stress from mercury poisoning. The pollution produced will not only increase the burden on an already sick lake but will find its way to the Everglades and the estuaries on both coasts. It seems to us to be counterproductive in the extreme to build a fossil fuel plant next to an ecosystem we have committed billions of dollars to restore.
- With escalating concerns about global warming why are we even remotely considering the construction of a power plant which, by FP&L's estimation, will release 16 million tons of CO₂ yearly into the atmosphere. There is no way to capture it and, considering Florida's substratum, no place to store it should that technology become available.

- This plant will have an enormous water requirement to the tune of 26 million gallons of water a day. We are now in a severe drought. Lake O is a mere puddle of its former self. The Corps of Engineers tells us that it will require 3-5 years of average to above average rainfall just to attain previous and adequate water levels. We who live here have real concerns about the future of our wells and wetlands. Increasing water requirements from unrelenting residential development as well as agricultural needs have placed a burden on the Okeechobee water system that it cannot hope to sustain. And now a power plant?!!
- Through all the discussion we have heard much about the increased needs for electric power but very little about responsible conservation of our use of it. We should certainly consider it and, if increased electric power output is necessary, give serious thought to production using renewable sources such as solar or wind generated power.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns. The environmental stakes are too high and the time for action is growing short. We sincerely hope that you will deny FP&L permission to build the Glades Power Park coal plant.

Yours,
Bruce & Michelle Steinfeldt
Ortona (Moore Haven), FL

Timolyn Henry

From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2007 11:26 AM
To: Timolyn Henry
Cc: Matilda Sanders
Subject: FW: E-Form Other Complaint TRACKING NUMBER: 9416

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-----Original Message-----

From: Consumer Contact
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2007 11:19 AM
To: Ruth McHargue
Subject: FW: E-Form Other Complaint TRACKING NUMBER: 9416

FPL Coal Plant docket

-----Original Message-----

From: contact@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:contact@psc.state.fl.us]
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2007 11:00 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: E-Form Other Complaint TRACKING NUMBER: 9416

Complaint filed with PSC

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name: Mary Nissen
Telephone: 904-284-5780
Email: mary32092@comcast.net
Address: 5200 river Park Villa Drive St. Augustine 32092

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Business Account Name: George F. Nissen
Account Number:
Address: 5200 river park villa drive st. augustine fl 32092

COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Complaint: Other Complaint against Florida Power & Light Company

Details:

I read where FPL is asking for permission to build a coal fired plant. Could you please tell me where the money is coming from?
Just last year they raised our rates very much in order to make up the money they lost from hurricanes. This does not make any sence at all. If they have all this cash then rates should not have gone up. Are you people on our side or big business? We need help out here in the real world and depend on you for it.
Thank you,
Mary Nissen

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Ann Cole

From: Ann Cole
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2007 1:27 PM
To: Roberta Bass
Cc: William C. Garner; Jeremy Susac; Larry Harris; Samantha Cibula
Subject: RE: Glades Power Park option 4

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Thank you for this information. A copy of this email will be place in Docket No. 070098-EI today.

From: Roberta Bass
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2007 1:17 PM
To: Ann Cole
Cc: William C. Garner; Jeremy Susac; Larry Harris; Samantha Cibula
Subject: FW: Glades Power Park option 4

Please place a copy of this e-mail in Docket No. 070098-EI. Thank you.

Roberta

Roberta S. Bass
 Chief Advisor to Chairman Edgar
 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd
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From: Office of the Chairman
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2007 1:11 PM
To: Roberta Bass
Subject: FW: Glades Power Park option 4

From: fossilfuelfugue [mailto:fossilfuelfugue@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2007 11:46 AM

3/10/2008

To: Office of the Chairman
Subject: Glades Power Park option 4

RE: Glades Power Park docket no. 070098-EI

From:
Michael K. Christensen
13759 159th St N
Jupiter FL 33478
5612549690

Please provide a copy to all Commissioners and staff. Thank You. Also Docket file.

Dear Commissioners,

Thank You for your consideration of this letter I hope it finds all is well with you and yours.

I am writing in regards to your upcoming regular agenda meeting June 5 2007 in which you will consider FPL petition for the Glades Power Park. I have read and considered both the initial petition from FPL and your staff recommendations dated May 25th 2007. Your staff has highlighted 3 options for the Commission to consider:

<http://www.floridapsc.com/library/filings/07/04336-07/04336-07.pdf>

I am writing you today to implore you to consider a fourth option.

Background:

FPL is intending to build a 3300 megawatt power plant in Palm Beach County. Initially permitted for 2500 megawatts it has approved site capacity of 3300 total. The site is a total of 220, yes, that is correct 220 acres. This plant will be located 1000 feet from the northern border of the Loxahatchee National Wildlife refuge. This plant will be storing on site, in excess of 12.5 million gallons of diesel fuel. These fuel silos containing these massive amounts of fuel will be less than 3000 feet from a C.E.R.P. project in which the taxpayers paid 223 million dollars just for the land to store a total of 45,000 acres feet of freshwater. The 12.5 million gallons of fuel is enough to run the plant for 100 hours. FPL in their permitting process is allowed 500 total run hours on diesel for a combined total of over 62.5 million gallons of fuel needing to be transported along the Northern border of L.N.W.R. every year. There will be a huge 3 foot diameter Natural gas pipeline that will cross and impact hundreds of acres of wetlands and will run parallel to the Aggregates rock mine that has blasting permits until at least 2035. The plant will consume in excess of 6.4 billion gallons of freshwater each and every year of its operation. The W.C.E.C.(west county energy center) will be shooting the industrial waste water they will be creating into the ground using Deep Well Injection. 4 injection wells with back-ups to inject up to 7 million gallons each, about 3000 feet down. Because of the nearness of the L.N.W.R. the radius shown in the permit encompasses a large portion of this National Refuge. Due to the massive size of this plant and the postage stamp size of the property, FPL is using processes(underground injection just one example) that they do not with any other plant.

Here is my option, please, I beg you to consider, move the W.C.E.C. to the Glades Power Park. Give them the complete 3300 megawatts(provided they pass review of course.) The power park is 4,900 acres, there are no National or State refuges at its doorstep. The enviros already love Natural gas. With a 15 percent reserve this still falls in range, in particular using realistic growth figures. I am well aware there might be some minor problems, could they be Bigger problems then contaminating a National Wildlife Refuge? Are they bigger then the potential to contaminate 45,000acre feet of fresh water? Please have your staff run a Pro and Con with this idea.

FPL should be running at 15 percent reserve because they buy and sell power thru 6 states. The growth

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figures do not jive.

FPLs use of Alternative energy here in Florida is abysmal at best. They were at less than 4 percent here in Florida back in 2002 and it is still less than 4 percent now. FPL may be a world leader in Alt power in other places, here in the Sunshine state they are not so hot.

Finally, we can not cure fossil-fuel addiction by adding more fossil-fuel plants, FPL says coal is plentiful, funny everybody is saying that, as more will be used to make transport fuel:

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/washington/politics-usa-coal-fuels.html>

and for other uses, that quantity will shrink dramatically. I will mention the massive amount of mining and burning of coal will do great damage to our eco-systems.

Please research about coal here in the US, a research paper was recently completed and posted on theoil drum website:

<http://www.theoil drum.com/node/2396>

The Commission is charged with safety of Electric plants as of 1986 and your website

The Commission received safety jurisdiction over all electric utilities in 1986.

<http://www.psc.state.fl.us/about/history.aspx>

The Commission is responsible for :

Encourage and facilitate responsible use of resources and technology in the provision and consumption of utility services.

Resources=Water and L.N.W.R

Facilitate the provision of safe utility services at levels of quality and reliability that comply with established industry standards and practices.

<http://www.psc.state.fl.us/about/mission.aspx>

Thank You again for considering this letter and its option.

Michael Christensen

Moody friends. Drama queens. Your life? Nope! - their life, your story.

Play Sims Stories at Yahoo! Games.

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Florida Public Service Commission
Division of RCA

Dear Editor,

The Supreme Court recently ruled that carbon dioxide (CO2) is a pollutant. President Bush announced that he would establish new rules to regulate CO2 emissions. Things are changing, but some companies refuse to acknowledge the new realities in our world. FPL has proposed building a \$5.7 billion coal-fired power plant in Moore Haven and guarantees this facility will burn coal cleaner than other coal-fired power facilities. It also will have a yet unproven "new" technology for removing and storing the CO2.

I, like many FPL customers, are skeptical about the astronomical amount of money that will be spent building this dinosaur of a plant. If FPL can't store or sequester the CO2, they run the very real risk of getting partially finished with construction, only to be subjected to new CO2 pollution laws that could cause them to abandon the facility. This has happened in the past to nuclear power plants that still sit abandoned. These power customers are still paying for those past mistakes.

Yes, we need more electrical power, but it needs to be near the demand and be clean power. We do not have the money or the time to waste on a power plant that is a huge polluter which has the possibility of being shut down. If we need this power plant so badly, why are we not seeing more aggressive measures to reduce our energy demand? This is far easier and less expensive than building a new power plant. Other power companies are spearheading dynamic ways to reduce demand, FPL could do more in this department.

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We must work with the various power companies and the legislature on ways to promote solar energy production in Florida at the commercial and residential levels. "Net metering", the selling of power generated by private individuals back to the power

company, should become far less restrictive than it is currently. Equitable measures must be hammered out to increase the local production of solar power without unduly harming the profitability of the power companies.

The current practice of blowing the tops off of the West Virginia mountains to extract coal to run power plants is not sustainable or healthy. It is estimated that for every ton of coal extracted, 25 tons of dirt and rock are pushed into the valley below. There is no way to rationalize the destruction of West Virginia to give us cheap and dirty power.

