

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 110309-EI

PETITION TO DETERMINE NEED FOR
MODERNIZATION OF PORT EVERGLADES
PLANT, BY FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT
COMPANY.

PROCEEDINGS: HEARING

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2 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Good morning, everyone.
3 Happy Monday morning this Presidents Day. We're going
4 to go ahead and call this hearing to order; Docket
5 Number 110309. Today is February the 20th, 2012. And
6 at this time we're going to ask our staff to read the
7 notice.

8 **MR. MURPHY:** We are here pursuant to notice
9 for the hearing in Docket Number 110309-EI.

10 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay. At this time I'm going
11 to take appearances.

12 **MR. BUTLER:** Good morning, Mr. Chairman. John
13 Butler and Maria Moncada on behalf of Florida Power and
14 Light Company.

15 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you.

16 **MR. MOYLE:** Jon Moyle on behalf of the Florida
17 Industrial Power Users, FIPUG.

18 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. Thank you.

19 And I understand that we may have the
20 opportunity, if there is interest from the public, for
21 individuals to speak. So at a time a little bit later
22 we will provide that opportunity.

23 **MR. MURPHY:** Mr. Chairman.

24 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Staff.

25 **MR. MURPHY:** Charles Murphy on behalf of

1 Commission staff.

2 **MS. HELTON:** And Mary Anne Helton, Advisor to
3 the Commission. I'd also like to make an appearance for
4 the General Counsel, Curt Kiser.

5 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you very much.

6 At this time we are moving on to our
7 preliminary matters. Are there any preliminary matters
8 that we need to deal with?

9 **MR. MURPHY:** I believe we would want to
10 establish the scope of the case as you find it. And I
11 think that staff would recommend that FIPUG be permitted
12 to make an opening statement, to cross-examine the
13 available witness, to participate in the proceeding as
14 any party would, and to file a post-hearing brief if
15 they are not agreeable to the stipulation in the case.
16 And that's based on the Commission's latitude to grant
17 that. It is broader than literally they took the case
18 as they found it. However, in trying to give meaning to
19 the notion that they can come in as a party, which they
20 are entitled to do up to five days, I believe, before
21 the hearing, absent this, it would be hard to
22 participate as a party. So trying to give meaning to
23 that, that is what staff would recommend.

24 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay. I'm sure there
25 probably is divergence of opinion on that, so FPL.

1 **MR. BUTLER:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

2 FPL believes that FIPUG, at this point in the
3 proceeding, is not in a position to take positions on
4 issues in this case. You know, there was an order
5 establishing procedure that made it very clear, as the
6 Commission routinely does in these proceedings, that
7 parties are to take a position on issues no later than
8 the prehearing conference unless they can establish that
9 they are unable to do so in spite of diligence and good
10 faith attempt to take a position, and that there is no
11 prejudice to the other parties from failing to take a
12 position until later than that point.

13 We don't believe that FIPUG meets either
14 component of that test. I mean, they are routinely
15 involved in proceedings before this body. They
16 certainly were aware of FPL's petition for this need
17 determination that was filed in November of last year.
18 The prehearing conference was noticed. The order
19 establishing procedure was on the Commission's website.
20 You know, they have not participated in any of the
21 prehearing process, and we feel it would be appropriate
22 for them to be held to no position consistent with the
23 order establishing procedure.

24 If that is the case, if they have no position,
25 this Commission has routinely, as recently as the

1 adjustment clause proceedings back in November of last
2 year, approved stipulations where there is agreement
3 between the staff and the utility and other parties take
4 no position. We believe that's where this case stands.

5 We have no objection if you choose to allowing
6 FIPUG to make an opening statement, but beyond that we
7 think the prehearing order makes it pretty clear that
8 the only purpose for which Mr. Silva is appearing today
9 is to answer your questions, and we think that it would
10 be appropriate to stay with that process.

11 If this were sort of an unfamiliar,
12 uninformed, you know, pro se ratepayer who was here
13 wanting to participate and didn't understand the
14 process, we would certainly expect you to be
15 accommodating to their unfamiliarity. But that
16 absolutely is not the case for FIPUG. We think it is
17 fair and in the interest of this proceeding to, you
18 know, conduct it pursuant to the prehearing order
19 without the exceptions that staff has described.

20 Thank you.

21 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. Thank you.
22 FIPUG.

23 **MR. MOYLE:** Thank you.

24 We think staff is on the right track with
25 respect to the ability of FIPUG to participate. And,

1 you know, my understanding of the prehearing order is
2 it's designed to facilitate getting everybody here
3 dressed up and ready to go for the hearing, but that the
4 hearing is governed by Florida Statutes. It's a
5 120 hearing, and it's here to have evidence presented to
6 you, and you will make a decision about whether to grant
7 a need determination or not grant a need determination
8 for Florida Power and Light's Everglades Plant.

9 I will argue the law, but before I do I just
10 think, as a matter of policy, to the extent that the
11 issue before you is a request for approximately 1,300
12 new megawatts and nearly 1.3 billion going into rate
13 base, that a consumer voice should be heard to, I think,
14 build-out a complete record and to maybe make some
15 arguments and present some evidence that would suggest
16 this is not the best way to proceed at this time. So we
17 think it would fully develop the record, and I think
18 staff is on the right page.

19 I would cite 120.57(1)(b), which in your
20 notice you have said that this hearing is conducted
21 under 120. It says, and I quote, "All parties," which,
22 you know, FIPUG is now a party, there has been an order
23 entered granting FIPUG party status, "shall have an
24 opportunity to respond, to present evidence and argument
25 on all issues involved, to conduct cross-examination and

1 submit rebuttal evidence, to submit proposed findings of
2 fact in orders, to file exceptions to the presiding
3 officer's recommended order, and to be represented by
4 counsel or other qualified representative."

5 We think the law is clear under 120.57(1)(b)
6 that we do have the ability to be here today to conduct
7 cross-examination and to take issues in the case. I
8 would also point out in your notice that was issued in
9 this case, you said that -- this was the notice of
10 meeting workshop hearing. I think it was filed on
11 January 5th of 2012 in this docket, and under the
12 section general subject matter to be considered at
13 hearing it talks about the modernization of the Port
14 Everglades Plant, and it says the proceeding, which the
15 proceeding is today, the proceeding shall allow Florida
16 Power and Light to present evidence and testimony,
17 evidence and testimony in support of their petition for
18 a determination of need of the proposed modernization of
19 the Port Everglades plant; two, permit any intervenors
20 to present testimony and exhibits concerning this
21 matter; and, three, permit members of the public who are
22 not parties to the need determination proceeding the
23 opportunity to present testimony concerning this matter.

24 We think the law supports staff's position,
25 and the public policy would support FIPUG being given an

1 opportunity to participate and conduct
2 cross-examination. I mean, it doesn't, to my mind, make
3 a lot of sense that the Commission can ask questions,
4 but a party can't. I mean, if questions are going to be
5 asked, we would respectfully ask the Commission to give
6 us the ability to ask some questions, as well.

7 So thank you for your consideration.

8 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you very much. I guess
9 it's my call, right?

10 Commissioners, before I make a decision, I
11 suppose I'll give you an opportunity to express an
12 opinion, if you have an interest in doing so.

13 All right. Thank you.

14 (Laughter.)

15 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** I think I understand the
16 argument that FPL brings forward with respect to what it
17 means to take the case as it is because there was ample
18 opportunity prior to five days before we got to this
19 point to intervene. But I think in an abundance of
20 caution I am going to proceed the way staff has laid out
21 for us to move forward, not foreclosing on the idea that
22 we could arrive at a bench decision today and the
23 process will flow the way it would with a bench
24 decision, if we arrive at that point today.

25 So we will allow for an opening statement, we

1 will allow for cross-examination of the one witness, and
2 participation as any other party would participate at
3 this juncture today. And that is the way that we are
4 going to proceed today.

5 All right. So at this time we are going to
6 move forward with what needs to be in the record.

7 **MR. MURPHY:** Thank you.

8 In accordance with Section VI of the
9 Prehearing Order, staff asks that the Prefiled Testimony
10 of Witnesses Silva, Gnecco, Morley, Stubblefield, Kosky,
11 and Enjamio and Modia -- I don't know how to pronounce
12 it -- be inserted into the record as though read.

13 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay.

14 **MR. MOYLE:** Is this when it's being admitted,
15 or is it going to be admitted later?

16 **MR. MURPHY:** I think it would be admitted now.

17 **MR. MOYLE:** Okay. I just, for the record,
18 want to make an objection to it coming in. And I want
19 to refer you to 120.569(2)(g). 120.569 is entitled,
20 "Decisions which affect substantial interests," and
21 FIPUG's substantial interests are being affected here.
22 (G) says any evidence may be received in written form
23 and all testimony of parties and witnesses shall be made
24 under oath.

25 And in the case of BellSouth v. Unemployment

1 Appeals, 654 So.2d 292 out of the Fifth and others
2 suggest that receiving -- what you, in effect, are
3 receiving, you are receiving prefiled testimony, but it
4 is hearsay. It's an out-of-court statement offered by
5 someone for the truth of the matter asserted, and it's
6 not proper and it's not under oath.

7 They would have a better argument if there had
8 been a verified -- if it had been verified, then it
9 would at least have been under oath, but now what you
10 have is you have the statements coming in. I can't ask
11 the person whether they were written by a lawyer,
12 whether they're the truth, and I think the courts have
13 been clear with respect to hearsay not being something
14 that you can rely on for the purposes of making factual
15 findings.

16 Hearsay is suspect for a number of reasons.
17 It's not made under oath; there is no ability to judge
18 the demeanor of the witness. When the witness is here,
19 is the witness telling the truth, not telling the truth,
20 you don't have that, and there is no opportunity for
21 cross-examination. So FIPUG's objection would be to
22 object to the hearsay statements, the prefiled testimony
23 coming in as evidence that could be relied on for the
24 basis of a finding of fact. So two-fold; object to it
25 coming in, and if it does come in, it's hearsay and

1 cannot be used for the purposes of any factual findings
2 in the case.

3 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you.

4 FPL.

5 **MR. BUTLER:** Mr. Chairman, at this point FIPUG
6 is simply trying to unwind entirely your prehearing
7 order and the prehearing process in this docket. They
8 had every opportunity to have participated early enough
9 to have had their own witnesses, if they wanted to, to
10 have said, no, we won't agree to the stipulation of
11 these witness' testimony into the record, et cetera,
12 whatever they wanted to do. They have chosen to come in
13 at the very last moment after the process had already
14 been put in place to have these witnesses stipulated and
15 excused. They were excused. We got confirmation of
16 that last Thursday. They are not here. This is the
17 last day of the 90-day period to hold a hearing, and as
18 you can see, at this point FIPUG is simply looking to
19 throw grenades, throw landmines into this process.

20 They clearly could have participated at a
21 point where none of this would have been a challenge for
22 the Commission. I think that you should abide by your
23 prehearing order. All of what Mr. Moyle is pointing to
24 is rights that parties have if they, you know, timely
25 and adequately exercise those rights. FIPUG has sat on

1 them until it is so late that they are not in a position
2 to move forward, and their objection is, I think,
3 entirely unfounded at this point.

4 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you very much.

5 Staff?

6 **MR. MURPHY:** Well, I think at this point a
7 little weight is due to taking the case as you find it.
8 I mean, they have come in here in a case and admittedly
9 very, very late, and witnesses have been excused. They
10 are being allowed to cross-examine the witness that's
11 here, to participate, to file a brief if need be, to
12 take positions, and I think it's unreasonable to just
13 destroy the hearing.

14 I mean, the Panda case, there was a request to
15 defer the hearing so that they could have discovery, and
16 that was found to be not required. So they are in here
17 so late, I think that I would recommend that we go
18 forward on just what we have.

19 Thank you.

20 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Mary Anne.

21 **MS. HELTON:** And I would just like to add, and
22 refer you back to the order establishing procedure on
23 Page 6. There is a separate subsection there that makes
24 it very clear that if you want to strike any portion of
25 prefiled testimony, you must do so by the time of the

1 prehearing conference. And, in effect, what Mr. Moyle
2 is attempting to do is strike all the testimony that
3 Power and Light has filed in this case, and I don't
4 believe that that's appropriate, as has been expressed
5 by Mr. Butler and Mr. Murphy.

6 **MR. MOYLE:** Can I respond just briefly?

7 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** I think I've reached a point
8 where I'm ready to make a decision.

9 **MR. MOYLE:** Okay.

10 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right.

11 We are going to accept the testimony, prefiled
12 testimony as prescribed by all the parties that have
13 agreed and so forth. So, therefore, I'm going to
14 overrule your objection, and we're going to continue to
15 move forward.

16 **MR. MURPHY:** With respect to exhibits, staff
17 has compiled a Comprehensive Exhibit List which includes
18 the prefiled exhibits attached to each witnesses'
19 testimony in this case, and staff's discovery which has
20 been compiled as an exhibit. The list has been provided
21 to the parties, the Commissioners, and the court
22 reporter. This list should be marked as the first
23 hearing exhibit, and the other exhibits should be marked
24 as 2 through 40 as set forth in the chart.

25 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. Thank you very

1 much.

2 **MR. MURPHY:** Staff moves that Exhibits 1
3 through 40 be included in the record, as set forth in
4 the Comprehensive Exhibit List.

5 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. We will move
6 Exhibits 1 through 40. Any objections?

7 All right. Seeing none, 1 through 40 have
8 been moved into the record.

9 (Exhibit Numbers 1 through 40 marked for
10 identification and admitted into the record.)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
DIRECT TESTIMONY OF RENE SILVA
DOCKET NO. 11_____ -EI
NOVEMBER 21, 2011

INTRODUCTION AND CREDENTIALS

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Rene Silva. My business address is 9250 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33174.

Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) as Senior Director, Resource Assessment and Planning (RAP).

Q. Please describe your duties and responsibilities in that position.

A. I manage the RAP group, the department that is responsible for developing FPL's integrated resource plan (IRP) and other related activities, such as quantifying the need for future resource additions, and analyzing the economic and other impacts to the FPL system from the addition of resource options.

Q. Please describe your educational background business experience.

A. I graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Science in 1974. From 1974 until 1978, I was

1 employed by the Nuclear Energy Division of the General Electric Company in
2 the area of nuclear fuel design. While employed by General Electric, I earned
3 a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering from San Jose State University
4 in 1978.

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6 I joined the Fuel Resources Department of FPL in 1978, as a fuel engineer,
7 responsible for purchasing nuclear fuel. While employed by FPL, I earned a
8 Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Miami in
9 1986. In 1987 I became Manager of Fossil Fuel, responsible for FPL's
10 purchases of fuel oil, natural gas, and coal. In 1990, I assumed the position of
11 Director, Fuel Resources Department, and in 1991 became Manager of Fuel
12 Services, responsible for coordinating the development and implementation of
13 FPL's fossil fuel procurement strategy. In 1998, I was named Manager of
14 Business Services in the Power Generation Division (PGD). In that capacity,
15 I managed the group that is responsible for coordinating (a) the development
16 of PGD's long-term plan for the effective and efficient construction, operation
17 and maintenance of FPL's fossil generating plants, (b) the preparation of PGD
18 annual budgets and tracking of expenditures, and (c) the preparation of reports
19 related to fossil generating plant performance. On May 1, 2002, I was
20 appointed to my current position.

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1 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits in this case?**

2 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibit RS-1, which is attached to my direct testimony.

3 Exhibit RS-1 Summary of Benefits of Modernization of FPL's
4 Port Everglades Plant (PEEC Project)

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PURPOSE

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8 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

9 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support FPL's request that the Florida
10 Public Service Commission (Commission) grant an affirmative determination
11 of need for the modernization of FPL's Port Everglades Plant (Port
12 Everglades).

13 **Q. What does the proposed modernization of Port Everglades involve?**

14 A. The proposed modernization, which is to be renamed the Port Everglades
15 Next Generation Clean Energy Center (PEEC) and henceforth will be referred
16 to in my testimony as the PEEC Project or the Project, consists of removing
17 the existing four steam units at Port Everglades, which are currently in
18 inactive reserve, and adding a new advanced combined cycle unit with
19 summer peak rating of about 1,277 MW at the same plant site by June of
20 2016.

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22 By replacing the old, far less efficient Port Everglades steam generating units
23 with new, advanced, cleaner generation, the PEEC Project will enable FPL to

1 produce energy much more efficiently beginning in 2016. The Project will
2 transform 1,187 MW of less efficient oil and gas-fueled steam generation into
3 about 1,277 MW of highly efficient, state-of-the-art, environmentally
4 sensitive advanced combined cycle generation.

5 **Q. How is your testimony organized?**

6 A. My testimony consists of the following eight sections:

- 7 • Section 1 outlines FPL's request before the Commission regarding the
8 proposed PEEC Project.
- 9 • Section 2 introduces FPL's witnesses.
- 10 • Section 3 describes the criteria used by FPL to determine that FPL has a
11 need for generation capacity in 2016 and explains why that need cannot
12 reasonably be met by additional demand side management (DSM) or
13 additional renewable resources.
- 14 • Section 4 describes the results of comparing FPL's resource plan with
15 PEEC in 2016 (the "PEEC Resource Plan") to a resource plan that would,
16 as an alternative to PEEC, return to service the four Port Everglades steam
17 units, all of which have been placed in inactive reserve (the "Return to
18 Service Resource Plan").
- 19 • Section 5 describes the results of comparing the PEEC Resource Plan to a
20 resource plan that would, as an alternative to PEEC, add a new combined
21 cycle unit at a greenfield site in 2016 (the "GFCC Resource Plan").
- 22 • Section 6 describes the results of comparing the PEEC Resource Plan to a
23 resource plan that would add combustion turbines (CTs) in simple cycle

1 mode at a greenfield site in 2016 and thus defer PEEC to 2019 (the
2 “GFCT Resource Plan”).

- 3 • Section 7 discusses the unmatched advantages of the Project compared to
4 possible alternatives that any third party could propose, based on which
5 advantages FPL determined that PEEC is much more cost-effective than
6 any viable third party offer could be.
- 7 • Section 8 presents the significant adverse consequences FPL and its
8 customers would face if the Commission did not grant an affirmative
9 determination of need for the PEEC Project, to be placed in service in
10 2016.

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12 SUMMARY

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14 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

15 A. FPL seeks an affirmative determination of need for the PEEC Project in 2016
16 because FPL has demonstrated that it has a need for new generation in 2016
17 based on FPL’s FPSC-approved reserve margin reliability criterion, and
18 because the resource plan that includes the PEEC Project in 2016 will result in
19 significantly greater benefits to FPL’s customers than the other resource plans
20 that FPL has evaluated. These benefits fall into four categories:

- 21 • First, the PEEC Project in 2016 will result in lower costs to FPL’s
22 customers. As shown in Exhibit JEE-3 attached to the testimony of
23 FPL witness Enjamio, the PEEC Resource Plan will result in

1 significant customer savings when compared to the two resource
2 plans without PEEC. Specifically, the PEEC Resource Plan will
3 produce savings of about \$469 million, cumulative present value of
4 revenue requirements in 2011 dollars (CPVRR) compared to the
5 Return to Service Resource Plan; and savings of about \$838
6 million (CPVRR) compared to the GFCC Resource Plan.

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8 The PEEC Resource Plan will also result in savings when
9 compared to a resource plan that would defer the addition of
10 PEEC. Specifically, the PEEC Resource Plan will produce savings
11 of about \$425 million (CPVRR) compared to the GFCT Resource
12 Plan. This result indicates that even a short delay in the addition of
13 PEEC would unnecessarily increase costs to customers. In
14 addition, if PEEC were to be deferred, the cost of building PEEC
15 later would likely be greater than currently projected (especially if
16 the economy improved and there were increased competition for
17 the necessary labor and materials). Moreover, as discussed in the
18 testimonies of Mr. Modia and Mr. Enjamio, a three year delay in
19 adding generation in the Miami-Dade/Broward County area may
20 not be feasible from a system reliability perspective due to the
21 growing imbalance between demand and generation in that area,
22 without substantial transmission upgrades, or without incurring
23 additional costs to keep Turkey Point Unit 1 in service. Therefore,

1 the adverse consequence of a delay could be significantly greater
2 than reflected above.

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4 Further, only the PEEC Project, (or incurring the much higher
5 costs for customers of returning to service the old steam units at
6 Port Everglades to service), would enable FPL to avoid the need
7 for a transmission upgrade costing approximately \$638 million in
8 2016 dollars, to address the growing imbalance between firm
9 generating capacity and load in Miami-Dade and Broward
10 Counties.

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12 The unmatched advantages of the PEEC Project compared to long-
13 term purchases from existing generating facilities or from new
14 generating units ensures that the PEEC Resource Plan would also
15 result in significant customer savings relative to any other resource
16 plan that would include a capacity purchase from a third party.
17 FPL estimates, based on information presented in the testimonies
18 of FPL witnesses Modia and Gnecco, that a new third-party
19 generator built in Miami-Dade County or Broward County would
20 have an initial capital cost between \$900 million and \$1 billion
21 higher than that of PEEC, in 2016 dollars, not including the cost of
22 water, due to the cost of land, transmission facilities and the gas
23 pipeline system expansion. FPL estimates that a new third-party

1 generator built outside Miami-Dade and Broward Counties would
2 have an initial capital cost between \$950 million and \$ 1.1 billion
3 higher than that of PEEC, in 2016 dollars, not including the cost of
4 water nor that of a gas lateral, due to the cost of land and
5 transmission facilities, including the cost of the transmission
6 upgrades that would be required to address the growing imbalance
7 between generation and demand in Miami-Dade and Broward
8 Counties. These higher capital costs do not reflect the very real
9 possibility that third parties would have higher capital costs for
10 generation equipment and construction at such greenfield units
11 compared FPL's costs for PEEC, and they do not reflect costs for
12 water that a third party likely would incur.

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- 14 • Second, the PEEC Project will provide significant environmental
15 benefits. Building PEEC instead of returning to service the existing
16 Port Everglades Units 1-4 will enable FPL to reduce system air
17 emissions during the analysis period for PEEC (2016 – 2047) as
18 follows: carbon dioxide (CO₂) by about 22 million tons, sulfur
19 dioxide (SO₂) by 41 thousand tons, and nitrogen oxide (NO_x) by
20 33 thousand tons. These emission reductions will help FPL meet
21 whatever emission limits may be imposed in the future.
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- 1 • Third, the PEEC Project will enable FPL to reduce fuel use. The
2 estimated average base heat rate (a measure of fuel efficiency) for
3 PEEC is 6,330 Btu/kWh, approximately 35% better than the Port
4 Everglades units it will replace. With the PEEC Project, FPL's
5 system average heat rate will improve to 8,042 Btu/kWh in 2017
6 after PEEC is placed in service, compared to 8,145 Btu/kWh under
7 the Return to Service Resource Plan, an improvement of 1.3%. As
8 a result, the PEEC Project will reduce FPL's use of natural gas and
9 fuel oil. For example, natural gas use in 2017 through 2026 alone
10 would be reduced by about 48 million MMBtu and fuel oil use
11 would be reduced by about 5.3 million barrels, compared to the
12 resource plan that returns to service the four Port Everglades steam
13 units. This fuel efficiency gain will help offset, in part, the effects
14 of projected rising fuel prices in the future.
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- 16 • Fourth, the PEEC Project will provide societal benefits. The
17 Project will enable FPL to increase system generation as required
18 to maintain system reliability and also improve system fuel
19 efficiency thereby reducing fuel costs, without using new land and
20 without increasing the allocation of water resources to plant use.
21 The Project will also avoid the need for new rights-of-way for
22 transmission facilities and gas pipelines. In addition, because
23 PEEC can receive backup fuel delivered via waterborne transport,

1 it will contribute to much greater system reliability in the event of
2 a disruption in gas delivery than would be the case with inland
3 plants that must rely solely on truck deliveries.
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5 In summary, bringing the PEEC Project into service in 2016 is the best, most
6 cost-effective alternative available, as part of FPL's strategic resource plan, to
7 reliably meet the growing electricity needs of FPL's customers in this time
8 frame, while also reducing CO₂ and other air emissions. The benefits of the
9 PEEC Project discussed above are summarized in Exhibit RS-1, attached to
10 my testimony.
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12 Without the PEEC Project in 2016, FPL's customers would be served by a
13 less efficient, more costly and less environmentally sensitive system. Also,
14 without the Project, FPL would lose the opportunity to achieve significant
15 near-term CO₂ emission reductions while also taking a major step toward
16 compliance with any CO₂ emission limit that may be imposed by future laws
17 or regulations, all in a highly cost-effective way. These factors support the
18 conclusion that FPL should be granted an affirmative determination of need
19 for the PEEC Project in 2016, because the Project is needed to meet the
20 system reliability criteria considered essential by FPL and previously
21 approved by the Commission, and it is the most cost-effective alternative
22 available to enable FPL to provide adequate electricity at a reasonable cost to
23 FPL's customers.

1 **Q. Do all the resource plans presented in your testimony reflect the removal**
2 **from generation service of Turkey Point Unit 1 by 2016?**

3 A. Yes. All resource plans presented in this testimony to show the economic
4 advantage of the PEEC Project in 2016 reflect the removal of Turkey Point
5 Unit 1 from generation service by 2016. This is because, as FPL witness
6 Enjamio discusses in his testimony, removing Turkey Point Unit 1 from
7 service by 2016 results in reduced cost to customers under all resource plans.
8 For example, the cost of the PEEC Resource Plan is \$300 million CPVRR
9 lower than the cost of the same plan modified only to reflect the inclusion of
10 Turkey Point Unit 1. Conversely, if the PEEC Project were to be delayed, then
11 to the extent that such a change were to require that transmission upgrades be
12 implemented or that Turkey Point Unit 1 remain in service to address system
13 reliability concerns, costs to FPL's customers would increase.

