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Thank you for your timely attention to this matter.

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In re: FPL Rate Case, Docket No. 080677-EI

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached herewith, please find two documents to be included in the above-referenced FPL Rate Case.

- Complainant's Complaint of Retaliation by the Florida Power and Light Company, dated 22-MAR-2009 (8-pages)
- Florida Power & Light Company's Response in Opposition to Intervention of Thomas Saporito and Saporito Energy Consultants, dated March 16, 2009 (11-pages)

This is a re-submittal for e-filing requirement purposes. Should you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please feel free to contact us.

Best regards,

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
BEFORE THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

In re: **OSHA No:**
SAPORITO ENERGY CONSULTANTS, INC., **DATE: 22 MAR 2009**
THOMAS SAPORITO,
Complainants,

v.

FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY,
Respondent.

**COMPLAINANTS' COMPLAINT OF RETALIATION AGAINST
THE FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY**

COMES NOW, Saporito Energy Consultants, Inc. (SEC) by and through and with its undersigned president, Thomas Saporito, and hereby file a complaint of retaliation against the Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) under the employee protection provisions of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C.A. §5851 ("ERA" or "the Act") and states as follows:

LEGAL STANDARD

(a) No employer subject to the provisions of any of the statutes listed in Sec. 24.100(a), or to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA), 42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq., may discharge or otherwise retaliate against any employee with respect to the employee's compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because the employee, or any person acting pursuant to the

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employee's request, engaged in any of the activities specified in this section.

(b) It is a violation for any employer to intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, discharge, or in any other manner retaliate against any employee because the employee has:

(1) Commenced or caused to be commenced, or is about to commence or cause to be commenced, a proceeding under one of the statutes listed in Sec. 24.100(a) or a proceeding for the administration or enforcement of any requirement imposed under such statute;

(2) Testified or is about to testify in any such proceeding; or

(3) Assisted or participated, or is about to assist or participate, in any manner in such a proceeding or in any other action to carry out the purposes of such statute.

(c) Under the Energy Reorganization Act, and by interpretation of the Secretary under any of the other statutes listed in Sec. 24.100(a), it is a violation for any employer to intimidate, threaten, restrain, coerce, blacklist, discharge, or in any other manner retaliate against any employee because the employee has:

(1) Notified the employer of an alleged violation of such statute or the AEA of 1954;

(2) Refused to engage in any practice made unlawful by such statute or the AEA of 1954, if the employee has identified the alleged illegality to the employer; or

(3) Testified or is about to testify before Congress or at any federal or state proceeding regarding any provision (or proposed provision) of such statute or the AEA of 1954.

(d) (1) Every employer subject to the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, shall prominently post and keep posted in any place of employment to which the employee protection provisions of the Act apply, a fully legible copy of the notice prepared by OSHA, printed as appendix A to this part, or a notice approved by the Assistant Secretary that contains substantially the same provisions and explains the employee protection provisions of the Act and the regulations in this part. Copies of the notice prepared by OSHA may be obtained from the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210, from local OSHA Offices, or from OSHA's Web site at <http://www.osha.gov>.

(2) Where the notice required by paragraph (d) (1) of this section has not been posted, the requirement in Sec. 24.103(d) (2) that a complaint be filed with the Assistant Secretary within 180 days of an alleged violation will be inoperative, unless the respondent establishes that the

complainant had knowledge of the material provisions of the notice. If it is established that the notice was posted at the employee's place of employment after the alleged retaliatory action occurred or that the complainant later obtained knowledge of the provisions of the notice, the 180 days will ordinarily run from whichever of those dates is relevant.

(e) This part shall have no application to any employee who, acting without direction from his or her employer (or the employer's agent), deliberately causes a violation of any requirement of any of the statutes listed in Sec. 24.100(a) or the AEA of 1954.