Furthermore, why do you think this coal power plant is being built in one of the most rural areas of Florida, far from where the coal is coming from? Could it be that no one else wants the dirt, the smell, or the toxic mercury that has afflicted other areas of the country? Those communities around the mountains have all said no to more coal-fired power plants being upwind of them.

There is a better way. Say no to coal. Say yes to clean sustainable power and efficiency.

Robert Andrys
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ERIC SHARP: Let's use Florida as a bad example

May 17, 2007

BY ERIC SHARP

FREE PRESS OUTDOORS WRITER

While we've created some ecological messes in Michigan, we can take comfort that at least we're not in Florida. That state is in far deeper environmental trouble, the result of short-sighted and corrupt political leaders turning blind eyes to impending threats for decades while truckling to developers.

I got to musing about that after reading that fish biologists in Wisconsin were stunned last week to find a lethal new disease not in Lake Michigan, where it was expected to appear next, but in two inland lakes 50 miles up the Fox River.

Like Florida, Michigan has an incredible resource in its waters, and like Florida, Michigan has treated its waters shamefully. The appearance of viral hemorrhagic septicemia in the Great Lakes and now inland lakes should be a warning: To avoid an environmental disaster on the scale that we see in Florida, we need to take steps to protect those liquid assets that in the future could be the most valuable thing we own.

When I first worked in south Florida 40 years ago, among the stories I covered for the Associated Press were fires that swept the Everglades. Fire had been part of the ecology for millennia, eliminating invasive species and making nutrients for future growth. Then the region was laced with canals to drain land for farms and development, removing so much water from the ground that the very earth would burn. The scale and duration of the fires increased dramatically.

Even 40 years ago, Florida politicians knew the dangers those problems posed. Brilliant researchers studied them and warned loudly and often about the need to change course. And what has happened since? The powers that be have made things much worse by encouraging more people to move there and drain even more water from the ground.

Exotic plants in the Glades exacerbated the fire danger. The changing flow of fresh water to the coasts is wrecking estuarine areas that are major fish nurseries as well as the offshore coral reefs that are so important to Florida's tourist economy.

And now CNN is broadcasting video of fires that are compounded by the worst drought in memory. South Florida is so dry that parts of Lake Okeechobee, where I once caught bass in four feet of water, are islands four feet above the surface. Coastal cities will be forced to shut some wells from which they draw their water because the lowered fresh-water table has resulted in salt water intruding into the aquifers.

In the early '70s I wrote about Claude Kirk, a buffoon elected Florida's governor by a fluke, celebrating the fact that the state population had reached 3.5 million. Today, Florida's legal population is over 18 million. No one is sure how many illegal immigrants are there, but it has to be a couple of million, and on any given day there are a quarter-million tourists, as well.

Michigan, by contrast, has about 10 million people who live in roughly the same 57,000 square miles as the people of Florida.

The demands that exploding growth have made on Florida's environment are unsustainable, yet the state continues to encourage people to move in.

Some counties imposed fees on new construction to ameliorate the demands those homeowners make on infrastructure like roads and water. But because south Florida is already far overdeveloped, all that does is ensure that when the real crunch comes, it will be even more catastrophic.

We in Michigan have a chance to learn from Florida's hopelessly bad example. VHS is only a symptom of the real problem -- a continuing threat to the Great Lakes from pollutants and exotic species.

So far, our political leaders have been as clueless and incompetent as those in Florida. The few steps they have taken have been window dressing, giving the appearance of doing something while achieving little.

A solution like demanding ineffective ballast water treatment for ocean-going ships entering the Great Lakes doesn't fix the problem but only postpones the inevitable.

What we need is a crusade to save the lakes, and the impetus for it should come from private interest groups and the business sector. The attention of the governor and legislature is focused on immediate fiscal problems, but if we can get a "Save the Lakes" parade moving, it won't take long for the politicians to run to the front and pretend that they are leading.

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ok, when other states news is talking the truths about Florida's enviornmental blunders and using us as a bad example.
Do you think it might be time to DO something?

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**Please pass this on to all Commissioners,
Florida legislators and to all decision-makers
at FPL. Thank you,**

**FPL rate payers and all citizens of Florida
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**Cloudy Germany a Powerhouse in Solar
Energy**

By Craig Whitlock
Washington Post Foreign Service
Saturday, May 5, 2007; A01

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ESPENHAIN, Germany -- When it opened here in 2004 on a reclaimed mining dump, the Geosol solar plant was the biggest of its kind in the world. It is so clean and green that it produces

zero emissions and so easy to operate that it has only three regular workers: plant manager Hans-Joerg Koch and his two security guards, sheepdogs Pushkin and Adi.

The plant is part of a building boom that has made gloomy-skied Germany the unlikely global leader in solar-generated electricity. Last year, about half of the world's solar electricity was produced in the country. Of the 20 biggest photovoltaic plants, 15 are in Germany, even though it has only half as many sunny days as countries such as Portugal.

The reason is not a breakthrough in the economics or technology of solar power but a law adopted in 2000. It requires the country's huge old-line utility companies to subsidize the solar upstarts by buying their electricity at marked-up rates that make it easy for the newcomers to turn a profit. Their cleanly created power enters the utilities' grids for sale to consumers.

The law was part of a broader measure adopted by the German government to boost production of renewable energy sources, including wind power and biofuels. As the world's sixth-biggest producer of carbon-dioxide emissions, Germany is trying to slash its output of greenhouse gases and wants renewable sources to supply a quarter of its energy needs by 2020.

Since the Geosol plant was built, it has been eclipsed in size by six other German solar plants, including the new world's-largest, the Solarpark Gut Erlasee in Bavaria, which has more than double the capacity. Last month, construction began on yet another monster solar plant on an old military base in Brandis, about 12 miles north of Espenhain. Once completed, it will generate 40 megawatts, or enough to power about 10,000 homes.

German officials readily acknowledged that they are embracing solar technology not just for its environmental benefits. German firms that manufacture photovoltaic panels and other components have prospered under the new energy act and now employ 40,000 people. An additional 15,000 people work for companies in the solar-thermal business, which make heating systems for homes and businesses.

Matthias Machnik, an undersecretary for the German ministry of the environment, said the country can't hope to compete in the long term with perpetually sunny ones in generating solar power. But it hopes to expand its exports of solar technology and

become the leader in that field as well.

"Unless climate change accelerates, we only have a certain amount of available hours of sunshine," Machnik said in an interview. "For us, of course we will use solar power, but it is more important to secure the know-how for research and development."

Last year, German exports accounted for 15 percent of worldwide sales of solar panels and other photovoltaic equipment, according to industry officials. German companies hope to double their share of the global market, which amounted to \$9.5 billion last year and is growing by about 20 percent annually, said Carsten Koernig, managing director of the German Solar Industry Association, a trade and lobbying group.

"It's been very important to create the necessary market in Germany," Koernig said. "We not only want to master the German market, but to conquer the world market as well."

For now, the technology remains expensive and barely registers as a fraction of total energy production -- less than 0.5 percent. The government hopes to increase that figure to 3 percent by 2020.

Industry supporters, however, say there are other factors that favor solar production in the long term.

One is that other forms of non-fossil fuel energy are falling out of favor. The government has decided to phase out all nuclear power plants by 2020. And while Germany is also the world leader in wind power, a popular backlash is building against the towering wind turbines that have proliferated in farmers' fields across the country and are criticized as eyesores.

In Espenhain, local officials have warm words for their solar plant, owned by the Berlin-based company Geosol. The facility was constructed on land that had served as a dumping ground for millions of tons of coal dust produced by nearby mines since the 1930s. The property had been rendered unusable for agriculture or other purposes.

Two decades ago, the region was part of communist East Germany and known for that coal industry, which employed 8,000 people. After the reunification of Germany in 1990, most

of those jobs quickly disappeared, but this part of the state of Saxony continued to suffer from air and water pollution from the mines.

"This region was known as the dirtiest in all of Europe," said Juergen Frisch, mmayor of Espenhain. "The solar plant came at a very good time for Espenhain. It's helped to change our image."

Unlike the coal mines, the solar plant makes almost no noise, save for the low thrum of a few outdoor air-conditioning units that cool the electrical transformers. The plant, with 33,500 solar panels, sits on a 37-acre site in a field off a rural road and requires scarcely any maintenance.

On a tour of the property, Koch, the manager, acknowledged that eastern Germany is not the ideal site for collecting the sun's rays.

Contrary to popular expectations, however, the solar panels work fine on drizzly days, he said, although they are able to generate only a quarter to half the usual output of electricity. "We are still producing at the moment, even when we have overcast or rainy conditions," he said cheerfully.

Special correspondent Shannon Smiley in Berlin contributed to this rep

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Re: Proposed FPL Glades Power Park

I am a resident of Glades County and strongly oppose FPL's plan to build a coal plant here!

On the eve of recognition of global warming and strong energy regulations by our government, why do we have an antiquated plant with unproven new scrubbers built in our backyard? And have to live with it for 60 years? Because...it's the cheapest for FPL! The benefits for us locals will be small.

- Drought...We follow water restrictions every year, but the FPL's Glades County plant will draw 26 million gal a day from the Floridan aquifer - the whole region's only water supply.
- Waste water...Underground Injection Control wells have already leaked in Miami threatening drinking water supplies.