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15 **I. FPL'S REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVALS**

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17 **Q. Please explain the Commission decision that FPL seeks in this**
18 **proceeding.**

19 A. FPL seeks from the Commission an affirmative determination of need for the
20 PEEC Project, with an in-service date of June 2016.

21 **Q. What is the basis for FPL's requested need determination?**

22 A. FPL has previously petitioned the Commission and received an exemption
23 from the requirement of Rule 25-22.082(18), F.A.C., that a request for

1 proposals (RFP) be conducted for the modernization of Port Everglades. In its
2 order granting the exemption, the Commission reached the following
3 conclusions:

- 4 • FPL has demonstrated that the Project will likely increase the reliable
5 supply of electricity to the utility's ratepayers by providing base load
6 generation to the area of most concentrated electrical use on FPL's
7 system;
- 8 • FPL has demonstrated that the Project will otherwise serve the public
9 welfare by providing benefits beyond the provision of electric service; and
- 10 • It is unlikely that a respondent to an RFP could provide similar benefits.

11 Order No. PSC-11-0360-PAA-EI, dated August 26, 2011, at page 3.

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13 FPL's request for an affirmative determination of need for this Project is the
14 culmination of an extensive evaluation designed to identify the best, most
15 cost-effective alternative available to meet FPL's resource need beginning in
16 2016. FPL's evaluation began with FPL's assessment of its customers' future
17 generation capacity needs after cost-effective DSM measures and renewable
18 resources were considered. FPL then compared the PEEC Project to the other
19 alternatives that I described above, such as returning to service the existing
20 Port Everglades steam units from inactive reserve, instead of building PEEC;
21 building a new combined cycle unit at a greenfield site instead of building
22 PEEC; or adding combustion turbines at a greenfield site in 2016, and thus

1 delaying PEEC to 2019. These comparisons resulted in the selection of the
2 PEEC Project as the most cost-effective self-build option available to FPL.

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4 FPL also examined the unmatched advantages of building PEEC at the
5 existing Port Everglades site, which is located in the area of FPL's service
6 territory with the highest concentration of load, and determined that there
7 would be significant additional costs to FPL's customers if FPL were to enter
8 into a long-term agreement to purchase power produced by a third party
9 generator. The results of this evaluation confirmed that the PEEC Project is
10 the best and most cost-effective alternative overall available to FPL to meet
11 resource needs beginning in 2016.

12 **Q. How much additional generating capacity will be needed to meet FPL**
13 **customers' needs in 2016?**

14 A. Based on FPL's September 2011 load forecast, FPL projects that despite
15 demand reductions achieved through FPL's extensive DSM additions, in order
16 to keep pace with population and economic growth in Florida, by 2016 FPL
17 will have to add about 284 MW of new generation capacity over and above
18 the capacity that will have been added through 2015, including the previously
19 approved uprates at FPL's existing nuclear units and the modernizations of
20 FPL's Cape Canaveral and Riviera Beach plants. FPL's resource need is
21 projected to increase in subsequent years.

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1 **Q. Do new DSM and renewable resources diminish the beneficial effects of**
2 **the PEEC Project?**

3 A. No. There is no currently identified additional cost-effective DSM not already
4 reflected in FPL's resource plan for the period through 2020. Therefore,
5 additional cost-effective DSM cannot be relied on to contribute to system
6 reliability, and there is no evidence to suggest that additional DSM could
7 provide economic benefits to FPL's customers that could in any way diminish
8 the unquestionable benefits provided by the PEEC Project.

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10 Similarly, there are no known additional cost-effective renewable resources
11 that could provide any significant amount of firm generating capacity prior to
12 2019, at the earliest. Therefore, renewable capacity cannot be counted on to
13 contribute to system reliability in 2016 through 2018, as does the PEEC
14 Project. Furthermore, any future renewable resources that could cost-
15 effectively provide energy (but not firm capacity) would not compete with the
16 benefits described above that will be provided by the PEEC Project, but rather
17 would complement those benefits. Adding any such non-firm renewable
18 resources that may prove available would be fully consistent with the PEEC
19 Project.

20 **Q. Has FPL selected a specific turbine design for the PEEC Project?**

21 A. Not at this time. FPL is considering a number of advanced combustion
22 turbine (CT) designs and has not yet made a final decision for the PEEC
23 Project. However, for the purpose of FPL's analyses, we have used projected

1 costs and operating characteristics consistent with a 3x1 combined cycle unit
2 with "J" CT technology.

3 **Q. Will FPL continue to evaluate the type of equipment to be used for the**
4 **PEEC Project?**

5 A. Yes. As explained in the testimony of FPL witness Gnecco, FPL will
6 continue to evaluate various advanced CT designs from different
7 manufacturers to determine which design will provide the greatest benefits to
8 FPL's customers.

9 **Q. If FPL were to select a CT design other than the one assumed in FPL's**
10 **analysis, how does FPL propose to address such selection as it pertains to**
11 **the determination of need requested by FPL in this proceeding?**

12 A. FPL requests that, as part of the Commission's Order granting an affirmative
13 determination of need for the PEEC Project, the Commission provide that its
14 determination is not predicated on the use of a particular CT design, thus
15 ensuring that FPL has the flexibility through its analysis and negotiations to
16 select the CT design that best meets customers' needs in terms of reliability
17 and cost-effectiveness. Of course, FPL would select a different technology
18 from that assumed in the analyses only if the analyzed CT technology did not
19 prove to be technically viable or if projected costs to FPL's customers related
20 to the PEEC Project, measured in terms of system CPVRR, would be lower as
21 a result of using another CT design, taking into account any changes in the
22 capital costs attributable to the choice of technology. FPL proposes that, in
23 the event FPL finalizes a selection of a CT design other than the analyzed

1 technology for PEEC subsequent to the Commission having granted a
2 determination of need for the Project, FPL would make an informational filing
3 to the Commission that documents the projected comparative cost advantage
4 of the CT design chosen.

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6 **II. INTRODUCTION OF FPL WITNESSES**

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8 **Q. How many witnesses are supporting FPL's petition through direct pre-**
9 **filed testimony?**

10 A. There are seven FPL witnesses, including myself, who are submitting direct
11 testimony.

12 **Q. Please summarize the topics addressed in the testimony of each of the**
13 **other FPL witnesses.**

14 A. FPL witness Dr. Rosemary Morley presents FPL's load forecasting process,
15 discusses the methodologies and assumptions used in that process, and
16 presents FPL's resulting load forecasts which were used in analyses
17 performed related to the PEEC Project.

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19 FPL witness Juan Enjamio describes FPL's IRP process, presents the need for
20 new resources to meet customers' demand for electricity in 2016 through
21 2021, and explains the economic analyses FPL performed to evaluate the
22 PEEC Project compared to other self-build alternatives. Mr. Enjamio also
23 presents the results of FPL's analyses, and explains his conclusion that based

1 on FPL's evaluation, the PEEC Project constitutes the best, most cost-
2 effective choice for FPL's customers. In addition, Mr. Enjamio presents the
3 environmental compliance cost forecasts for SO₂, NO_x, and CO₂ developed
4 consistent with information provided by ICF International and utilized by FPL
5 in its analysis of the PEEC Project and available generation alternatives.

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7 FPL witness Heather Stubblefield describes the fuel transportation plan to
8 deliver natural gas and light oil to PEEC and testifies to the ready availability
9 of natural gas for PEEC, as part of FPL's generation system. Ms. Stubblefield
10 also supports the fuel price forecast used in FPL's economic analysis of PEEC
11 and other generation alternatives.

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13 FPL witness Kennard Kosky discusses the environmental benefits of PEEC,
14 including projected reductions in emissions that will be realized as a result of
15 PEEC. Mr. Kosky also supports FPL's use of the environmental compliance
16 cost forecasts developed consistent with information provided by ICF
17 International in FPL's economic analyses related to the PEEC Project.

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19 FPL witness John Gnecco presents the engineering details of FPL's PEEC
20 Project, which involves the removal of the existing steam units at Port
21 Everglades, and the construction of a new state-of-the-art 3x1 combined cycle
22 unit at the same site. Included in Mr. Gnecco's testimony are the capital and
23 O&M costs, and the performance characteristics of the technology to be used

1 for the PEEC Project, which are reflected in FPL's economic analyses. Mr.
2 Gnecco also provides cost estimates related to building new generating units
3 (FPL or third-party) at a greenfield site.
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5 FPL witness Pedro Modia presents the transmission requirements associated
6 with the competing alternatives for meeting FPL's generation need in 2016
7 and also maintaining system stability, as well as the projected costs of meeting
8 those transmission requirements. In addition, Mr. Modia explains why the
9 projected future imbalance between generation resources and electricity
10 demand in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties is a serious concern, lists the
11 alternative courses of action that FPL has considered to mitigate that
12 imbalance in the future, and explains why the PEEC Project is the best
13 alternative from a transmission perspective.
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15 III. NEED FOR GENERATION CAPACITY

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17 **Q. Please describe how FPL determined that there is a generation capacity**
18 **need in 2016.**

19 A. FPL evaluated the adequacy of existing and anticipated future resources to
20 meet the projected future needs of its customers using FPL's current peak load
21 electricity forecast, which is presented in the testimony of FPL witness
22 Morley, and applying the two reliability planning criteria previously approved
23 by the Commission. One planning criterion consists of maintaining a 20%

1 reserve margin; the other criterion consists of demonstrating that the Loss of
2 Load Probability (LOLP) in FPL's system will remain lower than 0.1 days per
3 year during the planning period. FPL witness Enjamio discusses the
4 reliability criteria and how they were applied in FPL's generation reliability
5 assessment for the PEEC Project.

6 **Q. What was the result of FPL's current system reliability assessment?**

7 A. As explained in the testimony of FPL witness Enjamio, FPL's reliability
8 assessment completed in September of 2011 determined that -- based on
9 projected future load growth, projected DSM additions through 2016,
10 projected firm capacity purchases that will be in effect in 2016 (reflecting firm
11 purchases from cost-effective renewable resources and the expiration or
12 suspension of power purchases by 2016), and the addition by 2015 of
13 previously approved generation projects now in construction -- FPL's total
14 projected resource need in 2016 is 284 MW.

15 **Q. What amount of DSM will be available by 2016?**

16 A. FPL projects that it will add about 681 MW (summer MW at the generator) of
17 incremental DSM in August of 2011 ^{to} ~~through~~ August of 2016, sufficient to
18 avoid about 817 MW of new generating capacity in that period, based on
19 FPL's 20% reserve margin requirement. However, this projected increase in
20 DSM has already been reflected in the reliability assessment calculation FPL
21 has performed, which identified a need for 284 MW of new generation
22 capacity in 2016 above and beyond that DSM. Without any DSM additions,
23 FPL's total generation capacity need in this period would be 1,101 MW. The

1 817 MW avoided through DSM additions are equivalent to almost 74% of that
2 total capacity need.

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4 It is important to note that, through 2010, FPL and its customers have avoided
5 the need for approximately 5,245 MW of generation capacity as a result of
6 cost-effective DSM programs. And it is estimated that an additional 109 MW
7 of capacity will be avoided as a result of DSM additions in January through
8 July of 2011, for a total of 5,354 MW of avoided capacity. Adding the 817
9 MW of capacity that will be avoided by DSM additions in August of 2011
10 through August of 2016, FPL and its customers will have avoided a total of
11 6,171 MW of generating capacity by August of 2016 as a result of DSM
12 programs, equal to more than 23% of the projected total amount of FPL-
13 owned generating capacity (almost 26,400 MW) that will be in operation by
14 2016.

15 **Q. Has FPL identified cost-effective DSM adequate to avoid or defer the**
16 **need for the PEEC Project?**

17 A. No. FPL has not identified any additional cost-effective DSM beyond that
18 already reflected in the reliability assessment calculations. FPL does not
19 believe that sufficient additional cost-effective DSM is available to avoid or
20 defer the need for the PEEC Project in 2016.

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22 FPL will continue to evaluate DSM opportunities as part of its planning
23 process. To the extent that FPL were to identify and implement additional

1 cost-effective DSM opportunities in the future, such additional DSM would
2 help reduce the currently projected generation capacity need in the years after
3 2016.

4 **Q. What amount of cost-effective generation capacity from renewable**
5 **resources is available in 2016?**

6 A. FPL currently projects that about 740 MW of firm generation capacity from
7 renewable resources and Qualifying Facilities (QFs) will be available to FPL
8 in 2016. However, FPL's resource plan already reflects all currently projected
9 firm generating capacity from renewable resources.

10 **Q. Is there additional cost-effective firm generating capacity available from**
11 **renewable resources or QFs to avoid or defer the need for the PEEC**
12 **Project?**

13 A. No. As explained above, all the cost-effective firm generating capacity from
14 renewable resources and QFs that FPL anticipates would be delivered to FPL
15 in 2016 has already been reflected in FPL's resource plan. FPL is currently
16 pursuing discussions that could lead to power purchase agreements for firm
17 capacity and energy from biomass renewable resources potentially totaling up
18 to 180 MW. However, if FPL enters into these agreements, it is unlikely that
19 FPL would receive any firm capacity under them until the summer of 2019, at
20 the earliest. Therefore, neither the need for, nor the benefits provided by, the
21 PEEC Project would be diminished by DSM or renewable resources or QFs.

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1 **Q. Is the 20% reserve margin planning criterion appropriate for use in**
2 **FPL's IRP process?**

3 A. Yes. The 20% reserve margin reliability criterion is utilized in FPL's
4 integrated resource planning process, and it has been reviewed and approved
5 by the Commission. FPL believes that 20% is the minimum margin necessary
6 to ensure reliable service for FPL's customers.

7 **Q. Does FPL have concerns from a system planning perspective if a very**
8 **large portion of the overall 20% reserve margin criterion is met with**
9 **DSM as opposed to generation resources?**

10 A. Yes. Both FPL and the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC) have
11 expressed serious concerns that, with the significant projected increases in
12 DSM, the contribution of generation resources to overall reserves will
13 continue to decrease to the point that DSM, and particularly load control (LC),
14 may be providing most of the reserves in the future. This could lead to
15 excessive use of LC, which based on history would likely result in many
16 residential customers canceling their participation with no advance notice.
17 FPL believes that specifying a minimum level of reserves to be provided by
18 generation capacity, for example, 10%, would effectively address this concern
19 and ensure that service reliability will be maintained throughout Florida for
20 the benefit of all customers. FPL's analysis to determine the optimal
21 minimum level of reserves from generation is still ongoing. However, I
22 should note that without the addition of PEEC in 2016, FPL reserves from
23 generation in 2016 would be only 6.3%. This means that generation would

1 provide less than a third of the total 20% reserve margin. This is of concern to
2 FPL for the reasons previously stated.

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COMPARISON OF THE PEEC PROJECT TO AVAILABLE

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ALTERNATIVES

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7 **Q. Please describe the process that FPL used to select the PEEC Project as**
8 **the most cost-effective self-build alternative to meet FPL's need in 2016?**

9 A. FPL compared the cost (CPVRR) to its customers of the PEEC Resource Plan
10 that meets FPL's reliability criteria and includes the PEEC Project in 2016 to
11 the cost of each of three alternatives that I have described previously: the
12 Return to Service Resource Plan; the GFCC Resource Plan; and the GFCT
13 Resource Plan. As described below and explained in greater detail by FPL
14 witness Enjamio, the results of these economic analyses confirmed that the
15 PEEC Resource Plan has the lowest cost (CPVRR) of any resource plan
16 considered, and a much lower cost than resource plans that do not include
17 PEEC. Therefore PEEC constitutes the best, most cost-effective choice to
18 maintain system reliability for FPL's customers.

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1 **IV. EVALUATION OF THE PEEC PROJECT VS. RETURNING TO**
2 **SERVICE UNITS IN INACTIVE RESERVE**

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4 **Q. Why did FPL compare the PEEC Project to returning to service the Port**
5 **Everglades units that have been placed in inactive reserve?**

6 A. Because these two alternatives are mutually exclusive, it is important to
7 confirm that the PEEC Project is more cost-effective than returning the
8 existing steam units to service, before the existing Port Everglades steam units
9 are permanently removed.

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11 In addition, the PEEC Project and returning to service the existing steam units
12 are the only currently available alternatives that would enable FPL to maintain
13 a proper balance between generation capacity and electricity demand in
14 Miami-Dade and Broward Counties and thereby avoid the need for significant
15 transmission upgrades to increase the import capability of the FPL
16 transmission system into this critical area of Southeast Florida, as discussed
17 by FPL witness Modia.

18 **Q. What advantages does the PEEC Project provide, compared to returning**
19 **to service the existing Port Everglades steam units?**

20 A. As explained by FPL witness Gnecco, the PEEC Project will place in service a
21 new, cleaner, higher efficiency combined cycle generator instead of returning
22 to service the four existing steam units at Port Everglades, which have been
23 placed in inactive reserve. These existing units, which were built in the

1 1960s, have heat rates of approximately 9,800 Btu/kWh. In contrast, it is
2 estimated that PEEC will have an average base heat rate of about 6,330
3 Btu/kWh, approximately 35% lower than that of the old steam units. This
4 new combined cycle unit will use natural gas as the primary fuel, and will be
5 capable of using light fuel oil as backup fuel.

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7 As a result, the resource plan with this cleaner, high efficiency PEEC unit will
8 reduce system emissions of CO₂, SO₂, and NO_x, reduce fuel use, and produce
9 very significant fuel cost savings, which will contribute to large overall
10 savings to FPL's customers. In addition, PEEC will use far less water for
11 cooling per unit of electricity produced.

12 **Q. Has FPL quantified the magnitude of the reduced emissions from the**
13 **PEEC Project compared to returning to service the Port Everglades**
14 **steam units?**

15 A. Yes. FPL has compared the emissions of its PEEC Resource Plan to those of
16 the Return to Service Resource Plan. As shown in Exhibit KFK-5 attached to
17 the testimony of FPL witness Kosky, the results of this comparison indicate
18 that during the projected life of PEEC, the PEEC Resource Plan will reduce
19 system CO₂ emissions by as much as 22 million tons compared to the Return
20 to Service Resource Plan. As a result, the PEEC Resource Plan will help FPL
21 meet any CO₂ emission targets that may be imposed in the future. Also, as is
22 presented in the testimony of FPL witness Enjamio, the PEEC Resource Plan

1 will reduce SO₂ emissions by about 41 thousand tons, and NO_x emissions by
2 33 thousand tons, during the projected life of PEEC.

3 **Q. Has FPL quantified the reduction in fuel use that will result from the**
4 **PEEC Project, compared to returning the old steam units to service?**

5 A. Yes. FPL has compared the amounts of natural gas and fuel oil used in FPL's
6 system under the PEEC Resource Plan to those under the Return to Service
7 Resource Plan. As presented in the testimony of FPL witness Enjamio, the
8 results of this comparison indicate that in 2017 through 2026 the PEEC
9 Resource Plan will reduce natural gas use by about 48 million MMBtu
10 compared to the Return to Service Resource Plan. Fuel oil use will also be
11 reduced by about 5.3 million barrels. Reducing oil and gas use is a very
12 important benefit to FPL's customers because of the projected rising cost of
13 natural gas and fuel oil in the future, and further because of the risk that actual
14 fuel costs in the future could be even higher than projected.

15 **Q. How does the cost of the PEEC Resource Plan compare with the Return**
16 **to Service Resource Plan?**

17 A. FPL determined that the PEEC Project in 2016 will result in significant
18 savings to its customers. Specifically, as discussed in detail in FPL witness
19 Enjamio's testimony, the PEEC Resource Plan will result in system savings of
20 \$469 million (CPVRR) compared to the Return to Service Resource Plan.
21 This result, combined with the other significant advantages of the PEEC
22 Project, demonstrate that the Project is far better than returning to service the

1 four Port Everglades steam units to meet its customers' resource needs in
2 2016.

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4 **V. COMPARISON OF THE PEEC PROJECT VS. NEW FPL COMBINED**
5 **CYCLE GENERATION AT A GREENFIELD SITE**

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7 **Q. What advantages does the PEEC Project provide compared to adding a**
8 **new combined cycle generating unit at a greenfield site?**

9 A. FPL's PEEC Project will place about 1,277 MW of new generation in
10 Broward County, which is in the area of FPL's service territory with the
11 highest electrical load concentration, and with a growing imbalance between
12 load and generation. FPL has not identified any viable greenfield sites in
13 Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, so using a greenfield site would mean
14 that the new generation would be outside the area with the highest load
15 concentration and would contribute to, rather than help reduce, the load vs.
16 generation imbalance. As stated earlier in my testimony, because of its
17 advantageous location, the PEEC Project directly addresses the imbalance in
18 Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, while new generation sited at a
19 greenfield site outside this area would contribute to the need for significant
20 transmission upgrades, estimated to cost approximately \$638 million in 2016
21 dollars. Adding new generation outside the Miami-Dade County and Broward
22 County area also would likely result in higher system transmission losses and,
23 therefore, higher fuel costs than with the PEEC Project.

1 In addition, the PEEC Project provides benefits that cannot be matched by any
2 generation addition at a greenfield site. This Project will increase FPL's
3 generating capacity without increasing the water allocated to FPL's use. Also,
4 there is no need for additional land for a new generating unit, nor are there
5 new rights-of-way required for transmission lines or gas pipelines.
6 Furthermore, because the PEEC Project will have the capability of receiving
7 light oil delivered using waterborne transportation, this new generation facility
8 will have much greater backup fuel supply reliability than any combined cycle
9 unit located at a greenfield site away from the coast where the supply of light
10 oil would be limited exclusively to truck delivery.

11 **Q. How does the cost of the PEEC Resource Plan compare with the GFCC**
12 **Resource Plan?**

13 A. As explained in the testimony of FPL witness Enjamio, FPL's analysis results
14 indicate that the cost of the PEEC Resource Plan will be \$838 million
15 (CPVRR) lower than the cost of the GFCC Resource Plan.
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17 **VI. COMPARISON OF THE PEEC PROJECT VS. NEW FPL SIMPLE**
18 **CYCLE CTs AND THUS DEFER PEEC TO 2019**
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20 **Q. How does the cost of the PEEC Resource Plan compare with the GFCT**
21 **Resource Plan?**

22 A. As also explained in the testimony of FPL witness Enjamio, FPL's analysis
23 results indicate that the cost of the PEEC Resource Plan will be \$425 million

1 (CPVRR) lower than the cost of the GFCT Resource Plan. In addition, if
2 PEEC were to be deferred, the cost of building PEEC later would likely be
3 greater than currently projected (especially if the economy improves and there
4 is increased competition for labor and materials). Moreover, as discussed in
5 the testimonies of Mr. Modia and Mr. Enjamio, a three-year delay in adding
6 generation in the Miami-Dade/Broward County area may not be feasible from
7 a system reliability perspective without substantial transmission upgrades, or
8 without incurring additional costs related to keeping Turkey Point Unit 1 in
9 service, due to the growing imbalance between demand and generation in that
10 area. Therefore, the adverse consequence of a delay could be significantly
11 greater than reflected above. These results confirm that proceeding with the
12 PEEC Project for a 2016 in-service date is more cost effective than deferring
13 the Project to 2019 by building simple cycle CTs.

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16 **VII. EVALUATION OF PEEC VS. POSSIBLE POWER PURCHASES**
17 **FROM THIRD PARTIES**

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19 **Q. Has FPL evaluated the benefits of the PEEC Project relative to possible**
20 **market alternatives?**

21 **A.** Yes. FPL considered the advantages of the PEEC Project relative to what a
22 third party would be able to offer. Because the advantages of the PEEC
23 project could not be matched by a third party offering, FPL does not believe

1 that there are any viable third-party alternatives that could substitute for the
2 Project on favorable economic terms.

3 **Q. What does FPL anticipate a third party could offer?**

4 A. A third party could offer to sell to FPL capacity from an existing generator, or
5 offer to build new generating capacity in the form of CTs in single cycle mode
6 or a combined cycle unit at a greenfield site as the source of a firm capacity
7 sale to FPL.

8 **Q. Is there any existing generator owned by a third party in Miami-Dade or
9 Broward County?**

10 A. No. Any generating capacity that could be sold to FPL from an existing
11 generator would be from a facility outside Miami-Dade and Broward Counties
12 and would therefore not contribute to balancing load and generation in that
13 critical area of FPL's service territory.

14 **Q. Could a third party build a new generating unit at a site in Miami-Dade
15 or Broward Counties to sell generating capacity to FPL?**

16 A. In theory, yes. However, it is highly unlikely that it could actually be done,
17 and even less likely that it could be completed by 2016. Furthermore, to the
18 extent that a third party could obtain and license a site and construct a new
19 generating unit by 2016, it would be very costly. A third party would have to
20 obtain land and water for a new plant, new transmission facilities, including
21 transmission lines to connect to the FPL system, and a substantially expanded
22 natural gas transportation system to deliver natural gas to the plant. Building
23 this generator in Miami-Dade County or Broward County would also require

1 permits to build the generating facility where no similar facility exists, as well
2 as an approved transmission corridor for the transmission lines and an
3 approved corridor for the gas pipeline expansion, both through the most
4 densely populated area of Florida.