See, 42 U.S.C.A. §5851 and 10 C.F.R. 50.7

COMPLAINANT'S PRIMA FACIA CASE OF RETALIATION

On March 7, 2009, SEC together with Saporito filed a Petition with the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking leave to intervene in the FPL Rate Case Docketed as 080677-EI. On March 16, 2009, attorneys representing FPL filed *Florida Power & Light Company's Response in Opposition to Petition to Intervene of Thomas Saporito and Saporito Energy Consultants*. See enclosure attached hereto. As the primary reason proffered by FPL to prevent SEC and Saporito from participation in the FPL rate case before the Commission, FPL asserts that:

" . . . In 1988 Mr. Saporito was terminated from employment with FPL for cause. He subsequently filed two whistleblower discrimination complaints against FPL with the U.S. Department of Labor . . . under Section 210 . . . of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §5851 ("ERA"). After ten years of fully litigating those claims before the DOL and in federal courts, DOL found that FPLs' termination of Mr. Saporito was based on 'overwhelming' evidence that Mr. Saporito was repeatedly insubordinate, 'insolent,' 'blatantly lied'

and 'clearly lied' to management, and engaged in a 'mockery of management's role.' . . . In 2004, more than five years after the DOL ARB's final decision in ARB I (and four years after the Eleventh Circuit's affirmance of that decision), Mr. Saporito filed motions seeking reconsideration of DOL's decision in ARB I. The ARB denied Mr. Saporito's motions and dismissed the case. . . Mr. Saporito then petitioned the Eleventh Circuit for review of both the ARB I and ARB II decisions. The Court dismissed on *res judicata* grounds. . . and the U.S. Supreme Court denied Mr. Saporito's request for review. . . Mr. Saporito has also filed a host of whistleblower discrimination complaints against FPL with DOL that were derived from Mr. Saporito's 1988 discrimination complaint. All of these derivative complaints were dismissed by DOL. . . Mr. Saporito has not limited his complaints to FPL. Indeed, his litigious nature is further demonstrated by his filing of blacklisting and/or retaliatory discharge and/or related claims against numerous other companies and against DOL itself. Incredibly, in July 2005, Mr. Saporito sought *re-employment* with FPL and employment with an FPL affiliate. When Mr. Saporito was not hired, he filed another discrimination claim with DOL in January 2006... On May 18, 2008, Mr. Saporito again applied for re-employment with FPL. When he was not hired, he filed yet another discrimination complaint with DOL. . . The day before Mr. Saporito electronically filed the SEC Petition in this case, another DOL ALJ recommended that a separate discrimination complaint that Mr. Saporito had filed in August 2008 against FPL alleging blacklisting be dismissed. . . Yet another discrimination complaint filed by Mr. Saporito against FPL in November 2008 with DOL is pending at the investigative stage. . . Mr. Saporito has also sought to initiate numerous proceedings against FPL during this twenty-year period before the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC"). He has filed numerous requests for enforcement action against FPL and hearing requests, all of which were ultimately denied. . . Mr. Saporito also attempted to initiate four NRC licensing proceedings involving FPL and its affiliates in 2008. . . The facts outlined in the response to the SEC Petition illustrate a pattern of harassment that has continued largely unabated for almost 20 years at the NRC and DOL and that has worsened in 2008. . . His vexatious litigation,

including his intervention petition filed in this docket, is a blatant attempt to bring leverage against FPL for employment and/or financial gain, as illustrated in his previous complaint to the DOL that FPL is refusing to establish a business partnership with him. The Commission should not facilitate this abusive behavior by permitting Mr. Saporito to intervene here. . . FPL respectfully requests that the Commission deny the SEC Petition and refuse to allow SEC or Mr. Saporito to intervene in this proceeding.

Id. 4-9. As can be seen by FPL's pleading before the Commission, FPL's motives in requesting the Commission to deny SEC and Saporito intervention status as a party to the FPL rate case, were based solely on SEC's and Saporito's protected activity in filing whistleblower complaints against FPL with the DOL and based solely on SEC's and Saporito's safety complaints with the NRC regarding FPL's operation of its nuclear facilities. Notably, SEC's and Saporito's filing of complaints against FPL with the DOL is "protected activity" within the meaning of the ERA and under NRC regulation at 10 C.F.R. 50.7. Moreover, SEC's and Saporito's filing of safety complaints with the NRC is also "protected activity" within the meaning of the ERA and under NRC regulation at 10 C.F.R. 50.7.