- CMP** • Jobs...there will be only 180 jobs created, but how many Glades County residents have the training to get these jobs? The initial construction jobs will be for the lowest wage earners, so the vast majority will be shipped-in minorities.
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- CTR** • Health...Released airborne emissions of mercury, sulfur dioxide, oxides of nitrogen, and soot (even when kept within the air emission limits set by the Clean Air Act) will damage local air quality with adverse impacts on human and wildlife health, visibility, ground-level ozone ("smog"), acid rain, and worldwide global warming.
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- GCL** 1 Safety...I have heard nothing about the dangers of possible future disasters such as hurricanes, stormwater runoff, 100 year flood levels, etc. and the cleanup involved.
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- RCA** • Power supply...The power grid in this area is old and inadequate. Every rainy season (not counting hurricanes), we put up with more than 10 power outages, hundreds of sags and surges and momentary outages (too many to count) that require us to reset any programmed electronic device, such as TV, microwave, stereo, clocks, etc. Complaints to FPL and FL Public Service Commission have been ignored, so we will probably end up with poor service and pollution in our backyard.
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- SEC** • \$21 million a year to Glades County's tax base... As FPL depreciates its plant, this amount will steadily go down, along with property taxes on homes devalued just because they are nearby.
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The Glades County Commission unanimously pledged its support without informing its citizens, much less having a discussion on pros and cons. Yes, we have got one of the poorest economies in the state and we are not against progress. We love our wetlands, wildlife and our rural way of life, so why can't FPL work with us so we can keep environmentally "clean and healthy" and still supply power for all of SWFL? The state of Wisconsin is converting coal-burning plants to gas fuel because of pollution and global warming. Are we again be the laughing stock of the country... this time because we build one of the largest coal plants in in the nation when its technology is nearly out-dated and upgrades haven't been invented yet?

Sincerely,



Janice M. Bush

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To: Consumer Contact
Subject: FL PSC just say "NO NUKES" please-FPL mulls adding reactors

FPL will never get it unless the PSC helps them - no nukes, no coal, use solar concentrators, wind etc. Convert NOW while our State and our planet are still intact. This is urgent. We are all in this together. Love, Deb Arnason 386-288-4454 FPL rate payer, Alva, FL

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Cc: Johnny Cosmo; Save It Now Glades Group; Rhonda
Subject: FPL bribe printed in Glades Democate

Urgent, this matter is of great concern. This is one of many that FPL has so bluntly contributed to in order to gain support for the proposed Glades Power Park.

See for your self!

The proposed Glades Power Park in the Headwaters of our already endangered Everglades would be a killer to South Florida's economy and tourism, Beaches strung with Algae bloom, Acid Rain on agricultural fields, and much more!

GPP would be the 4th largest CO2 contributor in the world. Something is wrong with this picture!

Mary Cosmo,
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Glades County Historical Society fundraiser event

GLADES COUNTY — Glades County Historical Society's Annual Barbeque and Rummage Sale will be held at Perry Park in Moore Haven on Saturday, April 28, at 11 a.m. Members voted to change the site from the historic Pieter Westegaard House due to lack of parking space and seating space last year.

Members home cook the county's favorite traditional meal consisting of massive amounts of country ribs, chicken, potato salad, slaw and beans topped off with home-baked desserts. And of course, no meal in the south is complete without sweet tea. All this can be had for \$8 per person. While you are waiting, you can shop at their rummage sale or just relax and watch the river flow by.

Funds from the event go towards the restoration of the early 1900s bungalow-styled house con-

structed by Glades County's first pharmacist, Pieter Westegaard. The group plans to use the house for their office and a small museum. The house will also be available for local organizations and citizens for meetings and other events.

Progress through the past six years has been slow due to a lack of funding, storm damage and local contractors. Past funding has been provided by the Florida Department of State and Department of Historic Preservation. A Florida Power and Light representative will also be on hand with a special surprise for the members.

Memberships are available and t-shirts designed with our famous Cypress Tree will be on sale for \$5 and \$10, sizes small through XX-large. Please join us for this fun event.

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Subject: Thank you for your correspondence of April 3, 2007

April 26, 2007 From the desk of Deb Arnason, 12 Dill St, Alva, FL 33920 386-288-4454

Connie Mack
 House of Representatives
 3301 E Tamiami Trail
 Naples, FL 34112

RE: Response to April 3, 2007 correspondence regarding my request for a comprehensive energy policy for Florida and especially the Everglades which would not include global warming/polluting fossil-fuels or hazardous/costly nuclear.

Dear Connie Mack:

I appreciate your response to my serious concerns. However, I must disagree with your observation that we have not had a comprehensive energy policy over the past decade. Perhaps you are not aware that in 2001, Vice President Cheney had a "secret" energy meeting with discredited Enron executives, Exxonmobil, BP, Shell and several other energy companies that he and the President had ties to while excluding the public.

These companies have been carrying out their comprehensive energy policy ever since, resulting in excess profits and increased dependence on fossil fuels while destroying the infrastructure of our environmental controls. The public has been forced to pay the price for corporate welfare giveaways and no serious moves have been made towards solar, wind and renewables for the good of citizens. Enron execs had plenty of practice in manipulating the markets, creating artificial shortages and obtaining deregulation for the corporate bottom line, no matter what the costs to the public health and pocketbook.*

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These are not accusations, just obvious results which include Exxonmobil's failure to clean up oil spills from the 1980's while reaping record profits and the war for Iraqi oil ongoing today with \$ billions to Halliburton unaccounted for.

Personally, my husband and I have experienced costly health issues due to fossil-fuel burning plants the DEP and EPA failed to regulate properly here in Florida these past couple of years, but will now be forced to re-examine after the Supreme Court's recent decision.

I hope you will reconsider and support HR6, Creating Long-Term Energy Alternatives for the Nation (CLEAN) Act of 2007 or similar legislation which would hold energy companies accountable.

It is time for all Congressmen to put aside partisanship and corporate corruption in doing their job of public service to the citizens of the United States. We need campaign finance reform. We need you to work closely with all members of both parties to give us a safe local network of solar, wind and alternative energy in combination with existing grids, a hybrid energy policy that does not jeopardize our health, our economy, the Everglades and the only home any of us have, our planet.

We are trusting you to represent us in this great work.

Sincerely,

Deb Arnason

Clean Air, Clean Water, Clean Government

*Documentary, "The Smartest Guys in the Room" about Enron and how they did it.

Copy and attach Charlotte Observer editorial of April 7,2007:

RE: Pres Bush newly appointed regulatory czar, Susan Dudley, as reported in the LA Times, who supports doing away with air pollution controls and quotes her as proposing instead an alert system "so that sensitive individuals can take appropriate 'exposure avoidance behavior' such as staying indoors on days when the air is bad outside. (my idea-let those poor asthmatics stay in on "bad air days." Cute! But not very funny!).

Further she thinks the government has too stringent regulations on arsenic in water, the paper said. Those regulations "overvalued some lives, particularly those of older people with small life expectancy," the Times reported. "Yikes!"

On the same page was a cartoon with a huge "Global Warming" Elephant standing behind President Bush and an aide saying, "Sir, the Supreme Court ruled there's an elephant in your office..."

CC- PLEASE PASS IT ON TO OTHERS NOT LISTED ABOVE: Senators Nelson and Martinez, Governor Crist, Florida Public Service Commission, Senator Dave Aronberg and members of Everglades Restoration Committee, Republican and Democratic Members of the United States House and Senate, Commissioners in Collier, Lee, Hendry, Broward and Glades, many environmental, public citizen and peace movement groups, on-line organizations and several newspapers and publications across Florida and the US.

Scan1-Efficiency vs coal/nukes Scan2-Cartoon and Editorial as above Scans 3+4-Rep Mack's letter to me, Scan 5+6-Supreme Court Ruling on Clean Air Act

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Cc: Matilda Sanders
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RE: FPL's rush to fossil-fuels/nuclear versus wind, solar and other alternatives without lethal "side effects"

ATTN: Chairman Lisa Edgar, Commissioner Matthew Carter and Katrina McMurrian -

Welcome new Commissioner, Nancy Argenziano

Below is an article exploring FPL's requests for environmentally hazardous energy sources. I would highly recommend the Public Service Commission explore the many alternatives the State of Florida has already researched. I will also send by mail a copy of the CD, "People, Planet, Profit" (available from Genesis Farms Sustainable Business Network 908-362-6735) which explains in detail how solar and wind energy might be incorporated as a hybrid solution NOW. It seems to me we private citizens and FPL rate payers, are getting a raw deal while big coal/nuclear/gas/oil companies rake in the money.

This is an excerpt from the article:"

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Sincerely, Deb Arnason, 12 Dill St, Alva, FL 33920 386-288-4454 cell (testified 4-16-07)

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Cc: Jeremy Susac; Kay Posey; Jennifer Brubaker
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Another one re current hearing. I will forward all of these to you all unless you direct me to send elsewhere. Thank you, Katrina

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Subject: Docket 070098 – Petition for Need for Power Hearing
Glades Power Park Units 1 & 2
Public Comment by David E. Bruderly, PE, 16 April 2007

Madame Chair:

Please place my remarks in the public record for this hearing.

I am not able to drive to Tallahassee today to participate in person in your hearing. However, I am a resident of Florida and a stakeholder in this public policy debate. I am also a professional engineer and expert in energy systems and generating technologies.

I have been listening to your hearing on the internet. I took the oath administered at the outset of the hearing for public comment.

I am a professional engineer with 30+ years experience providing energy project planning and permitting services for my clients. My past projects and clients include studies and permit services for the Crystal River 4 & 5 for Florida Progress – coal units – and the US Navy Fleet Ballistic Missile Sub Base at Kings Bay, GA – this facility hosts nuclear power plants on dozens of submarines. In more recent years I have supported clients, entrepreneurs and manufacturers who are seeking to commercialize readily available biomass, geothermal, ocean current and solar fuel sources and more efficient and / or renewable energy technologies, such as photovoltaics, solar hot water, solar stirling generation, wind electric generation, fuel cells, gas turbines, steam turbines and distributed combined heat and power technologies.