5 **Q. Is FPL aware of any third party that owns or controls a site in Miami-**
6 **Dade County or Broward County that could be used to build a new**
7 **generating plant?**

8 A. No.

9 **Q. Is FPL aware of any third party that has requested studies related to**
10 **siting transmission facilities or a gas pipeline expansion in Miami-Dade**
11 **County or Broward County, or that has applied for access to water to**
12 **operate a new generating plant in the area?**

13 A. No.

14 **Q. In the unlikely event that a third party could place in service a new**
15 **generator in Miami-Dade County or Broward County by 2016, along**
16 **with the necessary new gas delivery system and new transmission**
17 **facilities, what are the advantages of the PEEC Project in 2016, relative to**
18 **what a third party could offer?**

19 A. The cost of the PEEC Project would be significantly lower than this
20 hypothetical third party alternative, even assuming that the third party could
21 build the generator at the same cost as FPL. This is because the PEEC Project
22 would have no cost for new land, no cost for water access, no cost for a new
23 gas pipeline to deliver fuel, and no cost for new transmission lines to connect

1 to the FPL system. These items would add very significant costs to any third
2 party proposal, which would make such a proposal cost much more than the
3 \$1,185 million (2016 dollars) projected overnight construction cost of the
4 PEEC Project described in FPL witness Gnecco's testimony. Based on
5 information provided in the testimonies of FPL witnesses Modia and Gnecco,
6 it is estimated that such a third-party plant would have higher capital costs of
7 at least \$900 million for land, transmission and an expanded gas transportation
8 system, compared to PEEC. Also there would be additional cost for water.

9 **Q. If a third party were to offer a capacity sale from an existing generator**
10 **located outside Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, what inherent**
11 **disadvantages would that offer have relative to PEEC?**

12 A. Such an offer would result in higher fuel costs. Because there is no third party
13 advanced combined cycle unit in Florida available to deliver generation to
14 FPL, any offer from a Florida generator necessarily would involve using one
15 or more combustion turbines in single cycle mode, which would have a much
16 higher heat rate than PEEC. Also, generation from outside Southeast Florida
17 would likely contribute to higher system transmission losses than would be
18 the case with PEEC as part of the system. These two disadvantages would
19 make energy costs much higher for any third-party alternative.

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21 In addition, as explained in the testimony of FPL witness Modia, because of
22 the growing imbalance between generation and demand in Miami-Dade and
23 Broward Counties, unless a significant amount of generation (such as PEEC)

1 is added in that critical area prior to 2020, FPL would have to increase the
2 electricity import capability into that area by 2020, by upgrading FPL's
3 transmission system at a projected cost of approximately \$638 million in 2016
4 dollars. Therefore, the cost of purchasing capacity from outside Miami-Dade
5 and Broward Counties instead of adding generating capacity in the Miami-
6 Dade and Broward County area would include the cost burden of upgrading
7 the transmission system to allow greater electricity imports into that area.
8 Based on information provided in the testimonies of FPL witnesses Modia and
9 Gnecco, it is estimated that such a third-party plant would have higher capital
10 costs of at least \$950 million for land and transmission facilities compared to
11 PEEC. There would also be additional cost for water and a gas pipeline
12 lateral.

13 **Q. Could a third party offer to sell capacity from a new advanced combined**
14 **cycle unit located in Florida (but outside Miami-Dade and Broward**
15 **Counties), or from an existing or new combined cycle unit located outside**
16 **Florida?**

17 A. Yes, and in this case it is possible that the third party's proposed unit would
18 not have a heat rate disadvantage compared to PEEC. However, generation
19 associated with these offers would still likely contribute to greater system
20 transmission losses than would PEEC, especially those associated with offers
21 from outside Florida, which could experience losses of up to 10% at peak.
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1 In addition, because these third party generators would be located outside
2 Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, they would not contribute to mitigating
3 the growing imbalance in that area, and FPL would have to incur the cost of
4 approximately \$638 million in 2016 dollars, in transmission upgrades to
5 increase electricity imports into the area. Therefore, all else equal, from the
6 perspective of FPL and its customers, offers from such third party combined
7 cycle generators would be burdened by an incremental cost of approximately
8 \$638 million in 2016 dollars mentioned above, compared to PEEC.

9 **Q. Could a third party overcome the advantages described above for the**
10 **PEEC Project in 2016 to the extent that such offer would be FPL's best,**
11 **most cost-effective alternative?**

12 A. FPL does not believe any third party could overcome these substantial
13 economic advantages of the PEEC Project to offer FPL a power purchase on
14 terms that would be competitive. It is unrealistic to expect that a third party
15 could reduce the cost of any generator by an amount sufficient to offset the
16 inherent advantages of PEEC. Therefore, FPL has concluded that the PEEC
17 Project is more cost effective than any viable alternative that could be offered
18 by a third party.

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1 **SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ALTERNATIVE ANALYSES**

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3 **Q. Is the PEEC Project the most cost-effective alternative to meet FPL's**
4 **customers' needs for new resources?**

5 A. Yes. As discussed earlier in my testimony and further explained in the
6 testimony of FPL witness Enjamio, the PEEC Project is the best, most cost-
7 effective self-build option available to meet the needs of FPL's customers in
8 2016. Specifically, this Project was determined to be the best, most cost-
9 effective alternative compared to returning to service older units now in
10 inactive reserve, adding a new combined cycle unit at a greenfield site, or
11 delaying PEEC by adding CTs. Also, because of the significant unmatched
12 advantages of the PEEC Project, FPL's evaluation of other possible resource
13 alternatives that could be offered by a third party indicates that the Project
14 would result in far lower costs to FPL's customers.

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16 Furthermore, none of these alternatives offered any non-economic advantages
17 over the PEEC Project. Therefore, FPL has established that the Project in
18 2016 is by far the best, most cost-effective alternative to meet FPL customers'
19 needs for additional resources.

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1 **VIII. ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF DENYING FPL'S REQUEST FOR A**
2 **DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR THE PEEC PROJECT**

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4 **Q. Would there be any adverse consequences to FPL and its customers if the**
5 **Commission were to not grant determinations of need for the PEEC**
6 **Project in 2016?**

7 A. Yes. If the Commission were to not grant the determination of need sought in
8 this proceeding, FPL's customers will face significant adverse consequences
9 related to the cost of electricity, air emissions, and other factors.

10 **Q. Please describe the adverse consequences of denying FPL's petition in**
11 **this proceeding.**

12 A. FPL's analysis shows that without the PEEC Project in 2016 FPL's customers
13 would incur higher costs. Through the analyses described above of the
14 various alternatives, FPL has estimated the incremental cost to FPL's
15 customers to range from at least \$425 million to \$838 million (CPVRR).
16 Moreover, if natural gas prices and/or environmental compliance costs were to
17 be higher than currently projected, the cost penalty to FPL's customers could
18 be even greater. In other words, because of the very high fuel efficiency and
19 low emission rates of the resource plan with PEEC, not approving the PEEC
20 Project would remove a very effective hedge that would protect FPL's
21 customers in the event that future environmental compliance costs or natural
22 gas costs are higher than currently projected. Delaying the PEEC Project
23 would also result in higher costs to FPL's customers.

1 Not granting a determination of need for the PEEC Project would result in
2 higher system emissions of CO₂ (22 million tons), SO₂ (41 thousand tons)
3 and NO_x (33 thousand tons) if FPL were to then meet its 2016 resource need
4 by returning to service units that are now on Inactive Reserve. Rejecting the
5 Project would also result in lower system fuel and/or system transmission
6 efficiency and consequently much greater use of fuel oil and natural gas in the
7 future.

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9 In addition, if instead of proceeding with the PEEC Project, FPL were to build
10 a new unit at a greenfield site, FPL would have to utilize new land and new
11 Florida water resources and obtain new rights-of-way for transmission and gas
12 pipeline facilities to achieve, with such new generation additions and at much
13 higher costs, the same generation capacity increase that could be achieved
14 without using new land or new Florida water resources, with PEEC.
15 Furthermore, unless new generation is added in the Miami-Dade and Broward
16 County area, FPL would have to implement very costly transmission upgrades
17 to mitigate the growing imbalance between generation and load in that area.
18 As I discussed previously, this would add approximately \$638 million in 2016
19 dollars.

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21 In summary, it is clear that FPL's customers would not benefit if the
22 Commission were to deny an affirmative determination of need for the PEEC
23 Project with a planned in-service date of June 2016 in this proceeding.

CONCLUSION

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3 **Q. What is your conclusion about the PEEC Project?**

4 A. Building the PEEC Project to go into service in 2016 presents a unique
5 opportunity to add generating capacity cost-effectively, with societal benefits,
6 in the area of FPL's service territory with the greatest electrical load
7 concentration. FPL has demonstrated that this Project is clearly the most
8 beneficial choice among the available alternatives to meet FPL's customers'
9 resource needs in 2016.

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11 Because of these significant benefits, the Commission should grant an
12 affirmative determination of need for the PEEC Project with a target in-
13 service date of June 2016, based on a finding that this Project is the best, most
14 cost-effective alternative to meet the needs of FPL's customers in 2016.

15 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

16 A. Yes.

1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

3 **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JOHN C. GNECCO IV, P.E.**

4 **DOCKET NO. 11____-EI**

5 **NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

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7 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

8 A. My name is John C. Gnecco IV, P.E. My business address is Florida Power &
9 Light Company, 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, Florida, 33408.

10 **Q. By whom are you employed and what position do you hold?**

11 A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL or the Company) as
12 the Director of Project Development for fossil generation including the
13 proposed Port Everglades Next Generation Clean Energy Center (PEEC).

14 **Q. Please describe your duties and responsibilities in that position.**

15 A. I lead FPL's efforts to develop fossil generation including new plants and the
16 modernization of older plants. I have overall responsibility for the
17 modernization of FPL's plant at Port Everglades.

18 **Q. Please describe your education and professional experience.**

19 A. I received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Merrimack
20 College in 1980. Additionally, I am a Registered Professional Engineer in the
21 State of Florida and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and
22 the Structural Engineering Institute.

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1 Throughout the 31 years of my career, I have been involved in the
 2 development, design, engineering, and construction of electric power plants,
 3 in which I have held numerous positions. Over the last 15 years I have been
 4 responsible for the design, engineering, and development of two advanced
 5 combustion turbine (CT) simple cycle projects and eleven combined cycle
 6 (CC) projects totaling over 13,000 MWs of electrical generating capacity.
 7 These projects include modernization projects at FPL's Fort Myers, Sanford,
 8 Cape Canaveral, and Riviera Beach sites, along with new CC plants located at
 9 FPL's Turkey Point, Martin, Manatee, and West County (Palm Beach County)
 10 sites.

11 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits in this case?**

12 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibits JCG-1 through JCG-9, which are attached to
 13 my direct testimony.

14	Exhibit JCG-1	Typical 3x1 CC Unit Process Diagram
15	Exhibit JCG-2	FPL Operational Combined Cycle Plants and FPL
16		Combined Cycle Construction Projects in Progress
17	Exhibit JCG-3	Aerial View of Existing Facility
18	Exhibit JCG-4	PEEC Rendering
19	Exhibit JCG-5	PEEC Vicinity Map
20	Exhibit JCG-6	PEEC Power Block Arrangement
21	Exhibit JCG-7	PEEC Operating Characteristics
22	Exhibit JCG-8	PEEC Expected Construction Schedule
23	Exhibit JCG-9	PEEC Construction Cost Components

1 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

2 A. The purpose of my direct testimony is two-fold. First, I provide a summary of
3 the generation alternatives that were evaluated in arriving at the decision to
4 pursue the proposed PEEC Project and why the CC technology and
5 modernization process was selected to meet FPL's need for generation
6 capacity in 2016. Second, I describe the Project in detail, including a
7 description of the site, the applied technology, water usage, air emissions,
8 transmission tie-in, certification and permit plan, construction schedule, and
9 the Project costs and benefits.

10 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

11 A. FPL plans to modernize the existing Port Everglades power plant site, which
12 currently includes four steam units dating from the 1960s into a modern,
13 highly efficient, lower-emission next generation clean energy center using the
14 latest CC technology. The proposed modernization will result in increased
15 power generation without using any additional land or water sources, while
16 incurring only minimal electrical and fuel infrastructure costs. PEEC is
17 expected to have an in-service date of June 2016.

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19 The modernized plant will deliver low cost, highly efficient, and cleaner
20 energy to FPL's customers. The plant will use approximately 35% less fuel
21 for an equivalent amount of energy production. The plant will be configured
22 with three of the latest generation CTs and three heat recovery steam
23 generators (HRSGs) combined with one steam turbine generator. Using

1 natural gas CC technology is accepted by the Florida Department of
2 Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the United States Environmental
3 Protection Agency (EPA) as the Best Available Control Technology (BACT)
4 for controlling air emissions. Per the direct testimony of FPL witness Kosky,
5 the plant will minimize air emissions and will be among the cleanest fossil
6 fueled power plants in Florida. No additional water sources will be required.
7 The modernized plant will continue to draw water from existing sources and
8 will not exceed existing permitted water limits.

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10 As stated in the direct testimony of FPL witness Enjamio, this Project will
11 result in significant economic and non-economic benefits to FPL's customers.
12 The site aesthetics will improve significantly, greatly benefiting this
13 waterfront area where one of the primary industries is tourism. The existing
14 343 foot tall stacks will be replaced with new stacks lower than 150 feet, and
15 the number of stacks will be reduced from four to three. PEEC will also result
16 in a number of significant public welfare benefits, including the creation of an
17 estimated 650 direct jobs at its peak and an estimated \$20 million in new tax
18 revenue to local governments and school districts.

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20 The new CC units will use natural gas as the primary fuel and also will be
21 capable of burning a light fuel oil, more specifically an ultra-low sulfur
22 distillate with a maximum sulfur content of 0.0015%, as a back-up fuel. Due
23 to its location on the coast of Florida, the plant will be able to receive back-up

1 fuel from waterborne deliveries and trucks, a significant advantage compared
2 to inland plants which are restricted to only truck deliveries. The ability to
3 receive waterborne deliveries is particularly valuable in emergency situations.

4
5 FPL has significant experience building and operating CC plants to achieve
6 the best possible efficiencies. Further, FPL has proven its ability to modernize
7 older plants and construct new plants on time and on budget to achieve greater
8 efficiencies and cost savings for its customers. Accordingly, FPL is confident
9 of the accuracy of its construction cost estimates and projected unit
10 capabilities.

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12 **I. SELECTION OF GENERATION TECHNOLOGY AND**
13 **DECISION TO PURSUE PLANT MODERNIZATION**

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15 **Q. Please describe the term “modernization.”**

16 A. Modernization involves the dismantlement of one or more existing generation
17 units, while leaving intact certain components such as the cooling water intake
18 and discharge infrastructure, followed by the installation of a new CC
19 generation unit.

20 **Q. Please describe the generating alternatives which were considered and**
21 **evaluated by FPL to meet FPL’s need for generation capacity in 2016.**

22 A. As discussed in the direct testimonies of FPL witnesses Silva and Enjamio,
23 four alternatives exist, three of which meet FPL’s long term generation

1 requirements. These alternatives include the modernization of the Port
2 Everglades site, bringing gas/oil fired steam generators out of Inactive
3 Reserve and returning them to active service, or construction of a new CC unit
4 at a greenfield site (FPL or third-party built). However, construction of a new
5 CC unit at a greenfield site at a non-coastal location would yield 15 MW less
6 overall capacity than the PEEC plan due to the need for construction and
7 operation of cooling water towers.

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9 The remaining alternative, building a greenfield CT facility, only defers the
10 need to construct one of the three alternatives discussed in this testimony.

11 **Q. What considerations were used in determining if a new CC unit at a
12 greenfield site (FPL or third party built) was a viable alternative?**

13 A. FPL built or a third party built greenfield site CC units were removed from
14 consideration as viable alternatives for multiple reasons, including the initial
15 capital cost if built within FPL's Southeast Florida area and the added
16 transmission infrastructure costs if built outside of FPL's Southeast Florida
17 area. The Southeast Florida area of FPL's transmission system is the region
18 south and east of, and including FPL's Corbett Substation; geographically,
19 this includes a portion of southern Palm Beach County and all of Broward and
20 Miami-Dade Counties.

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22 Based on FPL's own investigation into the availability of other viable sites
23 (FPL built or third party built facility), it was determined that there are no

1 viable sites located within the proximity of FPL's Southeast Florida area that
2 have the attributes and resources of the Port Everglades site. Initial capital
3 costs associated with building a greenfield site within FPL's Southeast Florida
4 area would greatly exceed that of the proposed PEEC Project due to the
5 increased costs associated with (1) adequate land size and zoning, (2) access
6 to fuel transportation infrastructure (gas pipeline), (3) transmission facilities,
7 and (4) water supply.

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9 Meeting the necessary supply capacities and pressures to operate a greenfield
10 CC facility in the Southeast Florida area would require a pipeline extension by
11 one of the two gas transporters into this region of the state at a cost in excess
12 of \$600 million. This estimate is based on conceptual pipe sizing, routing,
13 and field studies conducted by independent pipeline engineers and
14 constructors along with FPL engineers, environmental specialists, and
15 construction personnel. The conceptual routing was selected so as to avoid
16 highly congested areas, along with paralleling and co-locating with existing
17 linear facilities, while also including the necessary compression to supply gas
18 at a western Broward County site.

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20 FPL identified in a siting study a total of three (3) 100-acre plus sites that
21 could be acquired and developed by a third party with zoning for industrial
22 use, suitable for power generation, and central to FPL's Southeast Florida area
23 in Broward County. These sites all have values that exceed \$20 million. Such

1 sites would also need to acquire a viable water source and need to
2 interconnect into the existing transmission system. FPL estimates the
3 transmission interconnection cost to be as much as \$75 million and generic
4 integration costs in the range of \$290 to \$406 million in order to bring to
5 FPL's system the required generation to match the reliability of the generation
6 located at the Port Everglades site, as described in the direct testimony of FPL
7 witness Modia.

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9 Also, if either PEEC or a greenfield facility is not built in FPL's Southeast
10 Florida area by 2020, there will be an imbalance of FPL customer demand
11 versus FPL generation capacity that will require an estimated \$638 million in
12 transmission infrastructure build-out. FPL has performed extensive analyses
13 to determine these costs, as discussed in the direct testimony of FPL witness
14 Modia.

15
16 FPL has performed extensive analyses to develop all of the cost estimates
17 provided in the Petition, my testimony, and the testimonies of other FPL
18 witnesses. Unless otherwise specified, the costs are presented in 2016 dollars.

19 **Q. Why was bringing gas/oil fired steam generators out of Inactive Reserve**
20 **and returning them to active service not considered the best alternative?**

21 A. Bringing traditional oil or natural gas fired steam generator technologies out
22 of Inactive Reserve was removed from consideration for multiple reasons,
23 including the initial capital cost, increased operation and maintenance costs,

1 and the environmental impacts. First, due to the current condition of these
 2 vintage units, multiple upgrades, rebuilds, or equipment replacements would
 3 be necessary to improve their reliability necessary for additional extended
 4 operation. Second, FPL has performed extensive analyses to determine the
 5 cost to bring these units out of Inactive Reserve as well as the cost associated
 6 with their operation for the next 15 to 30 years. In addition to the added
 7 operation costs associated with steam generation over CC generation, there is
 8 a higher fuel cost associated with operating these steam units due to their low
 9 fuel efficiency. New CC units (such as the PEEC unit) will be approximately
 10 35% more fuel efficient than steam units. Lastly, the environmental profile
 11 for gas and oil steam generators is less desirable than for natural gas fired CC
 12 generators of similar size, as discussed in the direct testimony of FPL witness
 13 Kosky.

14 **Q. Please describe why the modernization of the Port Everglades site was**
 15 **found to be the best alternative to meet FPL's need for generation**
 16 **capacity in 2016.**

17 A. FPL selected modernizing Port Everglades with CC technology as the best
 18 generation alternative because of its multiple advantages. Site specific
 19 advantages include location in the Southeast Florida area, land size, zoning,
 20 existing natural gas infrastructure, existing electrical transmission
 21 infrastructure, and water access. Economic advantages include low capital
 22 costs, fuel costs, and operations and maintenance (O&M) costs.

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1 **Q. Please describe the combined cycle technology that will be used for**
2 **PEEC.**

3 A. As shown in Exhibit JCG-1, a CC unit is a combination of CTs, heat recovery
4 steam generators (HRSGs), and a steam-driven turbine generator (STG). Each
5 of the CTs compresses outside air into a combustion area where fuel, typically
6 natural gas or light fuel oil, is burned. The hot gases from the burning fuel-air
7 mixture drive a turbine, which, in turn, directly rotates a generator to produce
8 electricity. The exhaust gas produced by each turbine, where the temperature
9 is approximately 1,200°F, is passed through a HRSG before exiting the stack
10 at less than 200° F. The energy extracted by the HRSG produces steam, which
11 is used to drive an STG. The recovery of waste heat from the CTs for
12 utilization in an STG improves the overall plant efficiency beyond that of just
13 CTs or just conventional steam electric generating units.

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15 Each CT/HRSG combination is called a “train.” The number of CT/HRSG
16 trains used establishes the general size of the STG. For the proposed PEEC
17 Project, three CT/HRSG trains will be connected to one STG, giving rise to
18 the characterization of the Project as a “three on one” (3x1) CC unit.

19 **Q. What level of operating efficiency is anticipated for the Project?**

20 A. In general, modern CC plants can be expected to achieve a fuel to electrical
21 energy conversion rate (heat rate) of less than 7,000 Btu/kWh, as opposed to
22 values in the 10,000 Btu/kWh range for conventional steam-electric
23 generating units. FPL anticipates that the modernized unit will have an

1 average base heat rate as low as 6,330 Btu/kWh (based on an average ambient
2 air temperature of 75°F) over the life of this Project. The proposed 3x1 CC
3 unit will therefore produce the same amount of energy as a similarly sized
4 conventional steam plant using approximately 35% less fuel. As discussed in
5 FPL witness Silva's direct testimony, the addition of this highly efficient unit
6 to the FPL system is projected to improve the overall system heat rate by
7 approximately 1.3% when compared to returning the old steam units to
8 service.

9 **Q. Are there operational advantages to utilizing a multi-train (multiple CTs**
10 **combined with a singular ST) combined cycle technology?**

11 A. Yes. An advantage of the multi-train CC arrangement is that it allows for
12 greater flexibility in matching unit output to generation requirements over
13 time. This is possible because each of the CTs and the ST can be
14 independently controlled allowing the unit greater flexibility in matching the
15 load requirements at any given point in time.

16 **Q. Does FPL have experience in building and operating combined cycle**
17 **power plants similar to the proposed PEEC facility?**

18 A. Yes. FPL has extensive experience in building CC plants on time and under
19 budget. FPL's first CC plant (Putnam Units 1 & 2) went into service in 1976.
20 As shown in Exhibit JCG-2, FPL has 12,685 MW (net summer) of CC
21 capacity in service, and the addition of the Cape Canaveral Next Generation
22 Energy Center (June 2013) and the Riviera Beach Next Generation Energy
23 Center (June 2014) will add another 2,422 MW, for a total of over 15,000

1 MW.

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3 FPL's current CC plants utilize CTs from various manufacturers. These
4 include 30 General Electric (GE) 7FA CTs, 9 Mitsubishi M501G CTs, 4
5 Mitsubishi/Westinghouse 501F CTs, and 4 Westinghouse 501B CTs.

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7 In addition to its CC operating experience, FPL has extensive experience
8 operating simple-cycle CTs, which comprise the "front end" of the CC "train"
9 (i.e., no HRSG or STG). FPL has operated ten GE 7FA CTs in simple-cycle
10 mode at its Fort Myers and Martin plant sites in Florida. FPL also has been
11 operating 48 smaller simple-cycle gas turbine units for approximately 41
12 years.

13 **Q. Please describe FPL's track record in building and operating combined**
14 **cycle units.**

15 A. FPL has consistently demonstrated its ability to cost-effectively construct
16 reliable and efficient plants that save money for customers over the project
17 lives. For example, in 1994 FPL began commercial operation of two new CC
18 units at FPL's Martin plant and, just two years later, FPL was awarded Power
19 magazine's Power Plant of the Year Award for world-class performance in
20 operation and maintenance (O&M) and availability for those units. Other FPL
21 CC projects have been recognized. Both the Fort Myers Repowering Project
22 and Sanford Repowering Projects were recognized by Power magazine as
23 "Top Plant" of the year in 2003 and 2004, respectively. The Turkey Point

1 Expansion Project (Turkey Point Unit 5) was recognized by Power
2 Engineering magazine as the “Best of the Year” gas-fired project in 2007.
3 The West County Energy Center was also recognized as a “Top Plant” in
4 2010 by Power magazine.

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6 To ensure ongoing best-in-class performance in today’s highly competitive
7 electricity generating industry, FPL focuses on excellence in people,
8 technology, business, and operating processes. FPL promotes a shift team
9 concept in its power plants that emphasizes empowerment, engagement, and
10 accountability, with an understanding that each employee has the necessary
11 knowledge, skill, and motivation to perform any required task. This
12 multifunctional, team-driven, and well-trained workforce is the key to FPL’s
13 ability to consistently meet and often exceed plant performance objectives.