FPL is an employer within the meaning of the ERA because FPL is a licensee of the NRC and employed Saporito at its Turkey Point Nuclear Plant in 1988. *See, Connecticut Light*. In *Connecticut Light*, the court concluded that, when an employer harasses and makes unlawful demands of an employee and then

continues to do so after the employment is terminated, the now former employee remains protected within the definition of "employee." This is because the employer's violation of the statutory protection arose out of the employment and continued after the employment ended ("continuing violation"). Similarly, the Supreme Court has read the statutory definition of "employee" in Title VII to include former employees at least in certain sections of the Act. *See, Robinson v. Shell Oil Co.*, 519 U.S. 337, 341-48 (1997).

SEC and Saporito are employees of FPL within the meaning of the ERA because Saporito is a former employee of FPL and a current applicant for re-employment at FPL and SEC is an applicant for employment with FPL as a business partner and as an Independent Contractor.

FPL through its filing with the Commission as delineated above, clearly shows FPL's knowledge of SEC's and Saporito's engagement in "protected activities" within the meaning of the ERA.

FPL's conduct in requesting that the Commission refuse to allow SEC and Saporito to participate in the FPL rate case as a party in that proceeding was based solely because of SEC's and Saporito's engagement in "protected activity" within the meaning of the ERA. Thus, FPL's conduct in requesting that the Commission refuse to allow SEC and Saporito to participate as a

party in the FPL rate case was retaliatory within the meaning of the ERA and in violation of the ERA and in violation of NRC requirements at 10 C.F.R. 50.7 and therefore illegal as a matter of law.

CONCLUSION

FOR ALL THE FOREGOING REASONS, Complainants seek a make-whole remedy from the DOL as provided for under the employee protection provisions of the ERA. In addition, Complainants request that the NRC Office of Investigations and the NRC Office of the Inspector General act to cause an investigation of FPL to determine whether FPL, as a NRC licensee, has acted in violation of NRC regulation at 10 C.F.R. 50.7 in retaliating against SEC and in retaliating against Saporito.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Petition for Increase in Rates by)
Florida Power & Light Company)

Docket No. 080677-EI
Date: March 16, 2009

**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION
TO PETITION TO INTERVENE OF THOMAS SAPORTIO
AND SAPORITO ENERGY CONSULTANTS**

Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") hereby respectfully responds in opposition to the Saporito Energy Consultants Petition for Leave to Intervene (the "SEC Petition"), and states as follows.

Background and Summary

On March 9, 2009¹, Mr. Saporito filed the SEC Petition seeking to intervene both as an individual and as a representative of SEC. The stated purpose of the intervention is to address "whether FPL improperly misled its rate-payers in its assessment of costs associated with the operation of its existing power plants and whether FPL should be allowed to charge its customers for these costs."

The intervention request should be denied for several reasons. With regards to SEC, the SEC Petition fails to allege that SEC is a legal entity with the capacity to maintain or intervene in a legal action. Furthermore, even if SEC was a legal entity under Florida law, Mr. Saporito is not entitled to appear and represent SEC or SEC's clients because he is not an attorney or "qualified representative" as required by Commission rules. With regard to Mr. Saporito's request to intervene as an individual, he has a long-standing history with FPL that evidences a clear pattern of filing actions for improper purposes, including the intent to coerce an offer of employment or other economic consideration from FPL and to delay the proceedings in question.

¹ The SEC Petition was apparently filed and served electronically on Saturday, March 7, 2009. Consistent with the Commission's policy on electronic filing, this means that the SEC Petition is treated as having been filed on the next business day.

FPL submits that his attempt to intervene here is no exception to that pattern and would add nothing but confusion and delay to this proceeding. An intervenor, as with any other party to a Commission proceeding, is obligated to participate in good faith, and not for any improper purposes, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay, or for frivolous purpose or needless increase in the cost of litigation. Mr. Saporito's history of involvement in FPL proceedings strongly suggests that his intervention would be for these improper purposes. The interests of FPL customers will be well represented by others. Accordingly, Mr. Saporito should not be permitted to intervene in his individual capacity. Alternatively, if he is permitted to intervene in any capacity, the Commission should make clear at the outset that his participation must be limited strictly to proper issues in this proceeding and that abuse of the proceeding will not be tolerated. Specifically, any order granting intervention should state that issues related to Mr. Saporito's competitive economic interests or other issues that advance his personal or business interests are beyond the scope of this rate case proceeding, and that Mr. Saporito must comply with applicable statutes and rules governing proceedings before the Commission.