General Comment

Many citizens and experts have clearly stated the public policy challenges caused by greenhouse gas emissions and mercury pollution. The consequences of climate chaos for Florida are potentially devastating, not just to our natural ecosystems, but to our communities and our economy. Given these clear and present risks, public policy that merely continues to support the status quo with respect to greenhouse gas emissions is no longer reasonable, cost-effective nor in the public interest.

We must all start seeking better solutions -- now.

I am asking the Commission to become an advocate for fuels and energy systems that use the cleanest, safest, most efficient energy technologies possible. Large central power plants that burn coal, such as the Glades project as proposed by FPL, do NOT satisfy these reasonable criteria. It is now well known that life-cycle emissions and efficiencies of large, central power stations are much lower than smaller, distributed combined heat and power projects that use either fossil or renewable energy sources.

High efficiency, distributed combined heat and power technologies and many renewable energy technologies, such as simple solar hot water heaters, have been demonstrated to be the most cost-efficient method of providing electrical and thermal power to industrial, commercial and residential customers. The proposed Glades Power Park does not provide the opportunity for any FPL customers to obtain electrical and thermal energy from high-efficiency distributed combined heat and power projects.

Allowing FPL to invest \$5.7 billion in this status-quo coal project will lock FPL customers into inefficient, dirty electricity for the next 50 years. It will also undercut efforts by municipal utilities, such as Orlando Utilities, Gainesville Regional Utilities and the City of Tallahassee, to provide cleaner, safer and much more efficient energy services to their customers.

The proposed FPL project does not represent progress as it merely continues total reliance on the use of large central power stations – an inherently inefficient, dirty and inflexible approach to supplying electricity to customers.

Not only will most of the energy in the coal be wasted, but excessive reliance on large central facilities runs counter to the sound arguments being made by the industry for energy diversity. Investing so much money in coal technology that is obsolete and inappropriate for deployment in Florida is simply the wrong approach.

Rather than investing billions in obsolete approaches, FPL and the Florida electric utility industry should be challenged to invest billions in projects that are cleaner, safer and much more efficient than large central power parks. Such projects could include ultra-efficient distributed combined heat and power projects, customer-driven projects that conserve energy and projects that help customers deploy every available type of renewable energy technology.

Florida utilities must be encouraged to maximize participation in these proven and reliable approaches to providing energy services to their customers.

The FPL Application dated 2-2-07 Provides Assurances that are Misleading
I want to specifically comment on material included in paragraph 8 of the FPL application filed on 2 February 2007:

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The FPL statement copied above is highly misleading.

FPL has stated "the engineering design will also permit the addition of carbon capture technology." FPL does not, however, tell the Commission the cost of adding this pollution control technology.

There is no proven, let alone reliable, state-of-the-art system or process to sequester carbon or carbon dioxide from ultra-supercritical pulverized coal combustion technology at the Glades County site, let alone support the \$5.7 billion cost projection offered by FPL. Ultra-supercritical pulverized coal technology produces carbon dioxide gas that cannot be easily or cheaply separated from the nitrogen gas that is also present in the flue gases nor can this carbon dioxide be sequestered by proven mineral or geologic methods. FPL has not and cannot demonstrate that the geology at the Glades County site will support underground injection of carbon dioxide.

FPL cannot provide reasonable assurance to the Public that the total project capital cost will be limited to only \$5.7 billion.

Ultra supercritical pulverized coal technology is merely an incremental improvement on an approach to generating electricity from the combustion of coal that is obsolete and inappropriate for Florida. When electricity is generated at large central power stations most of the thermal energy content of the coal is wasted. Furthermore the carbon emissions from this technology are not easily

captured because the air used to provide the oxygen needed to combust the coal is primarily composed of nitrogen gas. Sequestration of carbon dioxide requires that this nitrogen be separated from the carbon dioxide produced by the combustion of coal burned by this plant. This is a highly inefficient and expensive process; even if proven to work, it is the wrong approach to cost-efficient carbon sequestration.

Alternative technologies, such as coal gasification, MIGHT be slightly more efficient and less expensive approach. However, FPL is not proposing IGCC. There is no assurance that carbon sequestration will be successful at this site with the proposed technologies at the projected cost.

None.

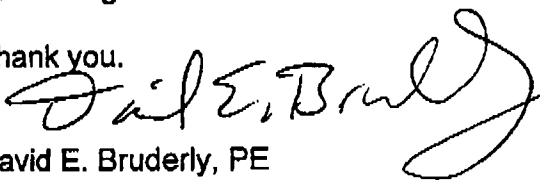
It is a fact that the carbon sequestration technologies currently being developed by the industry and the US Department of Energy are not yet proven to be feasible. At this time it is also a fact that FPL cannot provide any assurance that supercritical pulverized coal technology and the geology at this site will support underground injection of the flue gas pollutants -- carbon dioxide and nitrogen gases -- from this supercritical coal plant.

Any projection of total project cost is highly speculative and cannot be substantiated given the current state of technology and the geologic and hydrologic conditions at this site.

Therefore, it is my opinion that approval of this petition is not appropriate and would not be in the public interest.

It is now time for the Public Service Commission to direct FPL and the electric and natural gas providers in Florida to start making serious investments in those technologies and business strategies that will improve life-cycle efficiency of the entire Florida energy system, especially adding combined heat and power and renewable energy projects to the electric grid, while significantly reducing greenhouse gas and mercury pollution from all existing, permitted and planned generating facilities.

Thank you.



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17. While the capital costs of FGPP are high relative to comparably sized gas-fired generating units, these capital costs are offset to a large extent by fuel cost savings. For example, the estimated net effect on a residential 1,000 kWh monthly bill for both FGPP units is \$3.96 under a relatively conservative scenario using projections from the lower half of the range of fuel forecasts analyzed by FPL. The estimated increase in the 1,000 kWh residential bill for the first year revenue requirements for both FGPP units is \$9.41, and the corresponding projected fuel savings for both units as described above, compared to not adding FGPP or any new generation, is **\$5.45** for a net effect of \$3.96. This estimate is based upon charges beginning when both units are in service.

Relevant excerpts from FPL filing dated 2 February 2007.

5. FGPP consists of two solid fuel coal-fired generating units each having Summer net capacities of approximately 980 MW for a combined net capacity of 1,960 MW. If approved, they will be constructed on a 4,900-acre site property located in unincorporated Glades County. The site is located west of Lake Okeechobee, approximately four miles northeast of the town of Moore Haven in an unincorporated area of Glades County. The general area surrounding the site consists of undeveloped land currently owned by private landowners, generally to the north and west, and agricultural land to the east and south. The site has direct rail access which abuts the entire southern boundary of the site.

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Chairman@psc.state.fl.us
Katrina.McMurrian@psc.state.fl.us

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Timolyn Henry

From: Office of the Chairman
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2007 1:26 PM
To: Ann Cole; Timolyn Henry
Cc: Matilda Sanders; Tom Ballinger; Jennifer Brubaker
Subject: FW: NO FPL Coal Power Plant to be built in DeSoto County, FL - Docket 070098-EI
Importance: High

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From: Krista Krupinski [mailto:krista@prioritymarketing.com]
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From: Lindsay Schnyder [mailto:lindsay.schnyder@meridianradio.com]
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2007 11:42 AM
To: Office of the Chairman
Subject: Please no coal

Dear Madam

Please say no to coal burning proposed plant...there are alternative energy ideas that will benefit our state and not cause the damage. Please consider other forms of energy that will not damage our state!

Thanks for your time and service to the great state of Florida!

Regards,

Lindsay Schnyder

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From: Consumer Contact
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2007 9:05 AM
To: Ruth McHargue
Subject: FW: FPL Glades Power Park

To CCA

From: Amber Braatz [mailto:amber@webfl.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 15, 2007 2:50 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: FPL Glades Power Park

Dear Chairman Lisa Polak Edgar and Commissioners J. Terry Deason, Isilio Arriaga, Matthew M. Carter II, and Katrina J. McMurrian:

I am a FPL customer in Southwest Florida. I am writing to oppose the proposed FPL Glades Power Park (GPP) in Moore Haven, FL. It is my opinion that having a coal-burning power plant will increase customer costs in the long run. The GPP is expected to emit at least 14 million tons of CO2 per year. Even though there is no state or federal carbon regulation right now. It seems certain that it will occur in the near future. The EPA can now also regulate CO2 under the Clean Air Act. These changes should significantly increase the cost of using coal as a fuel source. There are no plans for FPL to capture carbon at the GPP and they have not factored these likely costs into capture citing "Currently, carbon capture and sequestration technologies are not technically or commercially available so we have not evaluated these costs" (<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/siting/Highlights/Applications/PPSA/Glades%20Power%20Park/SFRPC%20Questions%20and%20Responses%20on%20FGPP%20from%20031507%20meeting.pdf>). Carbon capture isn't even proven to be a safe way to prevent CO2 from entering the atmosphere and causing global warming. Significant negative effects are predicted to befall the people of Florida from stronger and more frequent storms, sea level rise and and many other potentially catastrophic events. It makes much more sense to not produce that level of CO2 in the first place. Doesn't FPL have a responsibility to its customers, especially here in South Florida, to do everything they can to prevent the massive amount of CO2 emissions? From what I understand, FPL is allowed to pass these future costs of carbon regulation onto their ratepayers. Since the low cost and diversity of fuel is what FPL is mentioning as their main reason for pursuing coal for this project, and they are not evaluating all likely costs of using coal, that concerns me greatly.