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15 With world-class operational skills from which to draw, FPL maximizes the
16 value of its existing and new assets by employing the best practices that
17 underlie its industry leading positions. FPL’s fossil-fueled fleet continues to
18 achieve an Equivalent Availability Factor (EAF) of 92.7% averaged over the
19 past 10 years compared with the U.S. industry average EAF of 87.1%.

20 **Q. Please describe how FPL monitors the operational performance of its**
21 **power plant.**

22 A. FPL uses technology to optimize plant operations, gain process efficiencies,
23 and leverage the deployment of technical skills as demand for services

1 increases. For example, the Company's Fleet Performance and Diagnostics
2 Center (FPDC) in Juno Beach, Florida, provides FPL with the capability to
3 monitor every plant in its system, including PEEC. FPL can compare the
4 performance of like components on similar generating units, determine how it
5 can make improvements, and often prevent problems before they occur. Live
6 video links can be established between the FPDC and plant control rooms to
7 immediately discuss challenges that may arise, thus enabling FPL to prevent,
8 mitigate, and/or solve problems. In 2001, FPL earned an Industry Excellence
9 Award from the Southeast Electric Exchange for the FPDC.

10 **Q. Please describe FPL's record in the modernization of older power**
11 **generation facilities to modern, state-of-the-art units.**

12 A. FPL has been recognized by the industry for its capabilities in modernizing
13 older generation units to state-of-the-art high-capacity, high-efficiency CC
14 units. Since 1993, FPL has modernized older generation units at Lauderdale
15 (1993), Ft. Myers (2001), and Sanford (2003) and is in the process of
16 modernizing Cape Canaveral (2013) and Riviera (2014). The modernization
17 of all of these projects has resulted in the improvement of the system-wide
18 efficiency resulting in costs savings to FPL's customers.

19 20 II. PEEC PROJECT

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22 **Q. Please describe the existing facilities at the Port Everglades plant site.**

23 A. The Port Everglades power plant is located on 92.5 acres, southwest of the

1 Port Everglades Inlet within the Port of Port Everglades jurisdictional
 2 boundaries shown in Exhibit JCG-3. The plant currently consists of two
 3 nominal 200 MW (Units 1 and 2) and two nominal 400 MW (Units 3 and 4)
 4 conventional dual-fuel fired steam boilers, along with a bank of twelve 30
 5 MW aero derivative gas turbines used for supplying quick start peak power to
 6 the grid. Each of the four conventional steam boilers can burn #6 fuel oil and
 7 natural gas. The four Port Everglades steam units have a combined peak
 8 summer rating of 1,187 MW and a winter rating of 1,193 MW with an average
 9 heat rate of approximately 9,800 Btu/kWh. Due to the age and efficiency of
 10 these units, they currently see limited usage.

11 **Q. Please describe the proposed PEEC Project in more detail.**

12 A. As previously indicated, the generation facilities at Port Everglades will be
 13 renamed the Port Everglades Next Generation Clean Energy Center or PEEC.
 14 Upon modernization, PEEC will be a 3x1 CC plant consisting of three
 15 advanced CTs, each with dry-low NO_x combustors and three HRSGs, which
 16 will use the waste heat energy from the CTs to produce steam to be utilized in
 17 a new steam turbine generator. The aesthetics of the plant, and consequently
 18 the surrounding areas, will improve significantly, as shown in Exhibit JCG-4.
 19 The four existing 343 foot stacks will be replaced with three stacks with
 20 heights of less than 150 feet. The location and power block arrangement of
 21 PEEC are shown on Exhibit JCG-5 and Exhibit JCG-6, respectively.

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 23 Each CT unit is projected to utilize inlet air evaporative cooling. Evaporative

1 coolers achieve cooling using water evaporation to remove heat from the inlet
2 air. This allows additional power to be produced during periods of high
3 ambient air temperature.

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5 The evaporative coolers normally would be utilized when the ambient air
6 temperature is greater than 60° F. Given an average annual temperature for the
7 FPL system of approximately 75° F, the output and heat rate benefits of
8 evaporative cooler operation are included in the summer peak capacity of
9 about 1,277 MW for PEEC and a base operation heat rate as low as 6,330
10 Btu/kWh.

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12 PEEC, with a summer peak capacity of about 1,277 MW from the base
13 operations mode, will be among the most efficient electric generators in
14 Florida. The unit will have an estimated equivalent availability factor of
15 approximately 95.4%, an estimated average forced outage factor of
16 approximately 1.1%, and a planned outage factor of 3.5%. The expected
17 operating characteristics are shown in Exhibit JCG-7. As discussed in the
18 testimonies of FPL witnesses Silva and Enjamio, the construction of PEEC in
19 2016, with its resulting efficiencies and fuel cost savings, will result in savings
20 to FPL customers ranging from \$425 million to \$838 million CPVRR over the
21 life of the plant when compared to the alternative resource plans.

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23 The advancements in the performance of CTs continue to evolve in the market

1 place. FPL is considering a number of advanced CT designs and has not yet
2 made a final decision for the PEEC Project; the actual CT selection will be
3 based on a competitive bid process, ensuring the greatest cost benefit to the
4 customer. However, for the purpose of FPL's analyses, we have used
5 projected costs and operating characteristics consistent with a 3x1 combined
6 cycle unit with "J" CT technology. In the event FPL finalizes a selection of a
7 CT design other than the "J" class technology, FPL would make an
8 informational filing to the Commission, as discussed in the direct testimony of
9 FPL witness Silva.

10 **Q. Please describe the types of fuel PEEC will be capable of using and how**
11 **they will be supplied.**

12 A. The Project will use natural gas as the primary fuel source and will be capable
13 of using light fuel oil, more specifically a distillate fuel oil with a maximum
14 sulfur content of 0.0015%, as a back-up fuel. The existing natural gas
15 pipeline will be used, but additional gas compression infrastructure will be
16 required, costing an estimated \$48 million. PEEC will be able to receive light
17 fuel oil from waterborne deliveries, which is a significant advantage over
18 inland plants. In addition, back-up fuel can be trucked to the site and stored
19 on-site. Back-up fuel will be stored in sufficient quantities to allow operation,
20 at full capacity, for seventy-two (72) hours of continuous operation in the
21 event of a natural gas supply disruption.

22 **Q. Please describe the projected air emissions for PEEC.**

23 A. PEEC will result in cleaner electricity production, as discussed in the direct

1 testimony of FPL witness Kosky. The use of natural gas as a primary fuel
2 source with light fuel oil, as described above, as a back-up fuel combined with
3 combustion control technologies will minimize air emissions from the unit
4 and ensure compliance with applicable emission limiting standards. Using
5 these fuels minimizes emissions of SO₂, particulate matter, and other fuel-
6 bound contaminants. Combustion controls similarly minimize the formation
7 of NO_x, and the combustor design will limit the formation of carbon
8 monoxide and volatile organic compounds. When firing natural gas, NO_x
9 emissions will be controlled using dry-low NO_x combustion technology and
10 Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR). Water injection and SCR will be used
11 to reduce NO_x emissions during operations when using light fuel oil as back-
12 up fuel. These design alternatives are accepted by the FDEP and EPA as the
13 Best Available Control Technology for air emissions. Modernization will
14 minimize emissions while balancing economic, environmental, and energy
15 impacts. Taken together, the design of PEEC will incorporate features that
16 will make it among the most efficient and cleanest power plants in the nation.

17 **Q. What are the water requirements for PEEC and how will they be met?**

18 A. There will be no additional water sources required as a result of this Project.
19 Under its current permit issued by the FDEP, water from Port Everglades (*i.e.*,
20 the Intracoastal Waterway) is and will continue to be used for once-through
21 cooling. After modernization, the amount of cooling water required will be
22 reduced to approximately one half of the current level, ensuring the new
23 facility will not exceed current permit limits. In addition, the existing

1 municipal water supply will be used for industrial processing water, service
2 water, and potable water.

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4 The EPA is currently reviewing Clean Water Act section 316(a) and 316(b)
5 requirements, further detailed in the direct testimony of FPL witness Kosky.
6 While FPL does not expect these requirements to significantly affect PEEC,
7 there is a possibility that changes may occur and that these changes may affect
8 PEEC as well as other FPL generating facilities. FPL will continue to monitor
9 the progress of these issues. In the event of any applicable changes, FPL
10 would assess the most cost-effective means of complying with the new
11 requirements.

12 **Q. How will the PEEC Project be interconnected to FPL's transmission**
13 **network?**

14 A. After the modernization, two of the PEEC CTs will be connected to the
15 existing Port Everglades 138 kV system switchyard. The third CT and the
16 STG will be connected to the existing Port Everglades 230 kV system
17 switchyard, as discussed in the direct testimony of FPL witness Modia.

18 **Q. What is the current status of the certifications and permits required to**
19 **begin construction?**

20 A. FPL intends to pursue FDEP site certification under the Florida Electrical
21 Power Plant Siting Act (PPSA). No local rezoning with Broward County is
22 required for this Project. Concurrently, FPL will file for federal regulatory
23 approvals through submittal of an air construction permit application and

1 application for modification of the existing Industrial Wastewater Facility
2 permit. No other major federal approvals will be necessary in order to
3 commence construction.

4 **Q. What is the proposed construction schedule for the PEEC Project?**

5 A. A summary of estimated construction milestone dates is shown on Exhibit
6 JCG-8. FPL will commence the modernization upon receipt of the necessary
7 regulatory approvals, which FPL anticipates will occur by March 2013. FPL
8 also anticipates that demolition of the existing four units and construction of
9 PEEC will require approximately 36 months in total, and that the Project will
10 achieve commercial operation by June 2016.

11 **Q. In addition to the fuel savings and environmental benefits, what other
12 public welfare benefits will PEEC provide?**

13 A. PEEC will result in a number of significant public welfare benefits. First, the
14 proposed modernization will result in certain economic benefits associated
15 with the construction and operation of the new plant. The construction of the
16 new plant would create an estimated 650 direct jobs at its peak and also
17 support numerous local businesses, and the operation of the new plant will
18 enable FPL to provide more capacity to meet the needs of businesses that seek
19 to expand. In addition, in the new plant's first full year of operation, PEEC is
20 estimated to provide more than \$20 million in new tax revenue to local
21 governments and school districts.

22 **Q. What does FPL estimate that the PEEC Project will cost?**

23 A. A summary of estimated costs is shown on Exhibit JCG-9. FPL estimates that

1 the total cost will be \$1,185.2 million. Principal components include the
2 power block at \$1,041.1 million, transmission interconnection and integration
3 at \$32.5 million as discussed in the direct testimony of FPL witness Modia,
4 and allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC) at \$111.6 million.
5 FPL will annually report to the Commission's Director of Economic
6 Regulation updates to the budgeted and actual cost of PEEC, compared to the
7 estimated total in-service cost.

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III. CONSEQUENCES OF DELAY

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11 **Q. What are the likely consequences if the need determination for PEEC is**
12 **delayed?**

13 A. FPL has set an in-service date of June 2016 for PEEC. FPL anticipates
14 commencing site work following the receipt of all necessary approvals,
15 anticipated by April 2013, which includes an affirmative final order from the
16 Commission and Site Certification from the FDEP. If the approvals are
17 delayed, FPL's customers will be denied efficient and cost-effective capacity
18 and energy and the previously discussed public welfare benefits. FPL's
19 customers would also incur the impacts from generation shortfalls that affect
20 service reliability.

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22 In addition, if PEEC were to be deferred, the cost of building PEEC later
23 would likely be greater than currently projected (especially if the economy

1 improved, and there were increased competition for the necessary labor and
2 materials). Therefore, the adverse consequence of a delay could be
3 significantly greater than reflected above.

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5 Approval without delay will result in customers receiving the cost-savings
6 benefits, emission reductions, and other public welfare benefits described in
7 my direct testimony and the direct testimonies of FPL witnesses Silva,
8 Enjamio, and Kosky.

9 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

10 A. Yes.

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

TESTIMONY OF DR. ROSEMARY MORLEY

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Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Rosemary Morley, and my business address is Florida Power & Light Company, 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, Florida, 33408.

Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?

A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) as the Director of Load Forecasting and Analysis.

Q. Please describe your duties and responsibilities as FPL's Director of Load Forecasting and Analysis.

A. I am responsible for the development of FPL's peak demand, energy, customer, and economic forecasts.

Q. Please describe your educational background and professional experience.

A. I hold a bachelor's degree (B.A.) with honors in economics from the University of Maryland and a master's degree (M.A.) in economics from Northwestern University. In 2005, I earned a Doctorate in Business Administration (D.B.A.) from Nova Southeastern University. I began my career with FPL in 1983 as an Assistant Economist. I have since held a variety of positions in the forecasting, planning, and regulatory areas. I assumed my current position in 2007. I have

1 received designation as a certified professional forecaster (CPF) from the Institute
 2 of Business Forecasting and Planning and am a member of the National
 3 Association of Business Economists.

4 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits in this case?**

5 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibit Nos. RM-1 through RM-9, which are attached to
 6 my direct testimony.

7	Exhibit RM-1	Florida Population
8	Exhibit RM-2	Total Average Customers
9	Exhibit RM-3	Summer Peak Weather Variables
10	Exhibit RM-4	Weighted Real Per Capita Income
11	Exhibit RM-5	Energy Efficiency Standards (MW)
12	Exhibit RM-6	Real Price of Electricity (cents/kWh)
13	Exhibit RM-7	Summer Peak Load (MW)
14	Exhibit RM-8	Winter Peak Load (MW)
15	Exhibit RM-9	Calendar Net Energy for Load (GWh)

16 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

17 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe FPL's load forecasting process,
 18 identify the underlying methodologies and assumptions, and review the results of
 19 FPL's most current (September 2011) forecasts. These forecasts include long-
 20 term forecasts of customers, peak demands, and net energy for load through 2050.
 21 The September 2011 forecasts have replaced the forecasts that were presented in
 22 FPL's 2011 Ten Year Site Plan. The results of these updated forecasts have been

1 utilized in the analyses discussed by FPL witnesses Enjamio and Silva in their
2 direct testimonies.

3 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

4 A. My testimony addresses FPL's customer forecast, summer and winter peak
5 demand forecasts, and the net energy for load forecast. My testimony explains
6 how these forecasts are developed and why they are reasonable. As discussed in
7 my testimony, FPL is expected to experience moderate growth in its customer
8 base through 2021. By 2019 the number of FPL customer accounts (customers) is
9 expected to surpass the five million mark and by 2021 the cumulative increase in
10 customers from 2011 is expected to reach almost 640,000. Summer peak
11 demands are also projected to increase at a moderate rate. Although the
12 percentage growth rates projected for the summer peak are somewhat slower than
13 those experienced historically, the absolute increases will remain significant. By
14 2021 the summer peak is projected to reach 25,960 MW, an increase of 4,341
15 MW relative to the 2011 summer peak which equates to a cumulative increase of
16 approximately 20%. Finally, my testimony explains that a 20% cumulative
17 increase in FPL's net energy for load is also expected between 2011 and 2021, a
18 net increase in excess of 21,900 gigawatt-hours (GWh).

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1 **I. FPL'S EXISTING CUSTOMER BASE**

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3 **Q. Please describe FPL's service territory.**

4 A. FPL's service territory covers approximately 27,650 square miles within
5 peninsular Florida, which ranges from St. Johns County in the north to Miami-
6 Dade County in the south, and westward to Manatee County. FPL serves
7 customers in thirty-five counties within this region.

8 **Q. How many customers receive their electric service from FPL?**

9 A. FPL currently serves over 4.5 million customers, as shown on Exhibit RM-2.
10 This amounts to a population of almost nine million people.

11 **Q. Geographically, where is the largest concentration of FPL's load?**

12 A. The largest concentration of load is in Southeast Florida. Although FPL's service
13 area covers thirty-five counties, two counties, Miami-Dade and Broward Counties
14 have recently accounted for 44% of the company's summer peak load.

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16 **1. LOAD FORECASTING PROCESS AND RESULTS**

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18 **Q. Please describe FPL's forecasting process.**

19 A. FPL relies on econometrics as the primary tool for projecting future levels of
20 customer growth, net energy for load, and peak demand. An econometric model
21 is a numerical representation, obtained through statistical estimation techniques,
22 of the degree of relationship between a dependent variable, e.g., the level of net
23 energy for load, and the independent (explanatory) variables. A change in any of

1 the independent variables will result in a corresponding change in the dependent
2 variable. On a historical basis, econometric models have proven to be highly
3 effective in explaining changes in the level of customer or load growth. FPL has
4 consistently relied on econometric models for various forecasting purposes and
5 the modeling results have been reviewed and accepted by this Commission in past
6 proceedings.

7 **Q. How does FPL determine the independent variables that should be used to**
8 **forecast customer growth, net energy for load, and peak demand?**

9 A. FPL has found that population growth, the economy, appliance standards, and
10 weather are the primary drivers of future electricity needs. Accordingly, the
11 models used to forecast customer growth, net energy for load, and peak demand
12 rely on independent variables representing these various drivers.

13 **Q. What sources does FPL rely on for projections of these independent**
14 **variables?**

15 A. FPL relies on leading industry experts for projections of these independent
16 variables. Population projections are produced by the University of Florida's
17 Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) in conjunction with the
18 Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) of the state legislature.
19 The projected economic conditions are from IHS Global Insight, a reputable
20 economic forecasting firm. Estimates of appliance standards are provided by
21 ITRON, one of the leading consultants on energy issues.

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2. CUSTOMER GROWTH FORECAST

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3 **Q. Please explain the development of FPL's customer growth forecast.**

4 A. The growth of customers in FPL's service territory is a primary driver of the
5 growth in the level of net energy for load and peak demand. In order to project
6 the growth in the number of customers, FPL utilized the August 2011 population
7 projections from EDR, the most current projections available at the time the
8 forecast was developed.

9 **Q. How do EDR's August 2011 population projections compare with its prior
10 forecast?**

11 A. Exhibit RM-1 shows that while short-term growth rates are somewhat lower,
12 long-term percentage growth rates are generally in line with projections used in
13 the 2011 Ten Year Site Plan forecast. The population growth rate projected for
14 2012 reflects a continuation of the low rates of population growth Florida has
15 experienced since the start of the recession, followed by modestly higher rates of
16 growth in 2013 and 2014. Increased population growth is projected beginning in
17 2015.

18 **Q. What is FPL's projected customer growth?**

19 A. The number of customers is expected to increase moderately, averaging a 1.3%
20 rate of increase between 2011 and 2021. As can be seen in Exhibit RM-2, by 2019
21 the number of customers is expected to surpass the five million mark and by 2021
22 the cumulative increase in customers from 2011 is expected to reach almost
23 640,000.

1 **Q. How do FPL's projected customer growth rates compare with the growth**
2 **rates experienced historically?**

3 A. Customer growth is projected to average close to 64,000 per year between 2011
4 and 2021, somewhat lower than the 66,000 customers per year FPL has averaged
5 over the last 20 years. Nevertheless, the projected customer growth is
6 considerably higher than the level of customer growth experienced between 2007
7 and 2010. Between 2007 and 2010, customer growth averaged less than 8,000
8 customers a year. Thus, the forecasted growth in customers represents a return to
9 more historically typical growth rates following the recent economic downturn.

10 **Q. Is FPL's customer forecast reasonable?**

11 A. Yes. The forecast incorporates the most recent EDR population projections
12 available at the time the forecast was developed, relies on the forecasting methods
13 previously reviewed and accepted by the Commission, and is consistent with
14 historical trends in customer growth.

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16 **3. SUMMER PEAK DEMAND FORECAST**

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18 **Q. What is FPL's process to forecast summer peak demand?**

19 A. Growth in FPL's peak demand has been a function of a larger customer base,
20 weather conditions, economic growth, energy efficiency standards, and changing
21 patterns of customer behavior. FPL has developed a peak demand per customer
22 model to capture these relationships.

1 **Q. What weather information does FPL utilize?**

2 A. FPL utilizes information from four weather stations scattered throughout its
3 service territory. Composite estimates of the hourly temperatures representative
4 of the FPL system as a whole are developed by weighting the values by weather
5 station with the proportion of sales served in that area.

6 **Q. How are weather conditions incorporated into the summer peak per
7 customer model?**

8 A. The summer peak per customer model is calibrated using historical data on two
9 weather series: the maximum temperature on the day of the summer peak and the
10 sum of the cooling degree hours during the day prior to the peak day. In
11 forecasting these weather variables, FPL relies on a normal weather outlook.
12 Normal weather is based on historical averages over the last twenty years.
13 Exhibit RM-3 shows the actual and forecasted values for the two weather
14 variables included in the summer peak per customer model.

15 **Q. How are economic conditions incorporated into the summer peak per
16 customer model?**

17 The impact of the economy is captured through a composite variable based on
18 Florida real per capita income and the percent of the state's population that is
19 employed. Thus, this composite economic variable encompasses two of the
20 primary drivers of the economy: employment and income levels. Florida's real
21 personal income and employment levels are provided by IHS Global Insight. The
22 population forecast is provided by EDR. Exhibit RM-4 shows the actual and
23 forecasted values for Florida real per capita income weighted by the percent of the

1 population employed. Due to heavy employment losses during the recession, this
2 composite variable declined between 2007 and 2010. With a modest
3 improvement in the economy, a small increase in this variable is estimated for
4 2011, followed by stronger growth in 2012. Between 2011 and 2021, Florida real
5 per capita income weighted by the percent of the population employed is expected
6 to increase at an average annual rate of 2.6%. By contrast, Florida real per capita
7 income weighted by the percent of the population employed only increased at an
8 annual rate of 1.9% between 1982 and 2011. The projected growth in Florida real
9 per capita income weighted by the percent of the population employed is
10 influenced by the low starting value for this series as a result of declines
11 experienced during the recent recession. Indeed, the 2.6% projected annual
12 increase in this series between 2011 and 2021 suggests a fairly modest pace of
13 recovery relative to the growth rates in the 1980s and 1990s which frequently
14 exceeded 4% to 5% a year.

15 **Q. How is the impact from energy efficiency standards incorporated into the**
16 **summer peak per customer model?**

17 A variable is included for the impact of energy efficiency standards based on end-
18 use estimates developed by ITRON, a leading expert in this area. Included in
19 ITRON's estimates are savings from federal and state energy efficiency standards,
20 including the 2005 National Energy Policy Act, the 2007 Energy Independence
21 and Security Act, and the savings occurring from the use of compact fluorescent
22 bulbs. As shown in Exhibit RM-5, ITRON's estimates indicate that by 2021, the
23 savings from energy efficiency standards are expected to reach 3,365 MW. It

1 should be noted that the savings from energy efficiency standards discussed here
2 do not include the impact from utility sponsored demand-side management
3 (DSM) programs. The impact of incremental DSM is addressed in the resource
4 planning process.

5 **Q. What assumptions regarding the price of electricity were used in the summer
6 peak per customer model?**

7 The real price of electricity was developed based on fuel factors filed for approval
8 with the Commission in September 2011. The price of electricity is also
9 consistent with budgeted projections of clause-recoverable costs and with FPL's
10 long-term resource plan. Exhibit RM-6 shows the historical real price of
11 electricity along with its forecasted values.

12 **Q. How is the output from the summer peak per customer model incorporated
13 into the summer peak forecast?**

14 A. The output from the summer peak per customer model is multiplied by the
15 forecasted number of customers. The result is a preliminary estimate of the
16 forecasted summer peak. Incremental wholesale loads are then added to this
17 preliminary estimate of the forecasted summer peak.

18 **Q. Why is the forecast adjusted to include incremental wholesale loads?**

19 A. The forecast is adjusted for incremental wholesale loads in order to reflect
20 additional load not otherwise reflected in FPL's historical load levels resulting
21 from new or modified wholesale contracts. The largest of these contracts is the
22 power sales contract to Lee County, a not-for-profit electric distribution
23 cooperative serving a five-county area in Southwest Florida. In August 2007, the

1 parties came to an agreement by which FPL will become Lee County's power
2 supplier in two phases. In the short-term phase, FPL began providing partial
3 requirements service to two of the three Lee County delivery points, which
4 together serve approximately 25 percent of Lee County's load, for the term
5 January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013. In the long-term phase, which
6 commences in January 2014, FPL will serve Lee County's full retail load. Based
7 on information provided by the customer, Lee County's contribution to FPL's
8 summer peak is expected to increase from 233 MW in 2012 to 833 in 2014,
9 growing annually thereafter. Projections of Lee County's contribution to the
10 summer peak are included as a line item adjustment increasing FPL's forecasted
11 summer peak. To avoid any issue of double-counting, Lee County's contributions
12 to FPL's 2010 and 2011 summer peaks are removed in developing the summer
13 peak per customer model.

14 **Q. Are adjustments made for any other new or expanded wholesale contracts?**

15 A. Yes. FPL has been serving the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative under a partial
16 requirements service agreement since January 1992. Effective May 2011, FPL
17 began serving the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative as a full requirements
18 customer. FPL is expected to serve approximately 35 MW of additional load as a
19 result of the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative's change from a partial
20 requirements customer to a full requirements customer. This additional load from
21 the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative is also included as a line item adjustment to
22 the summer peak forecast. In addition, FPL anticipates providing full
23 requirements service to the City of Wauchula effective October 2011. Service to

1 the City of Wauchula is expected to add an additional 13 MW to the summer peak
2 between 2012 and 2016. Finally, FPL will begin making sales to the Seminole
3 Electric Cooperative in June 2014 under a long-term agreement. Sales to
4 Seminole Electric Cooperative under this agreement are expected to add an
5 additional 200 MW to the summer peak.