Argument

A. SEC Lacks Legal Capacity to Intervene and Fails to Allege an Adequate Basis for Intervention

SEC is not a legal entity with the capacity to participate in this proceeding. Only certain groups of individuals or business entities are recognized by Florida law as legal entities distinct from their members, which are affirmatively granted the capacity to sue and be sued by statute. *See, e.g.*, § 607.0302, Florida Statutes. The SEC Petition alleges only that SEC is a "viable concern"; there is no allegation that SEC is a corporation, non-profit corporation, or any other entity with the legal capacity to sue under Florida law. *See* SEC Petition, at p. 3. Moreover, a

review of the records of the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, indicates that SEC is not currently registered with the state as such an entity.

Even if SEC had the legal capacity to intervene, it has failed to allege that it will suffer any injury in fact as a result of the resolution of any issues that are addressed in this proceeding. The SEC Petition does not allege that SEC is a customer of FPL or otherwise will be substantially affected by the outcome of this proceeding.

The SEC Petition also fails to establish associational standing. There is no allegation that SEC and/or its clients constitute any kind of association. Moreover, even if the intervention request contained such allegations, the test for associational standard has not been met. The Commission has previously denied similar requests for intervention by SEC,² and it should do so again here.

B. Mr. Saporito is Not Entitled to Represent SEC or SEC's Clients

The Commission's rules require that a party be represented by an attorney or a "qualified representative." Rule 28-106.106(1), Fla. Admin. Code. To the extent Mr. Saporito is purporting to represent SEC and/or SEC's clients' interests, he should not be permitted to do so. Mr. Saporito is not an attorney, and has not made the required filing of qualifications for consideration to become a "qualified representative." Rule 28-106.106(2)(a), Fla. Admin. Code. Accordingly, Mr. Saporito is not entitled to represent SEC or SEC's clients before the Commission in this proceeding. As with SEC's request to intervene, the Commission has

² See Order No. PSC-08-0733-PCO-EI, Docket No. 080001-EI, Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause, dated November 3, 2008; and Order No. PSC-08-0596-PCO-GU, Docket No. 080002-EI, Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause, dated September 16, 2008.

previously denied similar requests for intervention by Mr. Saporito as SEC's representative,³ and should do so here.

C. Mr. Saporito Should Not be Permitted to Intervene as an Individual

An examination of the long standing history between Mr. Saporito and FPL demonstrates that Mr. Saporito is acting improperly in attempting to intervene in these proceedings. FPL has been the target of more than 20 years of abusive, vexatious, and meritless litigation against FPL and its affiliates by Mr. Saporito (and alter egos of Mr. Saporito, e.g., SEC) in a variety of fora.

1. Discrimination Complaints Against FPL

In 1988 Mr. Saporito was terminated from employment with FPL for cause. He subsequently filed two whistleblower discrimination complaints against FPL with the U.S. Department of Labor ("DOL") under Section 210 (now 211) of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 5851 ("ERA"). After ten years of fully litigating those claims before the DOL and in federal courts, DOL found that FPL's termination of Mr. Saporito was based on "overwhelming" evidence that Mr. Saporito was repeatedly insubordinate, "insolent," "blatantly lied" and "clearly lied" to management, and engaged in a "mockery of management's role." See *Saporito v. Florida Power & Light Co.*, 89-ERA-07, (Recommended Decision and Order, Oct. 15, 1997), *aff'd*, Administrative Review Board (ARB) Case No. 98-008 (Final Decision and Order Aug. 11, 1998), *aff'd sub nom*, *Saporito v. U.S. Dep't of Labor*, 192 F.3d 130 (11th Cir. 1999) (*per curiam*) (unpublished table decision), *reh'g en banc denied*, 210 F.3d 395 (11th Cir. 2000) ("ARB I") (emphasis in original ALJ Recommended Decision).