I think there are many other negative costs from a health and environmental perspective as well. Though I am not a scientist, nor a researcher, I can only imagine all the negative economic impacts of dealing with the health care and environmental cleanup costs of the effects from the pollution from the GPP. Who will bear the costs of this? What about the costs to taxpayers or ratepayers for negative environmental impacts? What about potential costs for the water the GPP will use and the opportunity costs to all regional citizens that will not be able to use that water? Sources for water are increasingly scarce here with large demand.

I am also a Sunshine Energy customer with FPL, paying \$9.75 extra per month for FPL to provide electricity from renewable sources of energy. Now we may have more coal and massive amounts of carbon emissions. This is just unacceptable to me.

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There are ways that the state and FPL can work together to use the cheapest form of energy: conservation and energy efficiency programs. A recent report from the ACEEE showed that Florida still has a long, long way to go on these efforts.

The PSC should factor in all costs on the GPP, not just the ones FPL wants to show or the ones that have been traditionally used. Times are rapidly changing. End-use efficiency measures need to be evaluated against new electricity supply measures with common criteria like using a discount rate that is the same. Now is the time for the PSC to protect the consumer like never before. Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter.

Amber Braatz
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From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2007 9:23 AM
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Subject: FW: Glades Power Plant

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From: Consumer Contact
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2007 8:58 AM
To: Ruth McHargue
Subject: FW: Glades Power Plant

To CCA

From: Alan and Carolyn Keller [mailto:ackeller298@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 14, 2007 8:06 AM
To: Consumer Contact
Subject: Glades Power Plant

It is simply incredible that as concern mounts over climate change, FPL would propose yet another coal plant, albeit with better technology than earlier versions, for Glades County. Even with the cleaner technology, CO2 emissions, not to mention mercury and other substances, would greatly exceed those of other alternatives. We have no objections to a new power plant in Glades County; however now is clearly the time to engage in forward thinking and to insist on a less environmentally damaging alternative.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

**Alan Keller
President Collier County Audubon Society**

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Kimberley Pena

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From: Matilda Sanders
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2007 4:01 PM
To: Kimberley Pena
Subject: FW: PSC proposed Glades Coal Plant 4-16-07 FWD- FPL Coal Plant in Endangere...
Attachments: As per Mimi, put me on interested party list FPL Coal Plant in Endangered Evergl

I'm forwarding this to you because I mention it in my previous email on Rose's FAW comments we're sending to efilng.

Also, I noticed above about the interested party list.

I'm sure Tim has copied and sent to ECR and GCL, but not sure if she talked or forwarded to you for any action if necessary.

From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2007 3:20 PM
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From the desk of Deb Arnason, 12 Dill St., Alva, FL 33920, FPL rate payer, former FPL Sunshine Energy Program voluntarily paying an extra \$9.75 month for clean energy.....until I recently learned of FPL's proposal to put a polluting coal plant, the largest in the nation, at great expense, in the heart of the endangered Everglades we (the State of Florida and the Federal Government) are spending \$11 billion to clean up!

This proposed plant is just another form of fossil-fuel pollution, an insult to those of us who have suffered the effects and were

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counting on FPL to diversify using solar, wind, biomass, algae, etc. Combined with existing energy sources, a gradual phasing in of hybrid alternatives would meet our needs inexpensively for years to come while creating a sustainable network that does not go down with the grid!

Honestly, in light of global warming, it is unbelievable that this proposed plant is still on the agenda because it will add 16,000,000 (that's sixteen million) tons per year of global warming carbon dioxide leading to increased hurricanes and rising sea levels. At that rate, there will be no need for energy in South Florida.

I am sure you are also aware the Supreme Court has just mandated EPA to clean up carbon dioxide which will come at great expense to FPL rate payers and all of Florida. They also ruled against Duke Power in NC making it more costly to upgrade and operate existing plants.

Even oil-rich Arab State Abu Dabai (spelling?) is using new solar concentrators instead of fossil fuels for power. What do they know that FPL does not?

Anyway, I hereby encourage any of those reading this and involved with their community and the Everglades Restoration to attend or contact the PSC prior to April 16, 2007, to register your thoughts on the need and costs of this fossil-fuelish proposal. Coal in any form is like an alcoholic switching from Scotch to Vodka to beer in a vain attempt to stay in the problem instead of the solution. Let's do an intervention and get FPL into rehab. FPL has been good to us in the past but now needs some "tough love" to get it on a NEW triple bottom line of People, Planet AND Profits. Thanks for caring. See you on the 16th in Tallahassee!
Love, Deb

See what's free at AOL.com.

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From the desk of Deb Arnason, 12 Dill St., Alva, FL 33920, FPL rate payer, former FPL Sunshine Energy Program voluntarily paying an extra \$9.75 month for clean energy.....until I recently learned of FPL's proposal to put a polluting coal plant, the largest in the nation, at great expense, in the heart of the endangered Everglades we (the State of Florida and the Federal Government) are spending \$11 billion to clean up!

This proposed plant is just another form of fossil-fuel pollution, an insult to those of us who have suffered the effects and were counting on FPL to diversify using solar, wind, biomass, algae, etc. Combined with existing energy sources, a gradual phasing in of hybrid alternatives would meet our needs inexpensively for years to come while creating a sustainable network that does not go down with the grid!

Honestly, in light of global warming, it is unbelievable that this proposed plant is still on the agenda because it will add 16,000,000 (that's sixteen million) tons per year of global warming carbon dioxide leading to increased hurricanes and rising sea levels. At that rate, there will be no need for energy in South Florida.

I am sure you are also aware the Supreme Court has just mandated EPA to clean up carbon dioxide which will come at great expense to FPL rate payers and all of Florida. They also ruled against Duke Power in NC making it more costly to upgrade and operate existing plants.

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Even oil-rich Arab State Abu Dabai (spelling?) is using new solar concentrators instead of fossil fuels for power. What do they know that FPL does not?

Anyway, I hereby encourage any of those reading this and involved with their community and the Everglades Restoration to attend or contact the PSC prior to April 16, 2007, to register your thoughts on the need and costs of this fossil-fuelish proposal. Coal in any form is like an alcoholic switching from Scotch to Vodka to beer in a vain attempt to stay in the problem instead of the solution. Let's do an intervention and get FPL into rehab. FPL has been good to us in the past but now needs some "tough love" to get it on a NEW triple bottom line of People, Planet AND Profits. Thanks for caring. See you on the 16th in Tallahassee! Love, Deb

See what's free at AOL.com.

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Timolyn Henry

From: Ruth McHargue
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2007 10:44 AM
To: Timolyn Henry
Cc: Matilda Sanders
Subject: FW: FPL coal plant Glades County

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From: Angie Calhoun
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2007 8:35 AM
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Subject: FW: FPL coal plant Glades County

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From: Nancy Dale [mailto:nancydale@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 1:41 PM
To: Consumer Contact
Cc: saveitnowglades
Subject: FPL coal plant Glades County

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FPL is not in line with the interests of Florida residents who largely are working to preserve the last wilderness areas in the state, especially around the sensitive ecosystem of Lake Okeechobee.

It would be wonderful to have a "power park" in Glades County that initiated the age of clean energy resources that are technologically available and are currently being developed with the concern for human survival. In my book: *Would Do, Could Do and Made Do: The Florida Pioneer "Cow Hunters" Who Tamed the Last Frontier* I ask an important question in the epilogue: Florida Moonscape: Can We Live with this Future?

Urbanization has contributed on a large scale to the depletion of natural resources i.e. large developments with golf courses, planting of ornamental landscape and water mulching lawns diminishing water supplies for our food source, agriculture and beef.

I have written about the "cow hunters" who learned by trial and error to live in harmony with the land and support continuing research to be good stewards of the land.

FPL has not demonstrated recognition of a ground-swell grass roots movement in Glades County to divert their interest from primitive, destructive coal burning plants focusing on one of the poorest counties in the State with a need for jobs. Somehow they got into the school system and school board promising dollars, and having students write essays on coal plants that had a slant towards their profit interests.

It is a sad scenario that corporations including Progress Energy who plan to grow the invasive "arundo donax" grasses on 5K acres in Okeechobee County was approved by the PSC for another primitive energy technology: coal gassification. These grasses cost California millions of dollars to eradicate as invasive to wetlands, a fire hazard when green, and clogging up drainage during flooding.

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I hope the PSC will focus on giving approval to "clean energy" resources that plan to come into the State and also recommend strongly to these energy consortiums that they need to promote the "clean energy" resource credit available in many states on the electric bill for asking these companies to switch to one in their consortium that provides such.

I have contacted FPL and Progress Energy about how I can attain this "clean energy credit" and so far have had no response. Is this the kind of "responsibility" we should expect.

I hope you will strongly vote "no" to allowing beautiful Glades County to be taken advantage of by a large corporation that makes promises to people who need jobs without responsibly dedicating their huge PR campaign and financial resources on how to help the local economy in Glades County as a stable industry that has a future and will not be shut down and jobs lost due to pollution. The children here need a long-range career opportunity.

The pristine wilderness of poor counties is not a dumping ground and should be safeguarded by those in your position that have the power to do so as well as promote responsible growth in these areas that preserve not destroy. They don't make any more land these days.

Nancy Dale, Ph.D.

Author: *Would Do, Could Do, and Made Do: Florida's Pioneer "Cow Hunters" Who Tamed the Last Frontier and Where the Swallowtail Kite Soars: The Legacies of Glades County, Florida and the Vanishing Wilderness* (for signed copy contact the author: nancydale@yahoo.com or PH: 863 214-8351)



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Ms. Mary Ann Bennett
11304 Oakmont Court
Fort Myers, Florida 33908

Dear Ms. Bennett:

Thank you for writing to Governor Charlie Crist detailing your concerns about a coal fired power plant in Glades County. I appreciate your concern about this important issue.