6 **Q. Are adjustments also made to reflect the expected termination of any existing**
7 **wholesale contracts?**

8 A. Yes. Existing contracts with the City of Key West and Metro-Dade County are
9 scheduled to terminate in 2013. The termination of these contracts is expected to
10 reduce the summer peak by approximately 46 MW.

11 **Q. Are there any other adjustments to the summer peak forecast in addition to**
12 **those for incremental wholesale load?**

13 A. Yes. FPL includes an adjustment for the incremental load resulting from plug-in
14 electric vehicles as well as adjustments for the new and incremental load resulting
15 from its Economic Development Rider and Existing Facility Economic Rider.

16 **Q. Why is an adjustment being made for plug-in electric vehicles?**

17 A. The forecast is adjusted for plug-in electric vehicles in order to reflect additional
18 load not otherwise captured in FPL's historical load levels. The current load from
19 plug-in electric vehicles is estimated to be less than 1 MW. However, the long-
20 term load contribution from plug-in electric vehicles is likely to be many times
21 this level.

1 **Q. How is the load from plug-in electric vehicles projected?**

2 A. Projections on the number of plug-in electric vehicles in FPL's service territory
3 were developed by the company's Customer Service Business Unit. Projections
4 of the U.S. market for plug-in electric vehicles were first developed based on a
5 review of multiple forecasts from leading experts and discussions with
6 knowledgeable professionals in the automotive industry. FPL's share of the U.S.
7 market for plug-in electric vehicles was then estimated based on the share of U.S.
8 hybrid electric vehicles (excluding plug-in electric vehicles) that is currently
9 located in FPL's service area. The contribution to the summer peak load from
10 plug-in electric vehicles was then derived from the vehicle forecast, an estimate of
11 vehicle demand, and the proportion of vehicles expected to be charged during the
12 summer peak. The load from plug-in electric vehicles is expected to be 30 MW
13 by 2016, and to reach 163 MW by 2021.

14 **Q. Why are adjustments being made for the Economic Development Rider and**
15 **Existing Facility Economic Rider?**

16 A. Under both the Economic Development Rider and Existing Facility Economic
17 Rider, customers are provided discounts for adding new or incremental load. To
18 qualify for either rider, customers are required to verify that the availability of the
19 rider was a significant factor in their location or expansion decision. The
20 Economic Development Rider was modified in July 2011 to allow customers with
21 new or incremental load of at least 350 kW to qualify for the rider. Customers
22 had previously been required to have at least 5000 kW of new or incremental load
23 to qualify for the rider and there was very limited customer participation. The

1 lower threshold is expected to result in a significant increase in customer
2 participation on the rider. Effective July 2011, the Commission also approved a
3 new rider specifically for customers adding at least 350 kW of new load by
4 occupying a currently vacant premise. The Economic Development Rider and
5 Existing Facilities Economic Development Rider are expected to add incremental
6 load to the summer peak between 2013 and 2016. Based on estimates developed
7 by FPL's Economic Development group in conjunction with the Customer
8 Service and Regulatory Business Units, the Economic Development Rider and
9 Existing Facilities Economic Development Rider are projected to add about 13
10 MW to the summer peak beginning in 2013. This figure is expected to rise to
11 about 51 MW by 2016.

12 **Q. Have adjustments to the summer peak forecast been incorporated into prior**
13 **forecasts?**

14 A. Yes. The 2011 Ten Year Site Plan forecast incorporated adjustments for
15 incremental wholesale load and new load resulting from plug-in electric vehicles.
16 In fact, these adjustments have been incorporated into FPL's long-term forecast
17 since the 2009 Ten Year Site Plan. Because the changes to the Economic
18 Development Rider and the addition of the Existing Facilities Economic
19 Development Rider were only recently approved, their impact was not
20 incorporated into prior forecasts.

21 **Q. What is FPL's projected summer peak demand?**

22 A. As shown on Exhibit RM-7, FPL is projecting an annual increase of 1.8% in the
23 summer peak demand between 2011 and 2021. While the projected percentage

1 growth is lower than the long term rate experienced historically, the absolute level
2 of growth remains very large. An annual increase of 434 MW is projected
3 between 2011 and 2021. By 2021, the summer peak is projected to reach 25,960
4 MW, a cumulative increase of 4,341 MW relative to the 2011 summer peak.

5 **Q. How does FPL's summer peak demand forecast compare with that developed**
6 **for the 2011 Ten Year Site Plan?**

7 A. As shown in Exhibit RM-7, under the current forecast the summer peak is
8 expected to grow at an annual rate of 1.8% between 2011 and 2021, somewhat
9 lower than the 2.2% annual growth rate projected in the 2011 Ten Year Site Plan.
10 The lower growth relative to the 2011 Ten Year Site Plan is primarily a result of
11 lower customer growth and a less robust economic outlook.

12 **Q. Is FPL's summer peak demand forecast based on an econometric model with**
13 **a strong goodness of fit and a high degree of statistical significance?**

14 A. Yes. Goodness of fit refers to how closely the predicted values of a model match
15 the actual observed values. FPL's summer peak model has a strong goodness of
16 fit as demonstrated by the model's adjusted R square of 92.6%. This means that
17 92.6% of the variability in the summer peak per customer is explained by the
18 model. In addition, the coefficients for all of the variables have the expected sign
19 (+/-) and are statistically significant. This indicates that the variables influencing
20 the summer peak demand have been properly identified and their predicted impact
21 is statistically sound. Finally, the model has a Durbin-Watson statistic of 2.045
22 indicating the absence of significant autocorrelation. The absence of significant

1 autocorrelation is a desirable quality in a well constructed model. Overall, the
2 summer peak model has excellent diagnostic statistics.

3 **Q. Is FPL's projected summer peak demand reasonable?**

4 A. Yes. FPL's projected summer peak demand is based on assumptions developed
5 by industry experts, is consistent with historical experience, and relies on the
6 forecasting methods previously reviewed and accepted by the Commission. The
7 model employed by FPL has a strong goodness of fit and a high degree of
8 statistical significance. FPL is confident that the relationship that exists between
9 the level of summer peak demand and the economy, weather, customers, energy
10 efficiency standards, and other variables have been properly assessed and
11 numerically quantified.

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13 **4. WINTER PEAK DEMAND FORECAST**

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15 **Q. What is FPL's process to forecast winter peak demand?**

16 A. Like the system summer peak model, the winter peak model is also an
17 econometric model. The winter peak model is a per-customer model that includes
18 two weather-related variables: the minimum temperature on the peak day and the
19 square of heating degree hours from the prior day until 9:00 a.m. of the peak day.
20 In addition, the model also includes a term for peaks occurring during the
21 weekends as these tend to be lower than weekday peaks. The projected winter
22 peak load per customer value is multiplied by the total number of customers to
23 derive a preliminary estimate of the forecasted winter peak.

1 **Q. Are the same line item adjustments made to the summer peak forecast also**
2 **made to the winter peak forecast?**

3 A. Yes. The winter peak forecast is adjusted for incremental wholesale loads, new
4 load resulting from plug-in electric vehicles, and incremental load resulting from
5 the Economic Development Rider and Existing Facilities Economic Development
6 Rider.

7 **Q. How are energy efficiency standards treated in the winter peak forecast?**

8 A. ITRON developed end-use estimates of the energy efficiency standards impacting
9 the winter peak, similar to the estimates developed for the summer peak. As is
10 the case in the development of the summer peak forecast, energy efficiency
11 standards do not include utility-sponsored DSM programs as these are addressed
12 in the resource planning process. Rather, energy efficiency standards refer to
13 national and state efficiency standards as well as the savings resulting from
14 compact fluorescent bulbs. The historical levels of the winter peak are first
15 increased to remove the historical level of energy efficiency standards. The
16 winter peak per customer model is based on these adjusted historical levels. The
17 future impact from energy efficiency standards is then treated as a line item
18 adjustment reducing the level of the winter peak forecast.

19 **Q. What is FPL's projected winter peak demand?**

20 A. As shown in Exhibit RM-8, the winter peak is projected to increase at an annual
21 rate of 1.3% between 2011 and 2021. The annual growth in the winter peak
22 between 2011 and 2021 is expected to be 283 MW a year. By 2021 the winter

1 peak is expected to reach 23,952 MW, an increase of 2,826 MW over the 2011
2 winter peak.

3 **Q. Why are FPL's projected winter peaks low relative to the 2010 winter peak?**

4 A. The 2010 winter peak was the result of the extraordinary period of sustained cold
5 weather experienced in January 2010. The day prior to the peak, January 10,
6 2010, was the third coldest day on record in the FPL service area based on records
7 going back to 1948. Moreover, the cold weather had already been experienced
8 almost continuously for more than a week prior to the January 2010 peak. Indeed,
9 January 2010 holds the record for having the highest number of consecutive days
10 below 40 degrees. Due to this period of sustained cold weather, a record peak of
11 24,346 MW was recorded on January 11, 2010. Projected winter peaks are based
12 on the weather normally experienced on the day of the winter peak, as opposed to
13 the record cold experienced in January 2010. As a result, the projected winter
14 peaks through 2021 are not expected to exceed the 2010 winter peak.

15 **Q. Is FPL's winter peak demand forecast based on an econometric model with a
16 strong goodness of fit and a high degree of statistical significance?**

17 A. Yes. Goodness of fit refers to how closely the predicted values of a model match
18 the actual observed values. FPL's winter peak model has a strong goodness of fit
19 as demonstrated by the model's adjusted R square of 80.2%. This means that
20 80.2% of the variability in the winter peak per customer is explained by the
21 model. In addition, the coefficients for all of the variables have the expected sign
22 (+/-) and are statistically significant. This indicates that the variables influencing
23 the winter peak demand have been properly identified and their predicted impact

1 is statistically sound. Finally, the model has a Durbin-Watson statistic of 1.904
2 indicating the absence of significant autocorrelation. The absence of significant
3 autocorrelation is a desirable quality in a well-constructed model. Overall, the
4 winter peak model has excellent diagnostic statistics.

5 **Q. Is FPL's winter peak demand reasonable?**

6 A. Yes. FPL's projected winter peak demand is based on assumptions developed by
7 industry experts, is consistent with historical experience, and relies on the
8 forecasting methods previously reviewed and accepted by the Commission. The
9 model employed by FPL has a strong goodness of fit and a high degree of
10 statistical significance. FPL is confident that the relationship that exists between
11 the level of winter peak demand, the weather, customers, energy efficiency
12 standards and other variables have been properly assessed and numerically
13 quantified.

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15 **5. NET ENERGY FOR LOAD FORECAST**

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17 **Q. How does FPL forecast energy sales?**

18 A. FPL forecasts energy sales using an econometric model for total net energy for
19 load, which is energy generated net of plant use. An econometric model for net
20 energy for load is more reliable than models for billed energy sales because the
21 explanatory variables can be better matched to usage. This is so because the net
22 energy for load data do not have to be attuned to account for billing cycle
23 adjustments, which might distort the real time match between the production and
24 consumption of electricity.

1 **Q. What inputs does the econometric model used to forecast net energy for load**
2 **rely on?**

3 A. FPL has found that the customer base, the economy, weather, and energy
4 efficiency standards are the principal factors influencing net energy for load.
5 Accordingly, a net energy per customer model has been developed incorporating
6 these variables.

7 **Q. How are weather conditions incorporated into the net energy per customer**
8 **model?**

9 A. The weather variables included in the net energy for load per customer model are
10 cooling degree hours using a base of 72 degrees and winter heating degree days
11 using a base of 66 degrees. In addition, a second measure of heating degree days
12 is included using a base of 45 degrees in order to capture the additional heating
13 load resulting from sustained periods of unusually cold weather as occurred in
14 January 2010.

15 **Q. How are economic conditions incorporated into the net energy per customer**
16 **model?**

17 A. Consistent with its use in the summer peak model, a composite variable based on
18 Florida real per capita income weighted by the percent of the state's population
19 employed is used as a measure of economic conditions. The net energy per
20 customer model also includes a variable designed to measure the health of the
21 housing industry based on the ratio of inactive to active meters. Finally, the
22 detrimental impact higher energy prices have on electricity consumption is

1 measured by the Consumer Price Index for energy prices, as forecasted by IHS
2 Global Insight.

3 **Q. How is the impact from energy efficiency standards incorporated into the net**
4 **energy per customer model?**

5 A. A variable is included for the impact of energy efficiency standards based on end-
6 use estimates developed by ITRON. The impact of weather sensitive energy
7 efficiency standards has been estimated by month based on the expected number
8 of cooling degree hours by month and ITRON's annual estimates.

9 **Q. Are the same line item adjustments made to the summer and winter peak**
10 **forecasts also made to the net energy for load forecast?**

11 A. Yes. The net energy for load forecast is adjusted for incremental wholesale loads,
12 new load resulting from plug-in electric vehicles, and incremental load resulting
13 from the Economic Development Rider and Existing Facilities Economic
14 Development Rider.

15 **Q. What is FPL's projected net energy for load?**

16 A. As shown in Exhibit RM-9, FPL is projecting a 1.8% annual growth rate in net
17 energy for load between 2011 and 2021. This projected annual growth in net
18 energy for load reflects a somewhat slower rate of customer growth combined
19 with additional load from Lee County. Owing to a larger customer base, the
20 absolute level of increase in gigawatt-hours (GWh) is expected to be higher than
21 that experienced historically. The forecast shows an annual increase in net energy
22 for load of 2,191 GWh between 2011 and 2021, resulting in a cumulative increase
23 of 21,911 GWh.

1 **Q. How does FPL's projected net energy for load compare with the 2011 Ten**
2 **Year Site Plan forecast?**

3 A. As shown at the bottom of Exhibit RM-9, the projected long-run percentage
4 growth rates are slightly lower than those of the 2011 Ten Year Site Plan. The
5 current forecast shows a 1.8% annual growth rate in net energy for load between
6 2011 and 2021 whereas the 2011 Ten Year Site Plan showed a 2.0% annual
7 growth rate during the same period. The reduction in the forecasted growth in net
8 energy for load is driven in part by slower customer growth combined with lower
9 expectations for the economy.

10 **Q. Is FPL's net energy for load forecast based on an econometric model with**
11 **strong goodness of fit and a high degree of statistical significance?**

12 A. Yes. Goodness of fit refers to how closely the predicted values of a model match
13 the actual observed values. FPL's net energy for load model has strong goodness
14 of fit as demonstrated by the model's adjusted R square of 99.4%. This means
15 that 99.4% of the variability in net energy for load per customer is explained by
16 the model. In addition, the coefficients for all the variables have the expected
17 sign (+/-) and are statistically significant. This indicates that the variables
18 influencing net energy for load have been properly identified and their predicted
19 impact is statistically sound. Finally, the model has a Durbin-Watson statistic of
20 2.062 indicating the absence of significant autocorrelation. The absence of
21 significant autocorrelation is a desirable quality in a well-constructed model.
22 Overall, the net energy for load model has excellent diagnostic statistics.

1 **Q. Is FPL's net energy for load forecast consistent with the forecasts for**
2 **summer and winter peak demands?**

3 A. Yes. All three forecasts rely on the same set of assumptions regarding population
4 and economic growth and rely on similar modeling techniques. Moreover, the
5 summer peak and net energy for load forecasts are both projecting a 1.8% annual
6 rate of growth between 2011 and 2021. Slower long-term growth is projected for
7 the winter peak which tends to be more volatile and weather dependent.

8 **Q. Is FPL's projected net energy for load reasonable?**

9 A. Yes. FPL's projected net energy for load is based on assumptions developed by
10 industry experts, is consistent with historical experience, and relies on the
11 forecasting methods previously reviewed and accepted by the Commission. The
12 model employed by FPL has a strong goodness of fit and high degrees of
13 statistical significance. FPL is confident that the relationship that exists between
14 the level of net energy for load and the economy, weather, customers, energy
15 efficiency standards, and other variables have been properly assessed and
16 numerically quantified.

17 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

18 A. Yes.

1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

3 **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF HEATHER C. STUBBLEFIELD**

4 **DOCKET NO. 11 _____-EI**

5 **NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

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7 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

8 A. My name is Heather C. Stubblefield. My business address is 700 Universe
9 Boulevard, Juno Beach, Florida, 33408.

10 **Q. By whom are you employed and what position do you hold?**

11 A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") as Manager of
12 Project Development in the Energy Marketing and Trading division.

13 **Q. Please describe your duties and responsibilities in that position.**

14 A. I am responsible for evaluating gas transportation alternatives for FPL's gas-
15 fired generation expansions. This includes evaluating proposals from pipeline
16 companies, negotiating terms and conditions, and executing transportation
17 agreements which are in the best interest of FPL's customers.

18 **Q. Please describe your educational background and professional experience.**

19 A. I graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business
20 Administration in 1986. I joined El Paso Corporation (formerly Sonat
21 Corporation) in 1988, where I held various positions in Human Resources,
22 Internal Auditing, and the Sonat Marketing Company. In 2003, I joined FPL
23 Group Resources as the Director of Marketing for liquefied natural gas

1 initiatives. In 2005, I transferred to the Energy Marketing and Trading division
2 of FPL where my duties include evaluating gas transportation alternatives for
3 FPL's gas-fired generation expansions. This includes evaluating proposals from
4 pipeline companies, negotiating terms and conditions, and executing gas
5 transportation agreements that are in the best interest of FPL's customers.

6 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits in this case?**

7 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibit HCS-1, FPL's Fuel Price Forecast, which is
8 attached to my direct testimony.

9 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

10 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present and explain: (1) the fossil fuel price
11 forecast used in the evaluation of FPL's Port Everglades Next Generation Clean
12 Energy Center ("PEEC"); and (2) the proposed fuel and fuel transportation plan
13 for PEEC.

14 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

15 A. FPL's fossil fuel price forecast reflects the projected commodity and
16 transportation costs for fuel oil, natural gas, and coal. FPL's long-term fossil
17 fuel price forecast is reasonable for the evaluation of PEEC.

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19 PEEC will burn natural gas as its primary fuel. PEEC currently has access to gas
20 transportation pipeline infrastructure and will require minimal infrastructure
21 upgrades, primarily associated with adding the compression necessary to meet
22 the delivery pressure requirements of the plant. Regardless of the addition of
23 PEEC, FPL will need additional natural gas supply and transportation to meet its

1 overall system requirements. FPL is currently preparing a Request for Proposals
2 (“RFP”) to meet these future gas transportation needs.

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4 Finally, PEEC will utilize a form of light fuel oil known as ultra-low-sulfur
5 distillate as a backup fuel source in the event of a natural gas supply disruption.
6 Light fuel oil will be stored in sufficient quantities to allow PEEC to operate at
7 full capacity for seventy-two (72) hours of continuous operation and can be re-
8 supplied with both waterborne and truck deliveries.

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10 **I. FUEL FORECAST**

11 **Q. Have you provided FPL’s forecasts for the price of fuel oil, natural gas and**
12 **coal?**

13 A. Yes. FPL’s forecasts for the price of fuel oil, natural gas and coal are provided
14 in Exhibit HCS-1.

15 **Q. What fossil fuel price forecast was used in the evaluation of FPL’s proposed**
16 **Project?**

17 A. FPL’s August 1, 2011 long-term fossil fuel price forecast was used in the
18 evaluation of PEEC.

19 **Q. What was FPL’s methodology for developing the forecast for fuel oil,**
20 **natural gas, and coal?**

21 A. For fuel oil and natural gas commodity prices, FPL’s forecast applied the
22 following methodology: (1) for 2011 through 2013, FPL used the August 1,
23 2011 forward curve for New York Harbor 1% sulfur heavy oil, U. S. Gulf Coast

1 1% sulfur heavy oil, light fuel oil, and Henry Hub natural gas commodity prices;
2 (2) for the following two years (2014 and 2015), FPL used a 50/50 blend of the
3 August 1, 2011 forward curve and projections from The PIRA Energy Group;
4 (3) for the 2016 through 2025 period, FPL used the annual projections from The
5 PIRA Energy Group; and (4) for the period beyond 2025, FPL used the rate of
6 escalation from the Energy Information Administration. In addition to the
7 development of commodity prices, price forecasts were also prepared for fuel oil
8 and natural gas transportation costs. These transportation costs, when added to
9 the projected commodity prices, resulted in the delivered price forecasts used to
10 evaluate the cost-effectiveness of PEEC. Coal prices were based on mine-mouth
11 and transportation costs provided by JD Energy, Inc. This methodology is
12 consistent with the approach to fuel forecasting used in previous filings,
13 including FPL's 2011 Ten Year Site Plan.

14 **Q. Please identify the key drivers that affect the future price of fossil fuels.**

15 A. Future fuel oil and natural gas prices, and to a much lesser extent coal prices, are
16 inherently uncertain due to a significant number of unpredictable and
17 uncontrollable drivers that influence the short and long-term prices. These
18 drivers include worldwide demand, production capacity, economic growth,
19 environmental legislation, and politics.

20 **Q. Is FPL's long-term fossil fuel price forecast reasonable for the evaluation of**
21 **capacity options such as PEEC?**

22 A. Yes. FPL's long-term fossil fuel price forecast is reasonable for the evaluation
23 of PEEC. FPL's fuel price forecasts reflect the projected supply, demand and

1 price for fuel oil, natural gas, and coal, as well as the transportation of these fuels
2 to the existing and proposed sites.

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4 **II. FUEL TYPE AND FUEL TRANSPORTATION**

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6 **Q. What is the primary fuel type that will be utilized in PEEC?**

7 A. PEEC will burn natural gas as the primary fuel source.

8 **Q. Does FPL currently have natural gas delivery capability to the Port
9 Everglades site?**

10 A. Yes. Under FPL's current gas transportation contracts with Florida Gas
11 Transmission Company ("FGT"), FPL has the ability to deliver natural gas to the
12 Port Everglades site via FGT's existing pipeline system; however, incremental
13 compression will have to be added to provide the necessary delivery pressure
14 that will be required for PEEC. As presented in the direct testimony of FPL
15 witness Gnecco, the cost of the infrastructure upgrades associated with the
16 addition of compression are significantly lower than the cost of building new
17 pipeline infrastructure (which would also include compression) into other
18 locations in Broward County. As previously stated, regardless of the addition of
19 PEEC, FPL's overall system requirements will necessitate the addition of gas
20 supply and transportation capacity. FPL is currently preparing an RFP to meet
21 these future system gas transportation requirements and to ensure the reliability
22 and diversity of FPL's gas transportation portfolio.

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1 **Q. Will PEEC have a backup fuel source in the event of a natural gas supply**
2 **disruption?**

3 A. Yes. PEEC will be capable of burning light fuel oil in the event of a natural gas
4 supply disruption. PEEC will be able to receive light fuel oil from waterborne
5 deliveries, which is a significant advantage over inland plants. In addition, light
6 fuel oil can be trucked to the site and stored on-site. There will be sufficient
7 storage to allow the site to operate at full capacity for seventy-two (72) hours of
8 continuous operation, and the two delivery alternatives will allow for rapid and
9 flexible re-supply of light fuel oil to PEEC.

10 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

11 A. Yes.

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1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

3 **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF KENNARD F. KOSKY**

4 **DOCKET NO. 11 _____-EI**

5 **November 21, 2011**

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7 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

8 A. My name is Kennard F. Kosky, and my business address is 6026 NW 1st Place,
9 Gainesville, Florida 32607.

10 **Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?**

11 A. I am employed by Golder Associates Inc., an engineering consulting firm
12 specializing in ground engineering and environmental services as a Principal in
13 the firm's Gainesville office. I am involved primarily in the environmental
14 aspects of electric power plants, including managing and directing
15 multidisciplinary environmental licensing projects and air pollution and noise
16 studies.

17 **Q. Please describe your educational background and professional experience.**

18 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Florida Atlantic
19 University, and a Master of Science degree in environmental engineering from the
20 University of Central Florida. I also completed one and half years of doctoral-
21 level course work in the engineering Ph.D. program at the University of Florida.

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1 Over the last 35 years, my primary activities have involved the siting and
2 licensing of electric power plants. I have worked on over 50,000 megawatts
3 (MWs) of new and existing generation, including nuclear generating units,
4 conventional coal, oil, and gas-fired steam generating units, combined cycle units,
5 integrated coal gasification combined cycle (IGCC) units, simple cycle units,
6 municipal solid waste (MSW) fired units, biomass-fired steam generating units,
7 and diesel units. My experience also includes five FPL modernizations or
8 repowering projects where combined cycle units replaced older steam generating
9 units. These projects were the FPL Lauderdale, Fort Myers, and Sanford
10 Repowering Projects, the Cape Canaveral Energy Center modernization project,
11 and the Riviera Beach Energy Center modernization project. My primary
12 technical activities have involved developing air emission inventories, evaluating
13 air pollution control technologies, and performing air quality impact evaluations
14 of these facilities. I also served as either the project director or project manager
15 for environmental licensing of those modernizations and repowering projects. A
16 copy of my curriculum vitae is attached as Exhibit KFK-1 to my testimony.

17 **Q. Please describe any professional registrations or certifications that you hold**
18 **in your field of expertise.**

19 A. I am a registered Professional Engineer in mechanical engineering in the State of
20 Florida. I have been practicing as a registered Professional Engineer since 1976.