In 2004, more than five years after the DOL ARB's final decision in ARB I (and four years after the Eleventh Circuit's affirmance of that decision), Mr. Saporito filed motions

³ id.

seeking reconsideration of DOL's decision in ARB I. The ARB denied Mr. Saporito's motions and dismissed the case. See *Saporito v. Florida Power & Light Co.*, ARB Case No. 04-079, 2004 WL 3038071 (Dec. 17, 2004) ("ARB II"). Mr. Saporito then petitioned the Eleventh Circuit for review of both the ARB I and ARB II decisions. The Court dismissed on *res judicata* grounds, See *Saporito v. Dep't of Labor*, Case No. 05-10749-DD (11th Cir. Jun. 2, 2005) (*reh'g denied*, Jul. 21, 2005) (unpublished decision), and the U.S. Supreme Court denied Mr. Saporito's request for review. See *Saporito v. Dep't of Labor*, 546 U.S. 1150 (2006).

Mr. Saporito has also filed a host of whistleblower discrimination complaints against FPL with DOL that were derived from Mr. Saporito's 1988 discrimination complaint. All of these derivative complaints were dismissed by DOL. *Saporito v. Florida Power & Light Co.*, 1996 WL 580922 (ARB Jul. 19, 1996 (ERA complaint dismissed as "frivolous")); *Saporito v. Florida Power & Light Co.*, 1995 WL 848177 (Sec'y Sept. 7, 1995) (ERA complaint dismissed); *Saporito v. Florida Power & Light Co.*, 1994 WL 897461 (Sec'y Aug 8, 1994) (ERA complaint dismissed).

Mr. Saporito has not limited his complaints to FPL. Indeed, his litigious nature is further demonstrated by his filing of blacklisting and/or retaliatory discharge and/or related claims against numerous other companies and against DOL itself.⁴

Incredibly, in July 2005, Mr. Saporito sought *re-employment* with FPL and employment with an FPL affiliate. When Mr. Saporito was not hired, he filed another discrimination claim

⁴ See *Saporito v. FedEx Kinkos Office and Print Services, Inc.*, 2005-CAA-18; *Saporito v. Central Locating Services, Ltd. and Asplundh Tree Expert Co.*, 2005-CAA-13; *Saporito v. GE Medical Systems Adecco Technical*, 2005-CAA-7; *Saporito v. Central Locating Services, Ltd. and Asplundh Tree Expert Co.*, 2004-CAA-13; *Saporito v. Quarles & Brady et al*, 2004-CAA-9; *Saporito v. BellSouth*, 2004-CAA-8; *Saporito v. Dep't of Labor*, 2003-CAA-9; *Saporito v. GE Medical Systems and Adecco Technical Services*, 2003-CAA-2; *Saporito v. GE Medical Systems and Adecco Technical Services*, 2003-CAA-1; *Saporito v. The Atlantic Group, Inc.*, 94-ERA-29, *Saporito v. Arizona Public Service Co., et al*, 93-ERA-45; *Saporito v. Houston Lighting & Power Co.*, 93-ERA-28; *Saporito v. Arizona Public Service Co., et al*, 93-ERA-26; *Saporito v. Houston Lighting & Power Co., et al*, 92-ERA-45; *Saporito v. Houston Lighting & Power Co., et al*, 92-ERA-38; and *Saporito v. Arizona Public Service Co., et al*, 92-ERA-30.

with DOL in January 2006. That claim was voluntarily withdrawn by Mr. Saporito and was dismissed. *Saporito v. Florida Power & Light Co.*, 2006-ERA-8 (ALJ Mar. 24, 2006).

On May 18, 2008, Mr. Saporito again applied for re-employment with FPL. When he was not hired, he filed yet another discrimination complaint with DOL. An ALJ recommended that this claim be dismissed as time barred, concluding that Mr. Saporito's complaint represented an "obvious and profound abuse" of the whistleblower protection laws. *Saporito v. Florida Power & Light Co.*, ALJ Case No. 2008-ERA-014 at 4 (Oct. 2, 2008) (appeal to ARB pending). The day before Mr. Saporito electronically filed the SEC Petition in this case, another DOL ALJ recommended that a separate discrimination complaint that Mr. Saporito had filed in August 2008 against FPL alleging blacklisting be dismissed. *Saporito v. Florida Power & Light Co.*, ALJ Case No. 2009-ERA-001 (Mar. 5, 2009). Yet another discrimination complaint filed by Mr. Saporito against FPL in November 2008 with DOL is pending at the investigative stage. *Saporito v. Florida Power & Light Co.*, OSHA Case No. 4-1050-09-012, filed Nov. 26, 2008 (investigation pending).