The agency that regulates utilities is the Public Service Commission (PSC), which is an arm of the legislative branch of government. To assist you, I am forwarding your concerns to that office for review and response.

Again, thank for writing Governor Crist. Please do not hesitate to write again on matters of concern or interest to you.

Sincerely,

Rex T. Newman
Office of Citizens' Services

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cc/enc: Public Service Commission
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Dear Governor,

Please don't allow FPL
to build the coal burning
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5,000 acres of sugar cane
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It would be a disaster to

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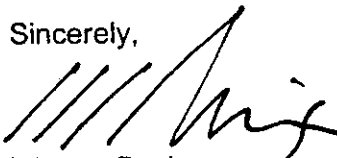
Dear Ms. Larson:

Thank you for writing to Governor Charlie Crist. The Governor appreciates your concerns about a proposed power plant in Loxahatchee, Florida and asked me to respond on his behalf.

The agency that regulates public utilities is the Public Service Commission (PSC), which is an arm of the legislative branch of government and therefore, not under the administrative authority of the Governor's office. Within the Public Service Commission, there is a Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance, which I believe may be able to assist you.

I contacted PSC staff, and forwarded a copy of your letter to them. Someone in Division Director Dan Hoppe's office will be glad to respond to your inquiry. If you want to contact the Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance directly, please call 1-800-342-3552.

Thank you again for contacting the Governor's office. For information about the Governor's initiatives, please visit our website at www.flgov.com.

Sincerely,

Warren Davis
Office of Citizen Services

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Kimberley Pena

From: DiamondtelDeb@aol.com
Sent: Friday, March 23, 2007 10:00 AM
To: mike.halpin@dep.state.fl.us
Subject: As per Mimi, put me on interested party list FPL Coal Plant in Endangered Evergl

Dear Mike: Please e-mail this to the attorney and the Program Director at the end of this e-mail. I do not have their e-mail addresses. Also, when you send me info, can it be pasted into the e-mail rather than an attachment which I may have trouble opening? If absolutely necessary, I will send it to someone else to download rather than not receive it at all. But, your help would be appreciated. Thanks, Deb

From the Desk of Debbie Arnason
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DiamondtelDeb@aol.com
 March 23, 2007

Warren Davis, Office of the Governor
 Office of Citizen Services
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 850-488-7146 - Fax 487-0801

Thank you for your letter of 3/6/07 in response to my letter to the Governor regarding the proposed coal energy plant in Glades County at the heart of the endangered Everglades.

As you suggested, we (myself and several local groups of concerned citizens) are working with local governments in Glades, Lee, Collier, Hendry, St. Lucie and Broward Counties and have attended a meeting at FGCU of State Sen Dave Aronberg's Everglades Restoration Committee with Sen Burt Saunders and Commis Ray Judah. We will continue to do so.

But this is not just a "local" government problem, not when Governor Crist is on his way to Washington DC to discuss the \$11 billion Everglades Cleanup money needed to preserve our State and National Treasure, and to help ensure adequate clean water for all of South Florida.

By their own estimates, FPL would add 3,827 tons per year of nitrogen dioxide (the stuff that feeds red tide), 3,049 tons per year of sulfur dioxide and 305 tons of sulfuric acid mist (the stuff that creates acid rain), 1,283 tons of particulate (the particles in the air that make it very difficult to breathe, human or animal), "only" 0.2 tons of lead and 180 pounds of neurotoxin mercury (already in excess in fish and humans). Additionally, 16 million tons of global-warming carbon dioxide would be spewed into our atmosphere. Coal in any form is dirty. It's pollution will not remain "local."

I believe the Governor would be very interested based on the \$70 million in alternative energy spending he recommended. Also, Rep Bob Allen, R-Merritt Island, who heads the State Energy Committee, has been thrilled by the overwhelming responses from entrepreneurs vying for \$15 million in Renewable Energy Grants. Alexander Mack of the Department of Environmental Protection Grant Program Director is quoted as saying, "we are very pleased" with the many great alternative energy ideas offering to meet all of Florida's needs without fossil fuels.

Why then is this FPL coal plant being passed off as a "local matter" and not of interest to the Governor? Why does the DEP even begin a lengthy and expensive process to consider FPL's request to put a polluting coal plant in the heart of the endangered Everglades? Why are poor Glades County Commissioners being enticed with a \$21 million tax-base to permit a coal plant which will negatively impact all of Florida.

I leave you to draw your own conclusions as to whether this is strictly a "local" matter. I don't appreciate being given the runaround.

What do I want? I want the Governor and all State and local officials and Departments to acknowledge this "coal plant in the living room," and act quickly to defeat it as we should all fossil-fuel plants in the Sunshine State. Work with FPL to utilize those many excellent alternatives the State has so wisely invested in identifying. This is not just a local or State issue or even a national issue...it is a global issue and we urgently need to cooperate on all levels.

Sincerely,

Deb Arnason
 Clean Air, Clean Water, Clean Government -Think Globally, Act Locally

6/5/2007

CC: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, MS#49, MC Acct#0105, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32399, ATTN: Mimi Drew in response to your letter of March 15, 2007:

While I can appreciate all your information, unlike FPL, I am not a paid lobbyist, just a citizen whose family has been severely affected by coal burning plants in Florida. I do not have time or resources to run around all over the State to hearings, commission meetings, etc, or to stay up at all hours pouring over the computer. **It's 12:15 AM right now: I am tired and feel like crying.** I did as much as I have so far because my husband and I do not want to have to move again to avoid more pollution. I will attend the PSC hearing in Tallahassee on April 16, 2007. I have lost hope in the DEP or EPA since they permitted a second coal-burner in Suwannee County in 2006 despite the pollutants that were depositing mercury, lead and antimony in our bodies and keeping my husband from breathing. Please copy this to your General Counsel, Scott Goorland , Siting Coordinator, Mike Halpin and DEP Grant Program Director, Alex Mack. Thank you.

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Ann Cole

From: Ann Cole
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 3:36 PM
To: Lorena Holley
Cc: Jennifer Brubaker; Katherine Fleming; Michael Cooke
Subject: RE: Correspondence File in Docket Nos. 060635 & 070098

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According to this email, we will do so.

Thank you.

From: Lorena Holley
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 1:35 PM
To: Ann Cole
Cc: Jennifer Brubaker; Katherine Fleming; Michael Cooke
Subject: Correspondence File in Docket Nos. 060635 & 070098

Ann -

Please file the attached e-mail and attached letter in the correspondence files in Docket Nos. 060635 (Taylor County Need Determination) and 070098 (FPL Glades Need Determination).

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

Lorena Holley

From: FORTUNOW, Susan [mailto:sfortunow@audubon.org] **On Behalf Of** ANDERSON, David
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 9:55 AM
To: Office of the Chairman; Lois Graham; Katrina McMurrian
Cc: Charlie.Crist@myflorida.com; info@alexsinkcfo.com
Subject: Balanced Fuel Supply policy

March 14, 2007

Florida Public Service Commission

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Dear Chairman Lisa Polak Edgar, Commissioner Matthew M. Carter II and Commissioner Katrina J. McMurrian,

3/15/2007

Audubon of Florida is writing to send you a letter regarding the State of Florida's Balanced Fuel Supply policy. Please see the attached file for your consideration. An original of the letter is also being mailed to you. The signature on this letter has been waived for expediency, but is included in the original letter sent via post.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. We look forward to working with you to accomplish an environmentally-sound set of energy policy alternatives.

Warm regards,
David Anderson
Executive Director
Audubon of Florida

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March 14, 2007

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Dear Commissioner,

Audubon of Florida is a 107-year-old environmental organization, which works to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats, for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biodiversity. Accordingly, Audubon is writing to urge the Public Service Commission (PSC) to evaluate and modify its current policy of encouraging regulated Florida utilities to achieve a Balanced Fuel Supply (BFS), in particular with respect to coal-fired power plants. We further urge the PSC to join efforts to recommend legislative changes to the BFS policy. This policy is succinctly stated in the PSC "Review 2005 Ten-Year Site Plans, page 5," which states:

"The Commission is concerned that in light of current volatility in the availability and price of natural gas, Florida's utilities need to return to the practice of planning a Balanced Fuel Supply (BFS). Because of the long lead time required to construct solid fuel generation, the planned addition of coal-fired generating units in the 2012 and 2013 time frame is a reasonable step toward attaining this goal."

The BFS policy, along with the PSC Environmental Cost Recovery Clause, encourages coal-fired power plants. There are ten¹ coal-fired power plants currently proposed in Florida, which, if built, will be enormous contributors of greenhouse gases and mercury to the atmosphere over their lifetimes. Ratepayers, investors and the environment will be saddled with this harmful technology at the same time that national and international efforts are underway to regulate carbon dioxide emissions by establishing mandatory CO₂ reductions programs.

Audubon suggests policy changes, some of which may require the PSC to seek different direction from the Florida Legislature. Our proposed changes are based on the following conclusions:

¹ Review of 2006 Ten-Year Site Plans, Florida Public Service Commission, Tallahassee, Florida, December 2006, page 12.

- I. The promotion of coal-fired power plants is contrary to the PSC's stated mission to "facilitate the efficient provision of safe and reliable utility services at fair prices."
- II. From the perspective of climate change, coal-fired power plants represent backward and harmful technology because of all fossil fuel energy sources coal plants emit the highest levels of the greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide (CO₂).
- III. The BFS policy undermines local, national and international efforts to curb greenhouse gas emissions and establish mandatory CO₂ reductions programs.
- IV. The BFS policy coupled with the PSC Environmental Cost Recovery Clause place undue financial risks on Florida ratepayers.
- V. The BFS policy increases energy inefficiency and causes negative environmental impacts associated with proposed plant locations.