21 **Q. Could you please describe your responsibilities for the proposed**
22 **modernization of FPL's existing Port Everglades Plant to combined cycle**

1 **technology, to be renamed the Port Everglades Next Generation Clean**
 2 **Energy Center (PEEC)?**

3 A. I have the responsibility for directing the preparation of the Site Certification
 4 Application that will be submitted for the project to the Florida Department of
 5 Environmental Protection (FDEP). This application addresses local and state
 6 environmental requirements and includes copies of separately filed applications
 7 for federally approved programs, such as the Prevention of Significant
 8 Deterioration (PSD)/Air Construction Permit application and Industrial
 9 Wastewater Facility Permit application.

10 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits in this case?**

11 A. Yes, I am sponsoring the following exhibits, which are attached to my direct
 12 testimony.

13 Exhibits KFK-1 Curriculum vitae of Kennard F. Kosky

14 Exhibit KFK-2 Sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and
 15 Particulate Matter (PM) emissions (tons/year) –
 16 Existing and Port Everglades Next Generation Clean
 17 Energy Center (PEEC)

18 Exhibit KFK-3 SO₂, NO_x, and Particulate Matter emission rate
 19 (lb/MWh) – Existing and PEEC

20 Exhibit KFK-4 Carbon dioxide (CO₂) emission rate (lb/MWh) -
 21 Existing and PEEC

22 Exhibit KFK-5 Cumulative CO₂ reductions in FPL's system with
 23 PEEC

1 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

2 A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide the Commission an overview of the
3 key environmental aspects of PEEC. Because electric power plants constructed in
4 Florida must comply with environmental regulations, the costs of compliance are
5 part of the overall project costs that the Commission considers in its need
6 determination.

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8 Based upon my training, experience, and analysis conducted in relation to this
9 project, I reach the following key conclusions in my testimony: (i) the selection of
10 advanced combined cycle technology and environmental controls for PEEC not
11 only meets, but is better than the existing environmental regulatory requirements;
12 (ii) the technology selected for PEEC is the best available alternative from an
13 environmental perspective; and (iii) the project includes design features that can
14 meet anticipated future environmental requirements and the environmental
15 compliance costs evaluated by FPL to meet future environmental requirements
16 reflect an appropriate estimate of possible future costs.

17 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

18 A. My testimony provides an overview of the key environmental aspects of
19 modernizing the Port Everglades Plant. My testimony demonstrates that the use
20 of natural gas, the cleanest fossil fuel, together with advanced combined cycle
21 technology and state-of-the-art air pollution control equipment for PEEC, will
22 meet or be better than the environmental regulatory requirements. Modernizing
23 this plant with advanced combined cycle technology will reduce overall emissions

1 of particulate matter (PM), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and nitrogen oxides (NO_x), as
2 well as carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in FPL's system. CO₂ constitutes the vast
3 majority (99%) of greenhouse gases (GHG) that are emitted when combusting
4 natural gas and oil. GHGs are gases in the atmosphere that trap heat. GHGs in
5 the atmosphere are both naturally occurring and emitted by man-made activities,
6 and include CO₂, methane, nitrous oxide (N₂O), and man-made fluorinated gases.
7 PEEC together with other system improvements will reduce FPL's overall system
8 CO₂ emissions by millions of tons over its future operation.

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10 Regulation of GHG/CO₂ emissions has just begun to be implemented by the
11 United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the Prevention of
12 Significant Deterioration (PSD) program of the Clean Air Act and GHG
13 regulation is likely to continue into the future as will be addressed later in my
14 testimony. Implementation of some form of new GHG/CO₂ regulations favors
15 modernization of the Port Everglades Plant, since there is a significant reduction
16 in CO₂ emission rates with PEEC. This reduction in the CO₂ emission rate
17 coupled with the benefits resulting in FPL system wide CO₂ reductions, are
18 advantageous with regard to possible future GHG/CO₂ regulations.

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20 Together, the implementation of future regulation of hazardous air pollutants,
21 NO_x and SO₂, and the possible GHG/CO₂ legislation favors PEEC because of its
22 contribution to FPL system wide emission reductions. The future environmental

1 compliance costs considered by FPL in its analyses are reasonable and
2 appropriate.

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4 FPL expects to use the existing cooling water source and infrastructure, which
5 will allow FPL to add up to 1,277 MW of capacity but with reduced water
6 impacts. The cooling water requirements for the proposed combined cycle units
7 are less than one-half that of the existing facility. This amount is still more than
8 sufficient to provide a warm water refuge for manatees during the winter months.
9 The modernized plant will have a much lower profile with three stacks no higher
10 than 150 feet and low profile heat recovery steam generators, while the existing
11 Port Everglades Plant has four approximately 340 foot-high stacks and
12 accompanying large boilers.

13 **Q. How is your testimony organized?**

14 A. My testimony is divided into three sections. Section I provides an overview of
15 the major environmental requirements for modernizing the Port Everglades Plant.
16 Section II presents information on how PEEC will not only meet, but be better
17 than these requirements. Section III describes existing and possible future
18 environmental requirements and their potential impact on future environmental
19 compliance requirements and costs. In this section, I describe how these existing
20 and possible future environmental costs were included in FPL's analysis.

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1 **SECTION I: ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS AND REQUIREMENTS**

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Q. What environmental approvals are required for the PEEC?

A. FPL is required to obtain local, state, and federal environmental approvals for PEEC. The key FDEP environmental approvals will include the site certification under the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act and approvals for issuance of Air Construction Permit and modification to the Industrial Wastewater Facility Permit, which are part of federally delegated programs. Another key approval will be from the EPA for the PSD review of the emissions of GHGs. The project will also have to demonstrate conformance with local environmental land use and zoning requirements.

Q. Please summarize the major requirements for the environmental approvals for PEEC.

A. Environmental approvals for PEEC require the assembly of technical information on the environmental aspects of the project along with historical data on the existing Port Everglades Plant. This assembled information is included in the Site Certification Application submitted to FDEP and other federal environmental applications needing approval. PEEC will result in significant improvements in environmental performance when compared to returning less efficient and higher emitting existing steam units to service. The environmental regulatory agencies will evaluate these environmental improvements for the project against the historical operation of the plant and make a determination regarding the

1 construction and operation of the new combined cycle unit at the Port Everglades
2 Plant.

3 **Q. What are the general timeframes for approvals?**

4 A. The environmental approvals will likely take about 12 months after applications
5 are submitted. Approvals can be challenged and may cause project delays. The
6 amount of additional time required to address any challenges that might arise is
7 uncertain, but challenges historically have extended decisions on regulatory
8 approvals by months.

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10 **SECTION II: ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND BENEFITS**

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12 **Q. What general features of PEEC serve to meet environmental requirements?**

13 A. The proposed modernization of the existing Port Everglades Plant with advanced
14 natural gas fired combined cycle units is an ideal opportunity to use an existing
15 power plant site and infrastructure to achieve site-specific and overall system
16 environmental improvements. The Port Everglades Plant provides the
17 infrastructure for a new combined cycle unit that includes an existing developed
18 site dedicated to generation of electricity, existing cooling water systems, existing
19 gas delivery infrastructure, and access to the FPL transmission system. This
20 infrastructure will minimize the environmental impacts of adding new generation.
21 Air emissions will be minimized by the use of the cleanest fuels (natural gas and
22 ultra-low sulfur distillate oil), advanced combined cycle technology, and
23 installation of state-of-the-art air pollution control equipment for emissions of

1 NO_x. In contrast, the existing Port Everglades Plant's use of older technology and
2 heavy fuel oil contributes to significantly higher air emissions than a new
3 combined cycle unit.

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5 Combined cycle technology also minimizes the use of cooling water relative to
6 the existing steam cycle units. The existing steam generating units at the Port
7 Everglades Plant require cooling water flow for all the electric generation
8 produced because all of the generation is by steam turbine-generator requiring
9 cooling water. In contrast, the new combined cycle unit requires cooling water
10 for less than half of the electric generation produced because most of the electric
11 generation is by combustion turbines that do not require cooling water. After the
12 modernization of the Port Everglades Plant is complete, the total generation will
13 have a small increase in output but significant improvements in environmental
14 performance and decreased fuel use when compared to returning the old steam
15 units to service.

16 **Q. Will FPL's environmental compliance plan for PEEC meet the applicable**
17 **environmental requirements?**

18 A. Yes. PEEC will meet all applicable local, state, and federal environmental
19 requirements and standards. Indeed, many of the environmental controls will be
20 better than the requirements and standards because they are based on clean fuels
21 and low-emission technologies.

1 **Q. What environmental benefits will result when PEEC is operational?**

2 A. There will be considerable reductions in the air emissions of PM, NO_x, and SO₂.
3 PM in this context includes particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10
4 microns (PM₁₀) and particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5
5 microns (PM_{2.5}). Exhibit KFK-2 shows the reduction from actual air emissions for
6 PEEC. As shown, the air emissions of PM, NO_x, and SO₂ before the
7 modernization are about 600 tons/year, 4,300 tons/year, and 9,500 tons/year,
8 respectively. In contrast, the air emissions of PM, NO_x, and SO₂ after the
9 modernization are 221 tons/year, 344 tons/year, and 190 tons/year, respectively or
10 about a 95 percent reduction in the emissions of these pollutants. More
11 importantly, the amount of generation associated with the new combined cycle
12 unit reflected in Exhibit KFK-2 is more than 3 times higher than that associated
13 with the existing Port Everglades Plant due to an assumed capacity factor of 90
14 percent for PEEC, while the existing capacity factor is less than 30 percent. The
15 reductions directly attributable to PEEC will provide a significant environmental
16 benefit for FPL's customers and Florida's future.

17 **Q. How will PEEC affect FPL's overall emission rates before and after the**
18 **modernization?**

19 A. PEEC will further reduce FPL's already low emission profile compared to all
20 other utilities in the United States. The use of highly efficient combined cycle
21 units results in emission rates in pounds per megawatt hour (lb/MWh) that are
22 significantly lower than the existing emission rates for PM, SO₂, and NO_x. Exhibit

1 KFK-3 shows the lb/MWh emission rates of the Port Everglades Plant before and
2 after the modernization is complete.

3 **Q. How will PEEC affect FPL's SO₂ and NO_x emission rates as they compare to**
4 **other utilities?**

5 A. Of the 119 utilities in power control areas in the U.S., FPL in 2007 ranked 77th
6 and 87th lowest in average lb/MWh emissions of SO₂ and NO_x. FPL's average
7 lb/MWh emission rates for SO₂ and NO_x were 53% and 64% lower than the
8 national utility average. As shown in Exhibit KFK-3, the lb/MWh emission rates
9 significantly decrease with PEEC. This will further reduce FPL's system
10 emission profile for all of these air emissions by displacing emissions from less
11 efficient units.

12 **Q. What effect will PEEC have on FPL's CO₂ emission rates?**

13 A. The lb/MWh CO₂ emission rate after the modernization of the Port Everglades
14 Plant is complete will be less than one-half of the existing CO₂ emission rate.
15 This reduction in CO₂ emission rate is a result of the efficiency of advanced
16 combined cycle technology and the use of natural gas. PEEC will be among the
17 most efficient natural gas fired generating units in Florida and the country, which
18 will displace generation produced by less efficient units in FPL's system and
19 concomitantly reduce the amount of CO₂ emissions. The increased efficiency can
20 be shown by a comparison of lb/MWh CO₂ emission rates. Exhibit KFK-4 shows
21 the lb/MWh emission rates before and after the modernization of the Port
22 Everglades Plant to combined cycle technology. As shown in this exhibit, the
23 CO₂ emission rate for the new combined cycle unit will be less than 800 lb/MWh,

1 while the actual CO₂ emission rate for the existing FPL Port Everglades Plant is
2 about 1,740 lb/MWh, or more than twice as high. PEEC, among other measures,
3 will continue FPL's major efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions in its system.

4 **Q. What effect would PEEC have on FPL's system emissions of CO₂?**

5 A. PEEC will reduce FPL's system emissions of CO₂ by about 22 million tons from
6 2016 through 2047 as shown in Exhibit KFK-5 compared with returning to
7 service Port Everglades Units 1 through 4. The exhibit shows that there will be
8 significant long-term reduction in CO₂ emissions in FPL's system as a direct
9 result of PEEC.

10 **Q. How will PEEC affect FPL's CO₂ emission rates as they compare to other
11 utilities?**

12 A. FPL has one of the lowest CO₂ emission rates in the country. Of the 119 utilities
13 in power control areas, FPL ranks 98th lowest in CO₂ emissions with an average
14 lb/MWh CO₂ emission rate 45% lower than the national average. PEEC will
15 continue the reduction in GHG/CO₂ emissions. This represents top quartile
16 performance.

17 **Q. Are there any laws regulating GHG/CO₂ that are applicable to PEEC?**

18 A. Yes. The EPA adopted a regulation on June 10, 2010 that requires PSD review of
19 greenhouse gases emitted from the project, which are primarily CO₂. The PSD
20 review involves the establishment of an emission limit determined to be Best
21 Available Control Technology (BACT). The new PEEC 3-on-1 combined cycle
22 unit will have to undergo this BACT determination since the criteria for review is
23 based on a comparison of past actual emissions of the existing Port Everglades

1 Plant that operated at less than 30 percent capacity factor to future potential
2 emissions of the modernized plant operating at 100 percent capacity. While there
3 is a significant reduction in the emission rate of CO₂, as demonstrated in Exhibit
4 KFK-4, the net CO₂ emissions increase is higher than the EPA PSD review
5 threshold solely due to the capacity factor difference between the existing plant
6 and PEEC.

7 **Q. In your opinion, does PEEC meet the requirements for BACT under the**
8 **EPA's CO₂ regulations?**

9 A. Yes. The EPA has provided guidance for determining BACT. In its guidance,
10 the EPA emphasized efficiency in minimizing emissions of CO₂. PEEC will use
11 highly efficient combined cycle units resulting in much lower lb/MWh CO₂
12 emission rates as demonstrated in Exhibit KFK-4. In addition, as demonstrated in
13 Exhibit KFK-5, there will be a significant reduction of total CO₂ emissions in
14 FPL's system resulting from the project.

15
16 **SECTION III: FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

17
18 **Q. What future environmental requirements will potentially be applicable to**
19 **PEEC?**

20 A. The EPA promulgated several regulations that have implications for PEEC.
21 These include the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR), the proposed
22 Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) standards for electric

1 generating units, the Clean Water Act Section 316(b) regulations, and possible
2 further GHG regulations.

3 **Q. What is the EPA's CSAPR regulation and how will this regulation influence**
4 **the proposed PEEC?**

5 A. The EPA finalized CSAPR on July 6, 2011, to replace its Clean Air Interstate
6 Rule (CAIR). CSAPR requires 27 states to adopt regulation to reduce emissions
7 of NO_x and SO₂. The CSAPR, as it applies to Florida, only requires reductions in
8 NO_x emissions associated with ozone formation during the late spring and
9 summertime. There will be a significant decrease in the emissions of NO_x in
10 FPL's system as a result of PEEC. This reduction in NO_x emissions will result in
11 compliance with CSAPR requirements for the modernized Port Everglades Plant.

12 **Q. What are the MACT standards for Electric Generating Units and how will**
13 **they influence or impact PEEC?**

14 A. The MACT standards imposed limits on the emissions of hazardous air pollutants
15 for a particular industry that EPA determines is appropriate for that industry. The
16 MACT standards for particular industries are promulgated as part of National
17 Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs). On May 3, 2011,
18 the EPA proposed MACT emission limits for coal and oil-fired electric generating
19 units. The proposed EPA MACT emission limits would apply to the existing Port
20 Everglades Plant when the rule is finalized if the existing steam units were to be
21 returned to active service. However, this regulation does not apply to the
22 modernized Port Everglades Plant due to the use of combined cycle technology
23 and natural gas as the primary fuel source.

1 **Q. Please describe the EPA's proposed regulation under Section 316(b) of the**
2 **Clean Water Act and how this proposed regulation may influence or impact**
3 **PEEC.**

4 A. The EPA has proposed a regulation under Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act
5 that would limit the impingement and entrainment of aquatic organisms, such as
6 fish and fish larvae, from facilities that use large volumes of cooling water. When
7 finalized, these regulations would likely apply to the PEEC because cooling water
8 will still be necessary for the steam-electric portion of the 3-on-1 combined cycle
9 unit. However, as I previously noted, the PEEC will require much less cooling
10 water than the existing Port Everglades Plant. FPL is evaluating several design
11 options in order to meet the 316(b) requirements once finalized. The reduced
12 cooling water requirement of a modernized Port Everglades Plant will provide
13 more flexibility to meet the proposed EPA 316(b) regulation.

14 **Q. Please explain the potential compliance considerations for PEEC of future**
15 **GHG/CO₂ regulations.**

16 A. In early 2011, the EPA initiated a process that could regulate greenhouse gases
17 from power plants under Section 111(b) of the Clean Air Act. While regulations
18 have not yet been proposed, such regulation could potentially regulate GHG/CO₂
19 emissions from new, modified, and existing power plants.

20

21 Future regulation under Section 111(b) of the Clean Air Act would not likely
22 affect the PEEC for two reasons. First, the PEEC 3-on-1 natural gas combined
23 cycle unit will be one of the most efficient in the country as demonstrated by CO₂

1 emission rate in lb/MWh. As such, the CO₂ emission rate from the modernized
2 plant would likely meet any requirement that the EPA would likely adopt for this
3 type of facility under Section 111(b).
4

5 Second, the EPA will establish BACT CO₂ emission limits for the modernized
6 Port Everglades Plant. By definition, BACT is more stringent than the standards
7 adopted under Section 111(b) of the Clean Air Act. Therefore, the GHG emission
8 limit established as BACT for PEEC will likely be much lower than any GHG
9 emission limit established by EPA under Section 111(b), such that future
10 regulation of PEEC under Section 111(b) is unlikely to impose any additional
11 regulatory requirements.

12 **Q. What would be the impact of PEEC under any future CO₂ regulation that**
13 **involved a cap-and-trade system?**

14 A. As shown in Exhibits KFK-4 and KFK-5, there is a considerable reduction in the
15 CO₂ emission rate and CO₂ emissions in FPL's system as a result of the project.
16 If any cap-and-trade system were established, the reduction of CO₂ emissions
17 resulting from PEEC would be advantageous to FPL's system by either reducing
18 the number of allowances that FPL would have to buy or increasing the
19 allowances available for FPL to sell.

20 **Q. In your opinion, does the PEEC Project have design features and equipment**
21 **that can meet future environmental requirements?**

22 A. Yes. The use of natural gas, the cleanest fossil fuel, together with advanced
23 combined cycle technology and state-of-the-art air pollution control equipment,

1 will result in air emissions that can meet the future regulatory requirements
2 related to air emissions and GHGs. Similarly, the availability of existing Port
3 Everglades infrastructure and the reduced cooling water flow of PEEC provides
4 flexibility for meeting the 316(b) requirements.

5 **Q. In your opinion, is the PEEC Project reasonable and appropriate based on**
6 **future environmental requirements?**

7 A. Yes. The improved environmental performance as outlined in my testimony and
8 exhibits demonstrates that PEEC is reasonable and appropriate based on future
9 environmental requirements.

10 **Q. In FPL's economic analysis of PEEC were CSAPR and possible GHG/CO₂**
11 **regulations considered? If so, how?**

12 A. Yes. FPL's economic analysis considered CSAPR and the potential future
13 regulation of GHG/CO₂ using projections developed by considering possible
14 future federal legislation using the basic framework of the cap-and-trade system.
15 Historically, there have been federal legislative initiatives that have proposed
16 different forms of GHG/CO₂ regulation based on the cap-and-trade system. These
17 initiatives have included both multi-sector and electric sector regulation with
18 variable reductions of GHG/CO₂ emissions. While GHG/CO₂ legislation is
19 unlikely in the near-term, cap-and-trade legislation has been used historically to
20 reduce multi-state air emissions such as the Acid Rain Program. Cap-and-trade
21 legislation coupled with future EPA regulations on the electric utility sector and
22 evaluation of energy/fuel markets formed the basis for the compliance costs that
23 may occur in the future.

1 **Q. Please explain the compliance costs for the future EPA regulations and**
2 **potential GHG/CO₂ legislation that were included in the FPL economic**
3 **analysis of PEEC.**

4 A. Compliance costs under a cap-and-trade system are based on the cost of
5 allowances, which are multiplied by the amount of allowances required for the
6 specific pollutant. The allowance costs used by FPL were based on the
7 information from ICF International (ICF) in a confidential report titled "2011
8 Emission Price Projections Revision from 2010 - based on ICF 2010 Fourth
9 quarter upgrade." ICF is a recognized leader in providing modeling and
10 simulations of emission and energy markets for private and public entities. The
11 ICF report provides compliance cost forecasts that are based on integrated
12 modeling of the electric, fuel, and environmental markets in the U.S. The
13 compliance costs used were the ICF forecasted 4th quarter forecast for GHG/CO₂
14 legislation and CSAPR rule.

15 **Q. In your opinion, are the allowance costs used in FPL's economic evaluation**
16 **of PEEC reasonable and appropriate projections of future environmental**
17 **compliance costs?**

18 A. Yes. I conclude that FPL considered reasonable and appropriate environmental
19 costs that are predicted to occur in the future.

20 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

21 A. Yes.

1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

3 **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF PEDRO MODIA, P.E.**

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7 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

8 A. My name is Pedro Modia, P.E. My business address is 4200 W. Flagler Street,
9 Miami, Florida 33134.

10 **Q. By whom are you employed and what position do you hold?**

11 A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL" or the "Company") as
12 Director of Transmission Services and Planning.

13 **Q. Please describe your duties and responsibilities in that position.**

14 A. I am responsible for the transmission planning aspects of new generator and
15 utility interconnections, transmission and substation expansion planning, and
16 transmission service-related activities, including contract negotiations, legal and
17 regulatory proceedings, and contract interpretations.

18 **Q. Please describe your educational background and professional experience.**

19 A. I received a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from Florida
20 International University. I am a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of
21 Florida. Prior to assuming my present role in 2009, I served as FPL's Director of
22 Power Supply. I began my career with FPL in 1977 and have 33 years of service
23 with the Company including the following positions: Director of Substations,

1 General Manager Generation, Director of Transmission, and Director of
2 Protection and Control.

3 **Q. Are you sponsoring an exhibit in this case?**

4 **A.** Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibit PM-1, Summary of Required Facilities for the Port
5 Everglades Next Generation Clean Energy Center (PEEC), which is attached to
6 my direct testimony.

7 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

8 **A.** My testimony presents three aspects related to FPL's transmission system and the
9 PEEC Project. First, I present a general overview of the FPL transmission
10 system, the Southeast Florida area, and in particular the Miami-Dade and
11 Broward County area. Second, I describe the overall transmission evaluation
12 process and the results of transmission system-related cost studies for the PEEC
13 Project and its alternatives. Finally, I discuss the reliability benefits of the PEEC
14 Project.

15 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

16 **A.** FPL has analyzed its transmission capability to reliably serve its customers in the
17 future. These analyses have identified concerns with maintaining a regional
18 balance between customer demand and generating capacity in the general
19 Southeast Florida area. Most recently, these concerns are focused on the Miami-
20 Dade and Broward County area and FPL continues to monitor these concerns.

21

22 The balance between customer demand and generating capacity in an area is
23 maintained by the capability of the transmission system to make up the

1 differences, however the transmission system capability is finite. While FPL
2 could construct new transmission facilities to import more generation into the
3 area, such construction would be very costly and not without significant risk,
4 including uncertainty regarding approvals for siting, licensing, and permitting for
5 the construction of major transmission facilities necessary to maintain adequate
6 reliability for FPL's customers. FPL estimates that these transmission facilities
7 would cost approximately \$638 million (2016\$) and would be required by 2020,
8 in order to maintain reliability. Alternatively, FPL could locate new generation in
9 the area such as the PEEC Project that FPL is proposing.

10
11 The FPL Transmission Planning group also has performed an evaluation of the
12 FPL transmission system under my direction and control that provided inputs to
13 FPL's Resource Assessment and Planning (RAP) department to support the
14 economic evaluation of the competing alternatives for meeting FPL's generation
15 need in 2016, including the PEEC Project, and also identified the transmission
16 related requirements for the interconnection and integration of the PEEC Project.
17 The total transmission cost of both interconnection and integration facilities for
18 the PEEC Project is estimated to be approximately \$32.5 million (2016\$).

19
20 FPL's proposal to modernize the existing Port Everglades plant adequately
21 provides for FPL system reliability by siting efficient, base load generation in
22 Broward County, a location within FPL's service area with a high concentration

1 of customer load, and postpones the need for significant transmission investment
2 to increase import capability.

3
4 **FPL'S TRANSMISSION SYSTEM AND THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA AREA**

5
6 **Q. Please describe FPL's transmission system.**

7 A. FPL is part of the nation's Eastern Interconnection transmission network. It has
8 multiple points of interconnection with other utilities that enable power to be
9 exchanged among utilities. The FPL transmission system is comprised of
10 approximately 6,721 circuit miles of transmission lines. Integration of the
11 generation, transmission and distribution system is achieved through FPL's 586
12 substations.

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14 The FPL transmission system is designed to integrate all of FPL's generation
15 resources to serve FPL's retail customers and to meet FPL's firm long-term
16 transmission service obligations in a reliable and cost effective manner. It is
17 planned and designed consistent with reliability standards and criteria established
18 by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the Florida
19 Reliability Coordinating Council (FRCC).

1 **Q. In previous need determination regulatory proceedings, FPL has addressed**
2 **the need for siting generation in or increasing the transmission capability to**
3 **the Southeast Florida area. What does FPL consider to be the Southeast**
4 **Florida area?**

5 A. The Southeast Florida area of FPL's transmission system has been described as
6 the region south and east of, and including FPL's Corbett Substation;
7 geographically, this includes a portion of southern Palm Beach County and all of
8 Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.