2. Mr. Saporito's NRC Filings Against FPL

Mr. Saporito has also sought to initiate numerous proceedings against FPL during this twenty-year period before the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC"). He has filed numerous requests for enforcement action against FPL⁵ and hearing requests, all of which were

⁵ See, e.g., *Florida Power & Light Co.*, (St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 and 2; Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Plant Units 3 and 4) DD-98-10, 48 NRC 245 (1998); *Florida Power & Light Co.*, (St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 and 2; Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Plant Units 3 and 4) DD-97-20, 46 NRC 96 (1997); *Florida Power & Light Co.*, (St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 and 2) DD-96-19, 44 NRC 283 (1996); *All Licensees*, DD-95-8, 41 NRC 346 (1995); *Florida Power & Light Co.*, (Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Plant Units 3 and 4; St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 and 2) DD-95-7, 41 NRC 339 (1995); *Florida Power & Light Co.*, (Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Plant Units 3 and 4) DD-90-1, 31 NRC 327 (1989); *Florida Power & Light Co.*, (Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Plant Units 3 and 4) DD-89-8, 30 NRC 220 (1989); *Florida Power & Light Co.*, (Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Plant Units 3 and 4) DD-89-5, 30 NRC 73 (1989).

ultimately denied.⁶ Mr. Saporito's pattern of harassment and vexatious litigation against FPL continued in 2008 and 2009, when Mr. Saporito filed eight separate petitions with NRC seeking enforcement action against FPL regarding FPL's nuclear operations. All of these petitions were denied.⁷ Mr. Saporito also attempted to initiate four NRC licensing proceedings involving FPL and its affiliates in 2008. All of these requests were rejected by the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.⁸

3. Intervention in Proceedings Before This Commission

This is Mr. Saporito's third attempt to intervene in FPL-related Commission proceedings.⁹ In the prior instances, Mr. Saporito's request was based on FPL actions that would have no impact to Mr. Saporito at all, and each was denied for failure to show proper standing. Although FPL respects the rights of truly interested and affected persons to intervene, it is clear that Mr. Saporito continues to attempt to intervene in proceedings against FPL regardless of the

⁶ See, e.g., *Florida Power & Light Co.* (St. Lucie Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2), Memorandum and Order, (Denying Request for Hearing) slip op. at 11 (Aug. 15, 2008); *Florida Power & Light Co.*, (Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4) LBP-91-2, 33 NRC 42 (1991), *aff'd* CLI-91-5, 33 NRC 238 (1991); *Florida Power & Light Co.*, (Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4), LBP-90-5, 31 NRC 73 (1990); *Florida Power & Light Co.*, (Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4) LBP-90-16, 31 NRC 509 (1990) (Admitted to the proceeding), *reversed*, LBP-90-24, 32 NRC 12 (1990) (Saporito dismissed from proceeding based upon lack of standing due to changed circumstances) *aff'd* ALAB-952, 33 NRC 521 (1991) *aff'd* CLI-91-13, 34 NRC 185 (1991); *Florida Power & Light Co.*, (St. Lucie Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2), CLI-89-21, 30 NRC 325.

⁷ *FPL re Turkey Point Security Issues*; filed Apr. 27, 2008, denied Jul. 7, 2008; *FPL re Refusal to Rehire*; filed July 5, 2008, denied Aug. 4, 2008; *FPL re 1988 Termination*; filed Aug. 3, 2008, denied: Oct. 27, 2008; *FPL re Florida Bar referral*; filed Sept. 10, 2008, denied Dec. 5, 2008; *FPL re Request for NRC Sanctions*; filed Sept. 27, 2008, denied Dec. 5, 2008; *FPL re Turkey Point Security Issues*; filed Sept. 28, 2008, denied Nov. 20, 2008; *FPL re Request for NRC Sanctions*; filed Oct. 5, 2008, denied Dec. 5, 2008; *FPL re: Phipps*; filed Jan. 1, 2009, denied Jan. 26, 2009.