I. The Promotion of Coal-Fired Power Plants is Contrary to the PSC's Stated Mission

The PSC mission states: "Customers are served best by markets that facilitate the efficient provision of safe and reliable utility services at fair prices. The mission of the Florida Public Service Commission is to promote the development of competitive markets—as directed by state and federal law—by removing regulatory barriers to competition, and by emphasizing incentive-based approaches, where feasible, to regulate areas that remain subject to rate of return regulation. Once markets become sufficiently competitive, the Florida Public Service Commission will eliminate regulatory involvement to the extent permitted by law."²

The BFS policy encourages shareholder-owned utilities to site and build coal plants (or "solid fuel generation"), but this directly contradicts the PSC mission to "facilitate the efficient provision of safe and reliable utility services at fair prices." Coal-fired power plants are not environmentally safe and are increasingly a significant financial risk, given national and international trends toward and costs of establishing mandatory CO₂ emissions reductions to address global climate change and curb its impacts.

While major strides in technology have allowed reduced sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and nitrogen oxide (NO_x) emissions, and particulate matter, burning coal as a fuel still allows excessive emission of mercury and CO₂, which each having serious environmental implications. "Coal-fired power plants are responsible for 60 percent of U.S. SO₂ emissions, 33 percent of U.S. mercury emissions, 25 percent of U.S. NO_x emissions, and more than 33 percent of the nation's CO₂ emissions."³

II. Coal-fired Power Plants Contribute to Dangerous Global Climate Change

In its Fourth Assessment Report, released in February 2007, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found "warming of the climate system is unequivocal, as is now

² <http://www.floridapsc.com/about/mission.aspx>

³ Coal-fired Generation: Proven and Developing Technologies, Office of Market Management and Strategic Analysis, Florida Public Service Commission, December 2004, page 9.

evident from observations of increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice, and rising global mean sea level.”⁴

Global climate change is the most clear and present danger to the environment and to future life on earth, and threatens human health and prosperity. The leading cause is the anthropogenic emission of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. “Carbon dioxide is the most important anthropogenic greenhouse gas. The global atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide has increased from pre-industrial value of about 280 parts per million (ppm) to 379 ppm in 2005. The atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide in 2005 exceeds by far the natural range over the last 650,000 years (180 to 300 ppm) as determined from ice cores.”⁵

The two major sources of greenhouse gas emissions are transportation and electricity generation. Of all electricity generation options, “coal plants already emit more CO₂ than all our cars, SUVs, trucks, buses, boats, trains, and airplanes combined, and the U.S. Department of Energy projects that CO₂ emissions from coal, if left unchecked, will increase to an additional 52 percent by 2030 (compared to 2003 levels).”⁶

Of all the sources of fossil fuels—oil, coal and gas—coal emits the highest level of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. “Coal contains nearly 90 percent more carbon per unit of energy than natural gas. However, a new conventional (supercritical) coal power plant produces 150 percent more CO₂ than a new natural gas combined cycle power plant, which is much more efficient.”⁷

The State of Florida is one of the most vulnerable to the impacts of global climate change, particularly sea level rise, increased precipitation and droughts, stronger storm intensity, and coral bleaching.⁸ Florida is also a main contributor to greenhouse gas pollution, ranking the 5th largest state nationwide for carbon dioxide emissions.⁹ Tackling the primary cause of global climate change, that of carbon dioxide emissions, must become a leading economic and ecological priority in Florida.

III. The BFS Policy Undermines Local, National and International Efforts to Curb Greenhouse Gas Emissions

⁴ “Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis”, IPCC WGI Fourth Assessment Report Summary for Policy Makers, Page 4.

⁵ “Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis”, IPCC WGI Fourth Assessment Report Summary for Policy Makers, Page 2.

⁶ The Union of Concerned Scientists, “Cleaning up Coal’s Act,” Catalyst magazine, Spring 2006.

⁷ Based on data from the U.S. Energy Information Agency, “Assumptions to Annual Energy Outlook 2006, Table 38, March 2006, 73. At [www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/aeo/assumption/pdf/0554\(2006\).pdf](http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/aeo/assumption/pdf/0554(2006).pdf).

⁸ The IPCC Fourth Assessment Report found that “At continental, regional and ocean basin scales, numerous long-term changes in climate have been observed. These include changes in Arctic temperature and ice, widespread changes in precipitation amounts, ocean salinity, wind patterns and aspects of extreme weather including droughts, heavy precipitation, heat waves and the intensity of tropical cyclones. Footnote 10, Tropical cyclones include hurricanes and typhoons.”

⁹ U.S. Public Interest Research Group and based upon the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Air Quality and Emission Trends Report data (2003).

The United States is a signatory and ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which was adopted in 1992 and ratified in 1994 by 188 countries. Nations worldwide are taking immediate steps to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and the Florida municipalities, states in the union, and the United States are beginning to act accordingly.

“Evidence of the dangers associated with warming greater than two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels has been compelling enough to persuade the European Union to adopt the goal of limiting planetary warming to this level. Studies show that to have a reasonable chance of achieving this goal, heat-trapping emissions for both developed and developing countries must be reduced at least 15 to 50 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. The European Parliament has adopted a resolution pushing for developed nations to reduce emissions 30 percent by 2020 and 60 to 80 percent by 2050. The United Kingdom adopted a similar target in 2003: 20 percent reductions by 2010 and 60 percent by 2050.”¹⁰

Twenty-eight Florida municipalities have joined almost 300 cities in the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, and adopted policies to address (and not undermine) progress on reducing overall CO₂ emissions. These policies include mandating and undertaking carbon dioxide inventories and establishing CO₂ emissions reductions programs in accordance with the Kyoto Protocol standard of seven percent emissions reductions below 1990 levels by 2012.¹¹

California has adopted a goal to reduce CO₂ emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. New Mexico has a goal to reduce CO₂ emissions by 75 percent below 2000 levels, and the New England Conference of Governors (eight U.S. states) and Eastern Canadian Premiers adopted a goal of reducing global warming emissions 75 to 85 percent below 2001 levels.¹²

Momentum is also building in the U.S. Congress to pass mandatory emissions reductions legislation, which will likely create “mandatory, market-based limits and incentives on emissions of greenhouse gases.”¹³

The BFS policy and investment of public and private funds in coal-based energy generation runs counter to and undermines all these efforts to grapple with and find solutions for climate change.

IV. The BFS Policy, Coupled with the PSC Environmental Cost Recovery Clause, Place Undue Financial Risks upon Florida Ratepayers

¹⁰ Union of Concerned Scientists, “Gambling with Coal: How Future Climate Laws Will Make New Coal Power Plants More Expensive,” by Barbara Freese and Steve Clemmer, September 2006, page 12.

¹¹ U.S. Mayor’s Climate Protection Agreement, <http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/climate/>.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Sense of the Senate on Climate Change, H.R.6 1612, Energy Policy Act of 2005, passed by a vote of 54-43.

Given the serious environmental risks associated with coal-fired technology, as well as local, national and international action to address the risks associated with global climate change, the PSC should evaluate and modify its BFS policy to ensure that Florida ratepayers do not shoulder the burden of the environmental costs associated with coal plants.

The U.S. financial community is recognizing that investment in new coal-fired plants is a high risk venture, particularly given the trend toward, and financial costs of, establishing CO₂ reduction programs.

The New York and London based investment firm, “Bernstein Research recently released a report describing the growing momentum toward CO₂ regulation, concluding that ‘regardless of which party wins in the 2008 presidential elections...it is possible that the next administration will favor mandatory national limits on CO₂ emissions.’ The report identifies the utilities facing the greatest financial risk: ‘unregulated coal-fired generators supplying markets where gas is the predominant price setting fuel,’ which cannot pass the added costs of an emissions cap on to consumers. The assumption, of course, is that regulated utilities will be able to pass future compliance costs onto ratepayers...This attitude reveals why, at least for the moment, some sectors of the financial community are still willing to help regulated utilities build new coal plants even when they know that such plants will be substantially more expensive in the carbon-constrained world ahead. Wall Street is not concerned with protecting ratepayers—that will be a job for state regulators.”¹⁴

The PSC recognizes these trends, and states: “At the national level, new emission requirements are currently under discussion for substances such as mercury and carbon dioxide. Incremental environmental costs are a risk borne by the ratepayers because Florida’s investor-owned utilities may recover the costs of incremental environmental requirements through the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause.”¹⁵

Other sectors, including the nation’s largest energy generators support mandatory CO₂ emissions reductions programs. “Five of the nation’s top 10 largest private power producers (Calpine, Duke, Entergy, Exelon, and Florida Power & Light), accounting for more than 15 percent of U.S. electricity generation, now support mandatory limits on CO₂ from power plants. Another (Progress) acknowledged in a 2006 special report to shareholders that the evidence for climate change is sufficient to warrant “action” by the “public sector.”¹⁶

“When a significant share of industry speaks out in favor of environmental regulations, including several major companies in the industry sector likely to be most heavily regulated, it is a strong sign that such regulations are near at hand. It is quite possible that

¹⁴ Union of Concerned Scientists, *Gambling with Coal: How Future Climate Laws Will Make New Coal Power Plants More Expensive*, September 2006, page 20.

¹⁵ Florida Public Service Commission, *Review of 2005 Ten-Year Site Plan*, page 14.