9 **Q. Please describe FPL's transmission concerns for the Southeast Florida area.**

10 A. The concern originated from transmission assessments performed by FPL as far
11 back as 2002, which identified the growing load-to-generation imbalance in
12 Southeast Florida, as well as the finite capability of the transmission system to
13 import power into Southeast Florida in the future. As the load in the area
14 continues to grow, FPL must either build new generation within the Southeast
15 Florida area or make transmission system improvements to increase the
16 transmission import capability, or both, at some time in the near future. This was
17 the load-to-generation imbalance concern that FPL had previously identified in
18 prior need determination proceedings before the Commission.

19 **Q. How did the additions of Turkey Point Unit 5 and West County Units 1, 2,**
20 **and 3 impact FPL's transmission system and the load-to-generation**
21 **imbalance in the Southeast Florida area?**

22 A. The additions of Turkey Point Unit 5 in 2007 and West County Units 1, 2, and 3
23 in 2009, 2010, and 2011 mitigated but did not entirely eliminate the load-to-

1 generation imbalance concern in the Southeast Florida area. Two other projects
2 that are currently in progress -- the uprates to the Turkey Point nuclear units in
3 2012 and 2013 and the addition of the Riviera Beach Energy Center in 2014 --
4 will also help to mitigate the Southeast Florida area imbalance.

5 **Q. Is there currently an imbalance between load and generation in the**
6 **Southeast Florida area?**

7 A. Yes. Although the generating capacity additions discussed above have helped to
8 mitigate the imbalance issue, the benefits are partly offset by the fact that old,
9 inefficient generating capacity existing within the area will be retired or have been
10 placed on Inactive Reserve status and eventually retired, as witness Enjamio
11 explains in his direct testimony. Cutler Units 5 and 6 are planned to be retired by
12 the end of 2012, and Port Everglades Units 1-4 and Turkey Point Unit 2 have
13 been placed on Inactive Reserve. If all the units that are retired or placed in
14 Inactive Reserve are not returned to service or replaced with generation in this
15 area, the generating capacity within the Southeast Florida area will be reduced by
16 approximately 1800 MW. In addition, Turkey Point Unit 1 is planned to be
17 placed on Inactive Reserve in 2016, as witness Enjamio explains in his direct
18 testimony. This will be a total reduction of approximately 2200 MW. Since the
19 potential reduction in Southeast Florida capacity is primarily in the central and
20 southernmost portion of the area (Miami-Dade and Broward Counties), and the
21 recent generation additions at West County are primarily in the north portion of
22 the area (Palm Beach County), these changes have resulted in a shift in the
23 imbalance to a smaller geographic area of concern within the Southeast Florida

1 area. The area of concern regarding an imbalance between load and generation is
2 now confined to Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

3 **Q. Please explain the specific concerns for the Miami-Dade and Broward**
4 **County area.**

5 A. Miami-Dade and Broward Counties are the most populated counties in FPL's
6 territory with the highest concentration of customer load. The two counties
7 together represent approximately 44% of FPL's total load, based on recent
8 history. Based on this trend, by 2016, FPL projects it will have about 10,000 MW
9 of peak load in the Miami-Dade and Broward County area, and the peak load in
10 this area is estimated to grow by about 150-200 MW per year. With the planned
11 retirements of old, inefficient units such as Cutler Units 5 and 6, and with Port
12 Everglades Units 1-4 and Turkey Point Units 1 and 2 placed on Inactive Reserve,
13 FPL will have only 4,896 MW of active installed capacity in Miami-Dade and
14 Broward Counties (this includes approximately 1,260 MW of 1970's vintage
15 aero-derivative gas turbine generation which is primarily utilized for emergency
16 reserves). As the load in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties continues to grow,
17 FPL will need to rely upon its transmission system to import greater amounts of
18 power into the area to serve the load. However, the existing transmission
19 capability to import power into Miami-Dade and Broward Counties is limited to
20 about 6,400 MW. Later in my testimony I discuss how the transmission import
21 capability was determined in the transmission assessment.

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1 Another concern related to the power import capability of the area is the need for
2 voltage support. In areas of high concentrations of load, the voltage must be
3 supported by either generation close to the loads or additional facilities installed
4 on the system to maintain adequate voltage while importing the power.
5 Generators inherently provide voltage support to the transmission systems to
6 which they are connected. For this reason, the Turkey Point Unit 2 generator was
7 modified to operate as a “synchronous condenser” when it was placed on Inactive
8 Reserve status. A synchronous condenser is a term used to define a generator that
9 is connected to the system to provide voltage support without using fuel or
10 generating power. The Turkey Point nuclear switchyard has voltage requirements
11 that necessitated the use of Turkey Point Unit 2 as a synchronous condenser to
12 maintain adequate voltage in this area. When Turkey Point Unit 1 is removed
13 from generation service for economic reasons, it will be modified to also operate
14 as a synchronous condenser for voltage support at the Turkey Point switchyard.

15
16 If the inefficient generation at Port Everglades that has been placed in Inactive
17 Reserve is not returned to service or replaced with generation sited within the
18 Miami-Dade and Broward County area, the imbalance between customer demand
19 versus generation capacity in the area will require an investment of approximately
20 \$638 million (2016\$) in transmission infrastructure build out by 2020, in order to
21 maintain reliability. FPL would have to construct transmission facilities to move
22 power from remote locations into the area. Aside from the significant cost
23 associated with these transmission infrastructure additions, it is not clear that the

1 needed enhancements could be completed by 2020 because the siting, licensing,
2 permitting, and construction of major transmission facilities can take a significant
3 amount of time; in fact, in some instances major transmission facilities could take
4 as long as 5 to 7 years to put in service. For this reason, the decision to proceed
5 with such an infrastructure build out would have to be made as early as 2013.

6
7 If there is a delay beyond 2016 in either returning the inefficient generation at
8 Port Everglades to service, or constructing the PEEC Project, there is an increased
9 transmission reliability risk. This is due to the increased reliance upon the 1970's
10 vintage aero-derivative gas turbine generation (which is primarily utilized for
11 emergency reserves and not designed to run on a long term continuous basis) to
12 mitigate transmission constraints in the Miami-Dade and Broward County area.
13 To illustrate this potentially serious transmission reliability concern, we assume
14 the possibility that one of the large generating units in the Miami-Dade and
15 Broward County area (i.e. Turkey Point Unit 3, 4 or 5) is unavailable due to a
16 forced outage. In this circumstance, the aero-derivative gas turbine generation
17 would be utilized to replace the outaged generation in the area and maintain the
18 balance between generation and load in the Miami-Dade and Broward area, and
19 also meet the Turkey Point voltage requirements. After 2016, the amount of gas
20 turbine generation required to maintain the balance approaches the available
21 capacity of gas turbines in the area, leaving little margin available for mitigation
22 of potential transmission contingencies. If the available transmission and
23 generation capacity to serve the Miami-Dade and Broward county area is

1 exhausted, the only remaining remedy to maintain transmission system reliability
2 is to curtail electric service to FPL's customers in this scenario. By 2020 the
3 margin is negative and significant transmission upgrade is required as discussed
4 above. However, delaying the addition of generation into the area beyond 2016
5 carries a significant risk and is a serious concern, and therefore is not
6 recommended from a system reliability perspective.

7
8 To summarize, the existing transmission system import capability into the Miami-
9 Dade and Broward County area is 6,400 MW. Unless adequate generation is
10 added in this area to replace the generation that will be retired, and that which will
11 be in Inactive Reserve, by either bringing the Port Everglades units back into
12 generation service, or preferably by modernizing the Port Everglades Plant,
13 significant transmission upgrades will be required by no later than 2020 to
14 increase the area's transmission import capability. If there is a delay beyond 2016
15 in adding generation to the area there is a serious concern, and therefore is not
16 recommended from a system reliability perspective.

17 **Q. Would the proposed Turkey Point 6 & 7 nuclear units mitigate the**
18 **generation to load imbalance in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties?**

19 A. Yes, the new baseload capacity associated with these two new units will improve
20 the generation to load imbalance in the region. However, because the projected in-
21 service dates of those units are 2022 and 2023, respectively, these new units will
22 be unable to mitigate the imbalance that will occur by 2020. Consequently, either

1 new transmission facilities, or new generation capacity in the area (such as
2 PEEC), will be needed before Turkey Point 6 & 7 will be added.

3 **Q. Will the PEEC Project improve the Miami-Dade and Broward County**
4 **imbalance between generation and load?**

5 A. Yes. For the reasons discussed above, the PEEC Project reduces the imbalance
6 between generation and load in the Miami-Dade and Broward County area and
7 also provides voltage support, when compared to the case of not utilizing Port
8 Everglades as a generating site.

9
10 **TRANSMISSION ASSESSMENT AND SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR PEEC**

11
12 **Q. Please describe FPL's evaluation process for transmission interconnection**
13 **and integration of new generation resources.**

14 A. The evaluation process considers many factors, as outlined below, in order to
15 develop an effective transmission interconnection and integration plan. In some
16 instances, the determination of the plan is relatively straightforward; however, at
17 other times it requires an iterative assessment of various factors and a substantial
18 amount of time to perform appropriate studies. The resultant plan must be in
19 compliance with NERC and FRCC Reliability Standards.

20
21 Generally, the first step in the process is to evaluate the proposed generating plant
22 site location to determine its proximity to existing transmission facilities. To the
23 extent there are existing transmission facilities nearby, those facilities are assessed

1 to determine their capabilities for reliably interconnecting and integrating the
2 proposed new generation into the transmission system as a firm FPL generation
3 resource. Next, other factors such as those listed below are considered (as
4 applicable):

- 5 • Compliance with NERC and FRCC Reliability Standards;
- 6 • Amount of generation (MW) being added at the new generation site, and
7 the dispatch profile of the new generation resource relative to FPL's
8 other generation resources in serving FPL's load;
- 9 • Capabilities to upgrade existing facilities (can the conductor on an
10 existing transmission line be upgraded on the existing structures or
11 would the entire transmission line have to be rebuilt?);
- 12 • Need for new transmission lines, right-of-way requirements, existing
13 right-of-way capabilities, siting of new right-of-way, permitting
14 requirements, and expected time-frame to acquire right-of-way and
15 necessary permits;
- 16 • Ability to transport power efficiently (would using higher voltages be
17 more efficient by reducing the amounts of transmission losses incurred
18 when moving large amounts of power over long distances?);
- 19 • Existing and new substation requirements, capabilities, and availability;
- 20 • Impact on existing facilities (does the proposed interconnection and
21 integration plan result in an overload on an existing facility or does it
22 result in a material adverse impact somewhere else on the transmission
23 system?);

- 1 • Constructability (can the necessary transmission facilities be constructed
2 without having to take existing operating facilities out of service during
3 periods that would result in an adverse reliability impact?);
- 4 • Overall compatibility with the system (do the new facilities require new
5 material stocking requirements or the need for new tools to maintain?);
- 6 • Operating considerations (what are the maintenance requirements of the
7 proposed interconnection and integration facilities and how will they
8 impact the on-going operation of the system?);
- 9 • The timing and amount of power needed for testing of equipment such
10 as pumps and motors;
- 11 • Expected in-service testing and commercial operations dates for new
12 generation (which transmission facilities necessary for interconnection
13 and integration need to be in-service prior to the commercial operation
14 in-service date for testing?);
- 15 • The need for procuring transmission service from a third party;
- 16 • Material adverse impacts on third party transmission owner; and,
- 17 • Initial and recurring costs of facilities and operations.

18
19 The next step in the interconnection and integration evaluation process is to
20 perform power flow studies for a proposed transmission interconnection and
21 integration plan. These power flow studies are used to evaluate the performance
22 of the system and to converge on specific new system facilities and upgrades that

1 would be needed to reliably interconnect and integrate the new generation into the
2 transmission system.

3 **Q. Was this the process FPL used to evaluate transmission interconnection and**
4 **integration requirements for the PEEC Project?**

5 A. Yes.

6 **Q. What was the result of FPL's evaluation?**

7 A. The evaluation determined that most of the existing facilities in and around the
8 Port Everglades switchyard are adequate to reliably integrate the PEEC Project
9 and some facilities will require upgrading. This is primarily due to the higher
10 winter capability of the PEEC generator's combined cycle technology.

11 **Q. Please summarize the transmission facilities and costs associated with the**
12 **PEEC Project.**

13 A. The interconnection facilities required for the PEEC Project consist of four string
14 busses needed to connect the three combustion turbine generators and the steam
15 generator to the Port Everglades switchyard at a cost of approximately \$6.9
16 million (2016\$). These costs do not include the generator step-up transformers
17 (GSU), which are considered part of the generator power block.

18
19 The facilities required in order to fully integrate the PEEC Project into the FPL
20 transmission system include upgrading four existing 138 kV line sections in close
21 proximity to the Port Everglades plant switchyard to accommodate the proposed
22 PEEC unit. In addition, the Port Everglades switchyard requires an upgrade to
23 increase the fault-withstanding capability for faults on, or in close proximity to,

1 the switchyard busses. The cost of all the required integration facility upgrades is
2 estimated to be about \$25.6 million (2016\$). These upgrades are necessary due to
3 thermal overloads under various contingencies, primarily in winter conditions
4 when the output of the unit is higher, and under fault conditions, due to the higher
5 fault current available from the new generators.

6
7 The total transmission cost of both interconnection and integration facilities for
8 the PEEC Project is estimated to be approximately \$32.5 million (2016\$). The
9 specific facility upgrades and estimated costs of each are listed in Exhibit PM-1
10 Summary of Required Facilities for PEEC. These transmission costs are included
11 in the projected total cost of the PEEC Project presented by FPL Witness Gnecco
12 in his direct testimony.

13 **Q. Did FPL also assess the potential transmission-related costs to a third party**
14 **to interconnect to the FPL transmission system from a site other than Port**
15 **Everglades within the Miami-Dade or Broward area?**

16 A. Yes. Using the process described above, FPL performed a hypothetical
17 assessment for the interconnection and integration of a generation project of the
18 same size and scope as the PEEC Project located at a potential site in western
19 Broward County that could be acquired by a third party with zoning for industrial
20 use, suitable for power generation. Interconnection costs were estimated to be
21 approximately \$75 million (2016\$), and generic integration costs were essentially
22 in the range of \$290-\$406 million (2016\$). These transmission costs are
23 significantly higher than the PEEC Project costs because there are no locations on

1 the transmission system in the Miami-Dade or Broward County area that have
2 existing capacity to integrate the generation from a project similar in size to the
3 PEEC Project.

4 **Q. Please generally describe the impact on transmission losses of the location of**
5 **generating resources in the transmission system.**

6 A. Transmission losses occur in transmission facilities as the electrical current flows
7 from generators to loads. The farther the generator is from the load, the higher
8 the losses. Since there are numerous generators, transmission elements, and loads
9 distributed on the system, losses vary as a function of what generation is
10 dispatched and the load level.

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12 Power flows and the losses in the transmission system are affected whenever a
13 generating resource is dispatched. Therefore, the impact on losses of an
14 alternative will depend both on where the resource is located and the dispatch
15 characteristic of the resource. While low cost resources may operate and impact
16 transmission losses most of the time, less efficient generating resources are
17 needed to serve higher load levels and generally tend to operate and impact losses
18 during these times.

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20 In this case, one of the alternatives to the PEEC Project was to return existing
21 units to service (at Port Everglades). The generation in both of these alternatives
22 is located in the same area, in fact mostly at the same site. Therefore the

1 difference in losses between the two options is minimal and was not included in
2 the economic analysis described by FPL witness Enjamio in his direct testimony.

3
4 The other generation alternative to PEEC is the construction of a greenfield
5 combined cycle (CC) unit outside the Southeast Florida area. This greenfield CC
6 alternative would most likely have higher system transmission losses. However,
7 since a specific site has not been identified for this unit, losses have not been
8 quantified nor included in the economic analysis of the PEEC Project.

9 **Q. Is the Miami-Dade/Broward import limit an input in the economic analysis?**

10 A. Yes.

11 **Q. Please discuss the methodology used to determine the Miami-Dade/Broward**
12 **import limit.**

13 A. Calculation of the transmission import limit into the Miami-Dade and Broward
14 County area is performed by load flow analysis. In this case, the load flow
15 analysis indicated potential for the limit to be set by either thermal overload
16 conditions that are system operating limits, or voltage requirement limits at the
17 Turkey Point switchyard. In order to establish which type of condition would be
18 reached first in any case, two types of load flow analysis were used. For
19 determination of a thermal overload limit, incremental transfer capability power
20 flow analysis was used. To determine if a voltage limit is reached, Power/Voltage
21 (P/V) analysis techniques were used. The limiting conditions for both analyses
22 converged on a value of 6400 MW of power being reliably imported into the
23 Miami-Dade and Broward County area, without observing either thermal

1 overloads on facilities in the area or the voltage limit at the Turkey Point
2 switchyard being reached.

3 **Q. How is the import limit used in the economic analysis of the PEEC Project**
4 **and its alternatives?**

5 A. The import limit value discussed above is an input to the production costing
6 model used by RAP. RAP uses this import limit to determine the impact on costs
7 of any out of economic dispatch of existing FPL generating units in the Miami-
8 Dade and Broward County area that would be needed to avoid exceeding the
9 limit. Witness Enjamio discusses the results of the production costing model in
10 more detail in his direct testimony.

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12 **TRANSMISSION RELIABILITY BENEFITS OF THE PEEC PROJECT**

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14 **Q. How will the PEEC Project improve reliability to FPL's customers?**

15 A. The PEEC Project will result in a more reliable power supply to FPL's customers
16 in two ways. First, a generation source that is geographically and electrically
17 close to the load is not as dependent upon the transmission system to transfer
18 power over long distances to reach the load. As a result, adding generation close
19 to the load contributes to system stability and reliability. This is because in
20 general, areas of concentrated load have multiple transmission lines serving
21 densely populated centers. Having more lines disperses the amount of power
22 flowing on each line, and in turn reduces the criticality of any particular line.
23 Also, the lines in a densely populated area are typically shorter and therefore have

1 less exposure to natural elements which may cause interruptions (lightning, etc.)
2 While FPL always strives to plan and operate its transmission system in a reliable
3 manner, from a reliability perspective, it is preferable to have generation located
4 in close proximity to major load centers whenever possible. Generation located
5 close to the load also adds a level of operating flexibility and margin that
6 contributes to increased reliability. Operating flexibility allows for improved
7 maintainability.

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9 Second, since the new unit is very efficient, it will be base load dispatched, which
10 means it will reduce the use of imported power from the grid and which will in
11 turn eliminate or postpone the need for new transmission investment to increase
12 import capability. Conversely, if the PEEC Project is not built and instead, the
13 existing Port Everglades units are returned to service from Inactive Reserve, they
14 will not normally dispatch very often because these older and less efficient units
15 have higher operating costs. Power imported via the transmission system would
16 have lower operating costs, so imported power will be relied upon more
17 frequently, except when the existing Port Everglades Units are required to be
18 dispatched out of economics as "must-run" units to maintain reliability. Over
19 time, as loads continue to grow, this situation will be exacerbated, and this area
20 will require more frequent out-of-economic dispatch of the Port Everglades Units
21 1-4 to maintain reliability during both peak and off peak periods in order to
22 maintain an adequate level of reliability, increasing costs to customers.

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2 **Q. Why is the Port Everglades site location preferred over other potential sites**
3 **for new generation?**

4 A. From a transmission perspective, the Port Everglades site has several advantages
5 over other potential new sites. The transmission system has been planned and
6 designed for the Port Everglades site to be a generation source. Since the Port
7 Everglades site already has an existing transmission switchyard, the infrastructure
8 necessary to transfer the power from the generators to the distribution system is
9 already in place. Further, the Port Everglades switchyard has transformation to
10 support injecting the output of PEEC into FPL's transmission system at both 230
11 kV and 138 kV voltage levels. This flexibility is valuable because the ability to
12 split the output of PEEC between the 138 kV and 230 kV voltage levels will defer
13 the need to upgrade the 138 kV transmission system in the local area. The ability
14 to connect at the 230 kV level also increases FPL's options for serving the local
15 area, providing for the bulk transfer of power to other areas, and backing up the
16 500 kV backbone of FPL's transmission system.

17 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

18 A. Yes.

1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

3 **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JUAN E. ENJAMIO**

4 **DOCKET NO. 11____-EI**

5 **NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

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7 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

8 A. My name is Juan Enjamio. My business address is Florida Power & Light
9 Company, 9250 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33174.

10 **Q. By whom are you employed and what position do you hold?**

11 A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) as Supervisor of
12 Integrated Analysis in the Resource Assessment & Planning group.

13 **Q. Please describe your duties and responsibilities in that position.**

14 A. In my current position as Supervisor of Integrated Analysis, I am responsible for
15 supervision and coordination of analyses involving FPL's resource needs.

16 **Q. Please describe your educational background and professional experience.**

17 A. I graduated from the University of Florida in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science
18 degree in Electrical Engineering. I joined FPL in 1980 as a Distribution Engineer.
19 Since my initial assignment in FPL I have held positions as a Transmission
20 System Planner, Power System Control Center Engineer, Bulk Power Markets
21 Engineer, Supervisor of Transmission Planning, and Supervisor of Supply and
22 Demand Analysis. In 2004, I became Supervisor of Integrated Analysis –
23 Resource Planning.

1 **Q. Are you sponsoring any Exhibits in this case?**

2 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following Exhibits:

- 3 • JEE-1, Projection of FPL's Resource Needs through 2021;
- 4 • JEE-2, Resource Plans Utilized in the Analyses;
- 5 • JEE-3, Results of the Economic Analysis Relative to PEEC;
- 6 • JEE-4, Projection of Approximate Bill Impacts;
- 7 • JEE-5, Non-Economic Analysis Results: Emission Reductions Compared to
- 8 PEEC Resource Plan;
- 9 • JEE-6, Non-Economic Analysis Results: Reduction in Fuel Use Compared to
- 10 PEEC Resource Plan; and
- 11 • JEE-7, Forecasted Costs of Air Emissions.

12 **Q. What is the purpose and scope of your testimony?**

13 A. My testimony addresses eight major areas. First, I discuss FPL's integrated
14 resource planning process. Second, I describe the major assumptions used in the
15 analyses described in my testimony. Third, I identify FPL's projected resource
16 needs beginning in the year 2016 and explain how this need was determined.
17 Fourth, I discuss the evaluation of various potential options to meet the 2016
18 need. Fifth, I discuss the economic analysis used to reach the conclusion that the
19 modernization of the Port Everglades Plant is the most cost-effective option for
20 FPL's customers with which to meet the 2016 need. Sixth, I present the results of
21 the economic analysis performed. Seventh, I present the results of the non-
22 economic analyses performed. Finally, I present my conclusion from these
23 analyses.

1 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

2 A. FPL's most recent resource planning work determined that FPL has future
3 resource needs starting at about 284 megawatts (MW) in 2016 and growing to a
4 total of 1,468 MW of incremental generation capacity through 2021. Demand
5 Side Management (DSM) programs that are known to be cost-effective and which
6 have been approved by the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission)
7 through 2014, plus an assumption that currently projected annual implementation
8 levels of DSM will continue for 2015-2025, has already been reflected in FPL's
9 most recent resource planning work. In order to meet FPL's summer reserve
10 margin criterion of 20% in 2016, FPL needs to add new generation capacity.

11

12 To meet its 2016 resource need, FPL developed and analyzed four resource plans.
13 The first resource plan assumes returning to service the four existing steam units
14 at Port Everglades which have been placed in inactive reserve; this plan is
15 referred to as the "Return to Service Resource Plan." The second resource plan
16 adds a new combined cycle (CC) unit at a greenfield site in 2016; this plan is
17 referred to as the "GFCC Resource Plan." The third resource plan adds two
18 combustion turbines (CT) in simple cycle mode at a greenfield site in 2016, and
19 thus defers the Port Everglades modernization (Port Everglades Next Generation
20 Clean Energy Center, or "PEEC") to 2019; this plan is referred to as the "GFCT
21 Resource Plan." The fourth plan, which is the most cost-effective, adds PEEC in
22 2016; this plan is referred to as the "PEEC Resource Plan." These four plans
23 were compared using economic and non-economic criteria to determine the most

1 cost-effective and desirable option for FPL's customers to meet the 2016 resource
2 need.

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4 The economic analysis results show that the PEEC Resource Plan will provide
5 savings to FPL's customers of about \$469 million in cumulative present value of
6 revenue requirements in 2011 dollars (CPVRR) when compared to the Return to
7 Service Resource Plan, about \$838 million in CPVRR when compared to the
8 GFCC Resource Plan, and about \$425 million in CPVRR when compared to the
9 GFCT Resource Plan. Projected approximate bill impacts also show that
10 customers will save on average the following: \$0.38 per 1000 kWh when
11 compared to the Return to Service Resource Plan, \$0.64 per 1000 kWh when
12 compared to GFCC Resource Plan, and \$0.42 per 1000 kWh when compared to
13 the GFCT Resource Plan (based on the average approximate bill impact from
14 2016 to 2047).

15
16 The non-economic analysis results show significantly lower overall system air
17 emissions for the PEEC Resource Plan when compared to those plans that do not
18 include a new 3x1 combined cycle unit starting in 2016 (Return to Service and
19 GFCT Resource Plans). The results also show significant reductions in fuel use
20 for the PEEC Resource Plan when compared to the Return to Service and the
21 GFCT Resource Plans.