⁸ *Florida Power & Light Company* (St. Lucie Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2), LBP-08-14, 69 NRC ___ (slip op.) (2008); *Florida Power & Light Company* (Turkey Point Nuclear Plant, Units 3 and 4), LBP-08-18, 68 NRC ___ (slip op.) (2008); *FPL Energy Point Beach, LLC* (Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Unit 1), LBP-08-19, 68 NRC ___ (slip op.) (2008); *FPL Energy Seabrook, LLC* (Seabrook Station, Unit 1), LBP 08-20, 68 NRC ___ (slip op.) (2008). Even more illustrative of the baseless nature of these intervention petitions filed with the NRC is that Saporito's residence (as represented by the Jupiter, Florida address listed on his pleadings) is more than 100 miles from Turkey Point and is more than 1000 miles from the Point Beach and Seabrook reactors. Saporito never alleged any credible connection with these regions of the United States that are very distant from his residence.

⁹ *id.*

merits of his claims, the nature of the proceeding, or the actual impact to him of the issue of concern in the matter.

The facts outlined in the response to the SEC Petition illustrate a pattern of harassment that has continued largely unabated for almost 20 years at the NRC and DOL and that has worsened in 2008. On a reasonable reading of the facts, Mr. Saporito has never accepted the fully litigated findings of the DOL, as twice affirmed by the 11th Circuit and by the refusal of the U.S. Supreme Court to hear his case, that FPL did not discriminate against him. His vexatious litigation, including his intervention petition filed in this docket, is a blatant attempt to bring leverage against FPL for employment and/or financial gain, as illustrated in his previous complaint to the DOL that FPL is refusing to establish a business partnership with him.¹⁰ The Commission should not facilitate this abusive behavior by permitting Mr. Saporito to intervene here.

Section 120.569(2)(e), F.S., provides that a party to an administrative proceeding such as this docket may not file any pleading, motion, or other document for improper purposes. Specifically, it provides:

All pleadings, motions, or other papers filed in the proceeding must be signed by the party, the party's attorney, or the party's qualified representative. The signature constitutes a certificate that the person has read the pleading, motion, or other paper and that, based upon reasonable inquiry, it is not interposed for any improper purposes, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay, or for frivolous purpose or needless increase in the cost of litigation. If a pleading, motion, or other paper is signed in violation of these requirements, the presiding officer shall impose upon the person who signed it, the represented party, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may include an order to pay the other party or parties the amount of reasonable expenses incurred because of the filing of the pleading, motion, or other paper, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

¹⁰ See Docket numbers 08001-EI, Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause; and 08002-EI, Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause; *see also* Mr. Saporito's complaint filed in *Saporito v. Florida Power & Light Co.*, OSHA Case No. 4-1050-09-012, filed Nov. 26, 2008 (investigation pending).

Mr. Saporito has made repeated attempts to intervene in FPL matters which have no impact on him, and has a factually determined history of improper behavior related to FPL. Mr. Saporito's actions are clearly retaliatory in nature, and are in attempt to harass, cause unnecessary delay, and are frivolous. These actions result in added work by FPL and the Commission in responding to Mr. Saporito's pleadings, and therefore needlessly increase the cost of litigation. Mr. Saporito's actions, and the SEC Petition, are for improper purposes, and the SEC Petition should be denied.

4. Customers Would Not be Harmed by Denying Mr. Saporito's Intervention

Mr. Saporito has pointed to no special customer interest he intends to represent or how his representation would provide any distinct form of protection for customers. To the contrary, there is every reason to expect that customers' interests will be well protected in this proceeding. OPC, which is charged with representing the citizens of Florida in proceedings before the Commission, has already given notice of its intervention in this proceeding. In short, there is no risk that residential customers will not be adequately represented should Mr. Saporito's request to intervene be denied.

Conclusion

WHEREFORE, for all of the foregoing reasons, FPL respectfully requests that the Commission deny the SEC Petition and refuse to allow SEC or Mr. Saporito to intervene in this proceeding. Alternatively, if Mr. Saporito is permitted to intervene in any capacity, the Commission should make clear at the outset that his participation must be limited strictly to proper issues in this proceeding and that abuse of the proceeding will not be tolerated. Specifically, any order granting intervention should state that issues related to Mr. Saporito's competitive economic interests or other issues that advance his personal or business interests are

beyond the scope of this rate case proceeding, and that Mr. Saporito must comply with applicable statutes and rules governing proceedings before the Commission.

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