¹⁶ Union of Concerned Scientists, *Gambling with Coal: How Future Climate Laws Will Make New Coal Power Plants More Expensive*, September 2006, page 20.

CO₂ limits will be in place and operational before the same could be said for a proposed coal plant currently in the regulatory approval process.”¹⁷

Florida ratepayers should not be saddled with the incremental environmental costs of a state-wide energy policy, which does not account for the risks associated with CO₂ emissions or predictable mandatory programs to address them.

V. The BFS Policy Increases Energy Inefficiency and Causes Negative Environmental Impacts Associated with Proposed Plant Locations

Large coal-fired electric plants are being proposed in environmentally sensitive areas, far from the ratepayers the plants will ultimately supply. Such projects result in the use of otherwise productive farmlands and/or natural lands for the plant and for power lines to distribute energy. Electric power distribution over large areas is wasteful and inefficient. Loss of energy over long-distance transfer could cause an additional 10 percent power production requirement with corresponding emissions. Further, there are significant costs to moving fuel to remote locations. A comprehensive inventory of the carbon dioxide emissions resulting from the Balanced Fuel Supply policy would have to take into account the emissions resulting from transportation of coal and other inputs to operate the facility. Additionally, the environmental debt associated with coal extraction should be considered.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Conduct a clear analysis of regulatory risks and opportunities: The PSC should require Florida utilities to factor future CO₂ cap costs into resource planning, and ensure that mandatory emissions reductions costs are not passed on to Florida ratepayers.

Factor carbon sequestration into cost projections: Current research to sequester carbon dioxide may result in the commercial viability of this technology to reduce this greenhouse gas. While these advances are not foreseen for at least a decade and will likely not be sufficient to address the challenges of reducing greenhouse gas emissions confronting Florida, the nation, and the world, at some point, the technology may be required. This eventuality should be factored into consumer-borne costs.

Modify the BFS Policy to create a Clean Energy Policy for Florida: Rather than invest public and private dollars into increasing coal-based energy generation (to achieve a Balanced Fuel Supply), the State and utility companies should more aggressively invest in a policy to increase clean energy generating options, by increasing and providing incentives for the development of renewable energy sources, including solar and wind power generation, and co-generation.

Aggressively promote the development of alternative energy markets: Less than one percent of Florida’s energy is generated through renewable sources, indicating a huge potential market for clean energy production. Redirecting PSC policy to develop

¹⁷ Ibid. Page 21.

competitive renewable energy markets is consistent with and strengthens the PSC mission to “promote the development of competitive markets—as directed by state and federal law—by removing regulatory barriers to competition and distributed generation sources, and by emphasizing incentive-based approaches, where feasible, to regulate areas that remain subject to rate of return regulation.”

Promote and facilitate more aggressive energy conservation and efficiency: Investment in energy conservation has proven successful and should be more aggressively pursued by the state and utilities. As the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (FEECA) Annual Report states: “As a whole, utility-sponsored Demand-Side Management (DSM) programs have reduced statewide summer peak demand by an estimated 4,588 MW, winter peak demand by 5,491 MW, and energy consumption by an estimated 5,132 GWh, since 1980. These estimated savings include DSM programs sponsored by the FEECA utilities and those which are not currently covered under FEECA. Based on the winter demand reduction, this has deferred the need for eleven typical 500 MW plants, or enough capacity to serve approximately 1.6 million households. By 2013, Demand-Side Management programs are forecasted to reduce summer peak demand by 5,5165 MW, winter peak demand by 6,393 MW, and annual energy consumption by 6,618 MW. This will benefit Florida’s ratepayers by deferring the need for additional generating capacity.”¹⁸

A new study by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy focuses upon the “Potential for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to Meet Florida’s Growing Energy Demands” and analyzes the economic benefits of adopting more rigorous energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy policies. “Energy efficiency resource policies can offset the majority of projected load growth in the state over the next 15 years. Expanded development of renewable energy resources would further reduce future needs for electricity in 2023, deferring the need for many new electric power generation projects in the state. The economic savings from the policies recommended in this report can cut Florida consumers’ electricity bills by over \$7 million in 2013 and \$84 billion in 2023. While these savings will require substantial investments, they cost less than the projected cost of electricity from conventional sources.”¹⁹

While the Public Services Commission does not have the statutory mandate to promote energy efficiency in new and existing urban developments, it can and should more aggressively identify an environmentally sound set of energy policies and promote, within that, energy efficiency. For example, programs are underway nationwide to increase energy efficiency and achieve 100 percent reductions in CO₂ emissions in urban development. (Buildings, including homes, nationwide were responsible for 48 percent of all CO₂ emissions in 2003, according to the US Energy Administration statistics). One example is the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Seven federal

¹⁸ Florida Public Service Commission, Annual Report on Activities Pursuant to the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act, page 8.

¹⁹ American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, “Potential for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to Meet Florida’s Growing Energy Demands,” February 2007, Report Number E072, page iv, <http://aceee.org>.

agencies, nineteen US states, 28 municipalities (including five Florida cities) participate in LEED. Additionally, thirteen projects in Florida are incorporating LEED standards. The LEED program sets forth that “in order to reverse the trend of rising CO₂ levels, all new buildings, developments and major renovation projects must immediately cut the amount of fossil fuel energy they use to construct and operate according to these targets: 50 percent less CO₂-emitting energy use immediately; 60 percent less in 2010; 70 percent less in 2015; 80 percent less in 2020; 90 percent less in 2025, and zero CO₂ emissions in 2030 (no fossil fuel energy).”

Promote ecologically sound locations for power plants: An ecologically sound and fiscally responsible alternative to the BFS policy would be to develop policy alternatives that promote smaller plants on, or close to, load centers that are already connected to the electrical grid. Promoting decentralized co-generation or combined heat and power generators would also contribute electricity in the most efficient and cost-effective form because they recycle waste heat.

As the state regulatory agency responsible for protecting the public good, the PSC can and should develop an environmentally sound energy policy. Many models both nationally and internationally exist to achieve an environmentally clean and sound energy supply, enhance security and meet future demand for energy. Rather than focus on high risk alternatives, such as coal, the Commission should devote its time, expertise and creativity to developing and promoting a safe, environmentally sound and fiscally conservative energy future for Florida and Floridians. Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We look forward to working with the Commission to develop and promote a clean energy policy for Florida.

Sincerely,

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Glades County's zoning ordinance and comprehensive plan amendment are being challenged. If the petitioners prevail, will the Needs determination go through as scheduled?

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February 15, 2007

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*Robert
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Dear Governor Crist,

I am deeply concerned about Florida Power & Light's proposal to construct a 1960 MW pulverized coal burning power plant in Glades County.

If constructed, this plant will sit on the west side of Lake Okeechobee, just south of the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation and Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area and on the north side of Moore Haven. The prevailing winds around Lake Okeechobee will blow the emissions to the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation in the summer and toward the Big Cypress Reservation and National Preserve in the winter. When the weather is calm, the impact will be right over Lake Okeechobee, Fisheating Creek, and the headwaters of the Caloosahatchee River

Air quality in the entire region will be severely affected by the construction of a coal power plant. Of particular concern for the Everglades is mercury, a common byproduct of coal combustion which undergoes a chemical transformation when it accumulates in aquatic environments. The chemically altered metal, called methylmercury, is bioaccumulated by aquatic organisms and fish, and then are passed up the food chain to larger mammals and eventually humans.

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In recent years, mercury levels have been declining in the Everglades but "hot spots" remain throughout the park. Park officials are particularly wary of significant increases in sulfur emissions in and around the park because recent evidence suggests sulfur deposition could aid in the formation of methylmercury.

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Also of serious concern are the 16 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions this plant will emit annually. Contributing to global warming and the resulting sea level rise is counterproductive to efforts to restore the Everglades and puts large parts of Florida at risk.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this important issue when you are making south Florida inspections or I will fly to Tallahassee to meet you at your convenience.

I look forward to discussing this with you in further detail.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Reed

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Mr. Nathaniel Reed
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Dear Mr. Reed:

Thank you for writing to Governor Charlie Crist. The Governor appreciates your concerns about a proposal to construct a coal plant in Glades county and asked me to respond on his behalf.

As you know, the agency that regulates public utilities is the Public Service Commission (PSC), which is an arm of the legislative branch of government and therefore, not under the administrative authority of the Governor's office. To assist you, I forwarded a copy of your letter to that agency for their review.

To assist you with your request to meet with Governor Crist, I forwarded a copy of your letter to the Governor's Scheduling Office for their review.

Thank you again for contacting the Governor's office. For information about the Governor's initiatives, please visit our website at www.flgov.com.

Sincerely,

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CONSUMER

From: G Porter [mailto:ptp999@earthlink.net]
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FYI - My reaction to the News Press Editorial Page's support for FPL's Proposed Glades Power Park 02/22/07.

Dear Editors,

I was disappointed that the News Press could not oppose the Glades Power Park scheme outright. Did you all see Al Gore's movie, Inconvenient Truth? The whole point of alternative energy technologies is that they are not an immediate fix.

This plant won't be up and running until 2013. How many alternative energy methods could be in place by that time - cancelling the need for this plant? It takes 90 days to put up a 75+ tower windfarm. Why can't Glades County have windfarms instead?

Earlier articles failed to describe exactly why FPL won't build windfarms in Florida, or exactly why the plethora of other possibilities won't yield results in 6 years - especially developing the gulf stream underwater turbine technology that has been in the press for 2+ years.

Please give us articles on exactly why each alternative energy method is not feasible, the delay it would require, and what can be done to help Glades County economically besides polluting it (and those of us downstream).

Grayson Porter, Ft Myers, FL

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