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1 Based on these results, FPL is seeking an affirmative determination of need for
2 the modernization of the Port Everglades Plant with a proposed commercial
3 operation date in June 2016.
4

5 **I. FPL's INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING PROCESS**
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7 **Q. Can you briefly describe FPL's existing generation supply system?**

8 A. FPL has one of the cleanest generating fleets in the country, and is an industry
9 leader in energy efficiency, conservation, and load management through its DSM
10 program. FPL meets its customers' needs through a mix of fossil and nuclear
11 generating units, renewable generation, purchased power, which also includes
12 renewable generation, and DSM. The existing FPL generation resources are
13 located at sixteen sites distributed geographically throughout its service territory,
14 and also include partial ownership of one unit in Georgia and two units in
15 Jacksonville, Florida. At the time of filing this testimony, FPL's active generation
16 fleet totaled approximately 22,474 MW (summer) of capacity, and its generating
17 units consist of four nuclear units, three coal steam units in which FPL holds
18 partial ownership interests, fifteen combined cycle units, five oil/gas steam units,
19 fifty combustion turbine units, two solar photovoltaic units, and one solar-thermal
20 facility. This fleet total does not include 1,922 MW of FPL's generation in
21 Inactive Reserve status.
22

1 FPL presently has a long-term Unit Power Sales (UPS) contract to purchase up to
2 931 MW of coal-fired generation from Southern Company. FPL also has
3 contracts with Jacksonville Electric Authority for the purchase of 375 MW
4 (summer) and 383 MW (winter) of coal-fired generation from St. John's River
5 Power Park (SJRPP) Units One and Two. However, the UPS contract expires at
6 the end of 2015, and due to Internal Revenue Service regulations, the total amount
7 of energy that FPL may receive from the SJRPP purchase is limited. FPL
8 currently assumes that this limit will be reached prior to the summer of 2016.

9
10 FPL also has contracts to purchase firm capacity and energy from cogeneration
11 and small power production facilities (qualifying facilities or "QFs") totaling 595
12 MW. FPL currently projects that a total of about 740 MW of firm generation
13 capacity will be available to FPL in 2016 from a combination of renewable
14 resources and QFs.

15
16 FPL has fostered the expansion of renewable energy sources through development
17 of its own renewable generation projects. As stated previously, FPL operates
18 three commercial-scale solar generation facilities in Florida. FPL has two solar
19 photovoltaic facilities that generate a combined 35 MW of capacity. The third
20 solar facility, located at the Martin site, is a hybrid solar plant that provides 75
21 MW of solar thermal capacity in an innovative way that directly displaces fossil
22 fuel usage on the FPL system.

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1 Since the inception of its DSM programs through 2010, FPL has achieved 5,245
2 MW (at the generator) of summer peak demand reduction and an estimated
3 cumulative energy savings of approximately 55,462 GWh (at the generator). It is
4 estimated that FPL will avoid an additional 109 MW of capacity as a result of
5 DSM additions in January through July of 2011. Another 817 MW of capacity
6 will be avoided by DSM additions from August 2011 to August 2016. This
7 results in a total of 6,171 MW of capacity avoided by DSM programs by August
8 of 2016. This amount of peak demand reduction (at the generator, after taking
9 into account the 20% reserve margin requirements) has eliminated the need for
10 the equivalent of 15 new 400 MW generating units. FPL has achieved this level
11 of demand reduction through DSM programs designed to reduce electric rates for
12 all customers, DSM participants and non-participants alike.

13 **Q. What are the objectives of FPL's integrated resource planning process?**

14 A. The fundamental approach used in FPL's integrated resource planning (IRP)
15 process was developed in the early 1990s and has been used and refined since that
16 time to accomplish three primary objectives: 1) determine the timing of when new
17 resources are needed to maintain the reliability of the FPL generation system, 2)
18 determine the magnitude (MW) of the needed resources, and 3) determine the
19 type of resources that should be added. The analyses required to accomplish the
20 first two objectives – determining the timing and magnitude of the needed
21 resources – are often referred to as the reliability assessment portion of FPL's IRP
22 process.

23

1 The analyses required to accomplish the third objective – determining the type of
2 resources that should be added – are more complex and involve the consideration
3 of both economic and non-economic perspectives. From an economic
4 perspective, the type of resources that should be added is primarily based on a
5 determination of the resources that result in the lowest system average electric
6 rates for FPL customers. When only power plants or power purchases are the
7 resources in question, the determination can be made on the basis of the lowest
8 total cost (CPVRR). The lowest total cost (CPVRR) in these cases is the same as
9 the lowest average electric rate perspective because the number of kilowatt-hours
10 over which the costs are distributed does not change, as would be the case when
11 DSM resources are being examined.

12
13 However, the decision of what type of resources to add is also influenced by
14 considerations such as whether a resource can be brought into service on FPL's
15 system in time to meet a projected capacity need and whether a given resource or
16 resource plan is best suited to address system considerations that may have been
17 identified in the planning process. While these system considerations usually
18 have an economic component or impact, they are often discussed in quantitative,
19 non-economic terms, such as percentages rather than actual dollar amounts.

20 **Q. What are some other system considerations and how are they addressed in**
21 **FPL's IRP Process?**

22 A. One system consideration is maintaining a regional balance between load and
23 generating capacity, particularly in Southeast Florida. As discussed in witness

1 Modia's direct testimony, FPL would have to make significant investments in the
2 transmission infrastructure before the year 2020 if the existing Port Everglades
3 units are not returned to service or no new generation is added in Southeast
4 Florida before the year 2020. The PEEC Project addresses this system concern
5 better than returning the existing units to service because PEEC will operate as
6 base-load capacity while the existing Port Everglades units would operate at low
7 capacity factors if returned to service.

8
9 Another important consideration is lowering utility system carbon dioxide (CO₂)
10 emissions over the long term to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well as
11 reducing other utility system air emissions, specifically sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and
12 nitrogen oxides (NO_x). FPL witness Kosky addresses the environmental benefits
13 of PEEC in his direct testimony.

14 15 II. ASSUMPTIONS USED IN THE VARIOUS ANALYSES

16
17 **Q. What are the major assumptions used by FPL in the analyses described in**
18 **this testimony?**

19 **A.** The following are the major assumptions used by FPL in the analyses described in
20 this testimony:

21 Load Forecast:

22 The load forecast used was updated in September 2011 and is therefore different
23 than the load forecast used in FPL's "Ten Year Power Plant Site Plan 2011-2020"

1 document filed on April 1, 2011. The new load forecast is described in the direct
2 testimony of FPL witness Morley.

3
4 Projected DSM:

5 Current projections consist of all the DSM programs currently approved for FPL.
6 Many of the approved DSM programs were based on projections through 2014
7 only. For purposes of these analyses, FPL has assumed that it will continue to
8 achieve its projected incremental level of DSM-based peak and energy savings for
9 the years 2015-2025. This assumes that through August of 2016, FPL and its
10 customers will have avoided a total of 6,171 MW of generating capacity by
11 August of 2016 as a result of DSM programs. Thereafter, FPL projects an
12 additional average annual summer peak reduction of approximately 130 MW.

13
14 Upgrade of 7FA Combustion Turbine Fleet:

15 FPL is planning to upgrade most of its existing 7FA technology combustion
16 turbine fleet. This upgrade of 26 turbines at five plant sites will add
17 approximately 190 MW of summer capacity to FPL's existing units. These
18 upgrades will be completed before 2016, and that assumption is included in the
19 determination of the capacity need analysis.

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1 Nuclear Upgrades:

2 The upgrade of FPL's four existing nuclear units is currently projected to add
3 approximately 450 MW of additional capacity at time of summer peak. These
4 upgrades are projected to be completed by early 2013.

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6 Units in Inactive Reserve:

7 The Port Everglades 1-4 and Turkey Point 2 steam units are in Inactive Reserve
8 status (except in the Return to Service Resource Plan where the four Port
9 Everglades units are brought back into service). Turkey Point 2 is currently
10 operating as a synchronous condenser, which provides transmission system
11 voltage support but does not generate additional MW to serve system load. All
12 the resource plans assume that the Turkey Point 1 steam unit will be removed
13 from active generation service and placed in Inactive Reserve in 2016 when it too
14 will start to operate as a synchronous condenser.

15

16 Retired Units:

17 The Cutler 5 and 6 and the Sanford 3 steam units will be retired by the end of
18 2012.

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20 New generation capacity in-service prior to 2016:

21 The Cape Canaveral and Riviera Next Generation Clean Energy Centers are
22 assumed to be in-service by summer of 2013 and 2014 respectively.

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1 Fuel Forecast:

2 The fuel forecast was developed in August 2011 using FPL's Long Term Fuel
3 Price Forecasting methodology. This methodology is described in the direct
4 testimony of FPL witness Stubblefield.

5

6 Emission Price Forecast:

7 FPL's Environmental II Emission Price Forecast was used in the analyses. This
8 forecast was updated in January 2011 based on price forecasts developed by ICF
9 Consulting in late 2010. This emission price forecast is addressed in the direct
10 testimony of FPL witness Kosky and is shown in Exhibit JEE-7 of my testimony.

11 **Q. You previously stated that the resource plans studied assume that Turkey
12 Point 1 will be placed in Inactive Reserve and converted to a synchronous
13 condenser in 2016. Please discuss this assumption.**

14 **A. Starting in 2016, FPL plans to place the Turkey Point 1 steam unit in Inactive
15 Reserve Status. This unit will then start to serve in a transmission voltage support
16 role as a synchronous condenser. This is the current mode of operation of its
17 sister unit Turkey Point 2.**

18

19 FPL's economic analysis demonstrates that it is cost effective to place the Turkey
20 Point 1 steam unit in Inactive Reserve in 2016. The economic analysis shows that
21 this will result in savings of approximately \$300 million CPVRR when compared
22 to a resource plan which keeps the unit in its traditional generation role. In the

1 development of its resource plans, FPL therefore assumed the Turkey Point 1
2 steam unit was placed in Inactive Reserve in 2016.

3 4 III. FUTURE FPL RESOURCE NEEDS

5
6 **Q. How did FPL decide it needed additional resources?**

7 A. FPL uses two analytical approaches in its reliability assessment to determine the
8 timing and magnitude of its future resource needs in order to continue to provide
9 reliable electric service to its customers. The first approach is to make a
10 projection of reserve margins for summer and winter peak hours for future years.
11 A minimum reserve margin criterion of 20% is used to judge the projected reserve
12 margins. The 20% minimum reserve margin criterion is based on the reliability
13 planning standard FPL currently believes is necessary to ensure reliable service,
14 which FPL committed to maintain and the Commission approved in Order No.
15 PSC-99-2507-S-EU.

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17 The second approach is a Loss-of-Load-Probability (LOLP) evaluation. Simply
18 stated, LOLP is an index of how well a generating system may be able to meet its
19 demand by measuring how often load may exceed available resources. In contrast
20 to the reserve margin approach, the LOLP approach looks at the daily peak
21 demands for each year, while taking into consideration the probability of
22 individual generators being out of service due to scheduled maintenance or forced
23 outages. LOLP is typically expressed in units of “number of times per year” that

1 the system demand could not be served. The FPL LOLP criterion is a maximum
2 of 0.1 days per year. This LOLP criterion is generally accepted throughout the
3 electric utility industry.

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5 In evaluating the results of the reserve margin criterion analysis, FPL has become
6 concerned that its reserves over time will become increasingly dependent upon
7 DSM resources as opposed to generation resources. FPL is conducting reliability
8 studies to determine if the 20% reserve margin criterion should be supplemented
9 with a minimum reserve margin contribution from generation-only resources.
10 These studies are ongoing as of the date of this filing.

11 **Q. Did FPL use the analytical approaches and assumptions just described to**
12 **determine its need for additional generation capacity?**

13 A. Yes. For a number of years, FPL's projected need for additional resources has
14 been driven by the 20% summer reserve margin criterion. The reserve margin
15 analysis calculates that FPL has a need of 284 MW by summer of 2016; this
16 grows to a need of 1,468 MW by summer of 2021. A projection of FPL's
17 Resource Need is presented in Exhibit JEE-1 of my testimony.

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1 **IV. POTENTIAL OPTIONS TO MEET FPL'S 2016 NEED**

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3 **Q. Please describe the potential options, or resource plans, considered by FPL to**
4 **meet its 2016 resource need.**

5 A. FPL considered four options or resource plans, described below, as candidates to
6 meet its 2016 resource need:

7 Return to Service Resource Plan: This plan consists of the return to service of the
8 four existing Port Everglades steam units from Inactive Reserve status starting in
9 2016. These units were placed into service in the 1960s. Their combined
10 capacity is 1,187 MW. This plan also assumes the conversion of the Turkey Point
11 1 unit to synchronous condenser operation in 2016, a GFCC unit in 2021, and the
12 commencement of operations of Turkey Point 6 and 7 nuclear units in 2022 and
13 2023, respectively.

14

15 GFCC Resource Plan: This plan assumes the construction of a new greenfield CC
16 in 2016 as an alternative to PEEC, and using the same technology. That CC
17 would have a summer capacity of 1,262 MW. This plan assumes the conversion
18 of the Turkey Point 1 unit to synchronous condenser operation in 2016, an
19 additional greenfield CC unit in 2021, and the commencement of operations of
20 Turkey Point 6 and 7 nuclear units in 2022 and 2023, respectively.

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22 GFCT Resource Plan: This plan consists of the construction of two new
23 combustion turbines at a greenfield site which defers the need for PEEC to 2019.

1 These turbines would operate in simple cycle mode, with a summer capacity of
2 162 MW each. This plan also assumes the conversion of the Turkey Point 1 unit
3 to synchronous condenser operation in 2016, the conversion of the Port
4 Everglades units into PEEC in 2019, and the commencement of operations of
5 Turkey Point 6 and 7 nuclear units in 2022 and 2023, respectively.

6
7 As discussed in the direct testimony of FPL witness Modia, operation of the FPL
8 system without generation at Port Everglades (other than the existing gas
9 turbines) in the 2016-2019 time frame would create serious transmission
10 reliability concerns. Nevertheless, this case was included in the economic
11 analysis to demonstrate that it would not be economic to defer PEEC even if there
12 were no system reliability concern.

13
14 PEEC Resource Plan: This plan assumes the conversion by 2016 of the Port
15 Everglades site by replacing the four existing steam units with a new combined
16 cycle unit (the PEEC Project). The resulting new CC unit would have a summer
17 capacity of 1,277 MW. This plan also assumes the conversion of the Turkey
18 Point 1 unit to synchronous condenser operation in 2016, a greenfield CC in 2021,
19 and the commencement of operations of Turkey Point 6 and 7 nuclear units in
20 2022 and 2023, respectively.

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22 These resource plans are presented in Exhibit JEE-2 of my testimony.

23

1 **Q. Please briefly describe the PEEC Project.**

2 A. The PEEC Project consists of the removal of the existing four steam units at Port
3 Everglades Plant (Units 1-4), which are currently in Inactive Reserve, and adding
4 a new advanced CC unit at the same site to be placed in service by summer of
5 2016. This new advanced CC unit will have a summer capacity of 1,277 MW and
6 a heat rate of 6,330 Btu/kWh. It will use natural gas as its primary fuel, and will
7 be able to use ultra-low sulfur distillate oil as backup fuel. These performance
8 characteristics are consistent with the advanced CT technology that FPL assumed
9 for the purposes of its analysis.. This Project is described in greater detail in the
10 direct testimony of FPL witness Gnecco.

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12 **V. ANALYTICAL APPROACH USED TO ANALYZE THE FOUR**
13 **OPTIONS/RESOURCE PLANS**

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15 **Q. Please provide an overview of the analytical approach FPL utilized to evaluate**
16 **which option/resource plan would be the most cost-effective in meeting its**
17 **2016 need.**

18 A. The analytical approach FPL utilized can be summarized as follows. First, FPL
19 developed the four plans previously described. Second, after the resource plans
20 were identified, FPL conducted economic analyses to determine the CPVRR
21 amounts for each of the four resource plans. In addition, projections of
22 approximate customer bill impact were made for the four resource plans.

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1 **Q. What is the appropriate period to be used to perform economic analyses?**

2 A. The useful life of a new CC unit such as PEEC is assumed to be thirty years.
3 Therefore, the appropriate period to use for economic analyses is thirty years in
4 order to fully capture and fairly compare all the economic and non-economic
5 impacts of different capacity options that could be added to a utility system.

6 **Q. How were the economic analyses performed?**

7 A. The economic analyses were carried out in the following three steps:

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9 Step 1 - FPL quantified fuel/efficiency and other variable costs savings. The
10 PMAREA production costing model was used to determine the resulting
11 difference in FPL's system fuel costs between the four resource plans. This
12 model has been used by FPL in fuel cost recovery proceedings as well as in
13 numerous need proceedings brought before the Commission. The PMAREA
14 model simulates the operation of FPL's system on an hourly basis. The model
15 captures variable costs (such as fuel, variable O&M, and environmental
16 compliance costs) in its production costing calculations, projects the annual
17 emission levels associated with the resource plans, incorporates the effects of
18 major transmission transfer limits on the dispatch of the generating units, and
19 recognizes gas constraints in FPL's system.

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21 Step 2 - FPL used the Fixed Cost Spreadsheet Model to capture all of the fixed
22 costs (such as capital, fixed O&M, capital replacement, capacity payments for
23 purchases, and firm gas transportation) associated with the four resource plans.

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Step 3 - All of the components of system costs identified in Steps 1 and 2 were then aggregated to determine the CPVRR of each of the four resource plans.

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Q. Did FPL quantify any differences in transmission losses among the four resource plans for use in the economic analysis?

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A. No. As FPL witness Modia describes in his direct testimony, however, generation resources added outside of the Southeast Florida area are located farther away from FPL's load center and would likely have higher transmission losses when compared to plans that add generation close to areas of concentrated load, and more specifically at Port Everglades. Two of FPL's resource plans add units at unspecified greenfield sites that are unlikely to be close to the areas of concentrated load, but quantifying losses for generation resources at unspecified sites is somewhat speculative. Therefore, the difference in the cost of transmission losses has not been quantified.

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While these differential losses have not been quantified, it is clear that the PEEC Resource Plan would have the lowest transmission system losses. Not quantifying the cost of losses in this instance benefits the relative economics of the GFCC, GFCT, and Return to Service Resource Plans when compared to PEEC. FPL believes that not including the cost of losses is a conservative assumption.

1 **Q. Did FPL quantify any differences in major transmission system expenditures**
2 **between the four resource plans?**

3 A. Yes. As explained in the direct testimony of FPL witness Modia, FPL's
4 transmission planning process has identified that adding or returning generation at
5 the Port Everglades site has significant transmission system benefits. These
6 benefits translate into large transmission infrastructure cost savings for resource
7 plans which include significant generation at Port Everglades (the Return to
8 Service, GFCT, and PEEC Resource Plans), when compared to a resource plan
9 which provides little or no generation at this site (the GFCC Resource Plan). This
10 savings in transmission investment has been quantified to be approximately \$638
11 million in overnight capital costs (in 2016 dollars) and has been included in the
12 economic analysis for the GFCC resource plan.

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14 **VI. RESULTS OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS**

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16 **Q. What are the results of the economic analysis in CPVRR?**

17 A. The economic analysis indicates that the PEEC Resource Plan provides the
18 greatest benefit to FPL customers resulting in about \$469 million lower CPVRR
19 than the Return to Service Resource Plan, about \$838 million lower CPVRR than
20 the GFCC Resource Plan, about \$425 million lower CPVRR than the GFCT
21 Resource Plan. The results of the economic analysis are shown in Exhibit JEE-3
22 of my testimony.

1 **Q. What are the results of the projection of approximate bill impacts for the**
2 **four resource plans?**

3 A. Projected approximate monthly bill impacts show that PEEC will result in lower
4 average bill impacts when compared to the other three resource plans: \$0.38
5 lower per 1000 kWh when compared to the Return to Service Resource Plan,
6 \$0.64 lower per 1000 kWh when compared to GFCC Resource Plan, and \$0.42
7 lower per 1000 kWh when compared to the GFCT Resource Plan (based on the
8 average approximate bill impact from 2016 to 2047).

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10 The projection of Approximate Bill Impacts can be seen in Exhibit JEE-4 of my
11 testimony.

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13 **VII. RESULTS OF NON-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS**

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15 **Q. Does the PEEC Resource Plan result in lower air emissions than the Return**
16 **to Service Resource Plan?**

17 A. Yes. The PEEC Resource Plan results in significantly lower system air emissions
18 and lower green house gases. Over a thirty-year life, when compared to the
19 Return to Service Plan, PEEC will reduce SO₂ air emissions by approximately 41
20 thousand tons and NO_x emissions by approximately 33 thousand tons. The
21 Project will also result in the reduction of about 22 million tons of CO₂ over the
22 thirty-year life. Reducing emissions is a very important benefit to FPL's
23 customers because of the risk that environmental costs in the future could be

1 higher than projected, thus resulting in CPVRR savings in excess of the projected
2 \$469 million.

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4 The reductions in emissions are detailed in Exhibit JEE-5 of my testimony.
5 Further description of PEEC's environmental benefits is provided in the direct
6 testimony of FPL witness Kosky.

7 **Q. Does the PEEC Resource Plan result in a lower FPL system heat rate?**

8 A. Yes. PEEC is projected to have a heat rate of 6,330 Btu/kWh, at full capacity,
9 which is significantly lower than the existing system average heat rate. A lower
10 heat rate indicates higher efficiency in the conversion of fuel to electrical energy
11 and, therefore will result in less fuel being burned to produce a given amount of
12 electricity. The projected PEEC heat rate is also much lower than the heat rate of
13 the generating units in two of the other options under consideration: the GFCT
14 with a heat rate of 10,410 Btu/kWh, and the existing Port Everglades steam units,
15 with a projected average heat rate of approximately 9,800 Btu/kWh. Because of
16 this lower heat rate, the PEEC Resource Plan reduces FPL average system heat
17 rate to 8,042 Btu/kWh. This compares to an average system heat rate of 8,145
18 Btu/kWh for the Return to Service Resource plan, a reduction of 103 Btu/kWh.

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20 Both the GFCC and the PEEC Resource Plans add CC units of the same
21 technology and efficiency, both in-service 2016. Therefore, the difference in
22 system heat rate under these two plans would be minimal.

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1 **Q. Does the PEEC Resource Plan result in reduced fuel consumption?**

2 A. Yes. The PEEC Resource Plan, by virtue of PEEC's very high efficiency, reduces
3 the use of both natural gas and oil when compared to the GFCT and the Return to
4 Service Resource Plans. For example, between 2017 and 2026, natural gas use is
5 reduced by approximately 48 million MMBtu, and oil use is reduced by
6 approximately 5.3 million barrels when compared to the Return to Service
7 Resource Plan. When the fuel reductions are quantified over the thirty-year life of
8 the Project, natural gas use is reduced by approximately 90 million MMBtu when
9 compared to the Return to Service Resource Plan, and 40 million MMBtu when
10 compared to the GFCT Resource Plan. Oil use is reduced by approximately 10.4
11 million barrels when compared to the Return to Service Resource Plan, and 5.0
12 million barrels when compared to the GFCT Resource Plan. Reductions in fuel
13 use are very important to FPL's customers because of the projected rising cost of
14 natural gas and oil in the future. Furthermore, there is a risk that actual fuel costs
15 in the future could be even higher than projected, thus resulting in CPVRR
16 savings beyond the projected \$469 million.

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18 Both the GFCC and the PEEC Resource Plans add CC units of the same
19 technology, both in-service 2016. The difference in fuel use between these two
20 plans is relatively small.

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22 The reductions in fuel use are shown in Exhibit JEE-6 of my testimony.

1 **Q. Are there other non-economic benefits of the PEEC Resource Plan when**
2 **compared to the Return to Service Resource Plan?**

3 A. Yes. In addition to reducing costs to customers, fuel use, system heat rate, and
4 FPL system-wide air emissions, PEEC will extensively utilize existing
5 infrastructure with minimal new infrastructure needed for electrical transmission,
6 gas transportation, and the provision of water. Also, by reducing the height of the
7 smokestacks and building a lower profile than the existing units, the Project will
8 significantly improve the aesthetics of the site. The direct testimony of FPL
9 witness Gnecco provides a more detailed description of these benefits.

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11 **VIII. CONCLUSION**

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13 **Q. Is the PEEC Project the best option available to FPL to meet its 2016 need**
14 **for generation?**

15 A. Yes. The economic analysis shows that PEEC will result in lower costs to
16 customers of at least \$469 million CPVRR over the life of the Project when
17 compared to resource plans without PEEC, as well as providing significant non-
18 economic benefits to our customers. I, therefore, conclude that PEEC is the best
19 option available to meet FPL's resource needs beginning in 2016, which will
20 serve FPL's customers in the most cost-effective manner.

21 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

22 A. Yes.

1 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** At this time, before we move
2 into opening statements, I want to see if there's
3 anybody from the public that has any interest in
4 speaking. Going once. Going twice. Seeing none, we're
5 going to go ahead and move into opening statements.

6 **MR. BUTLER:** Good morning, Mr. Chairman and
7 Commissioners. FPL is seeking a determination of need
8 for the modernization of its Port Everglades Power
9 Plant. The modernization project, which I'll refer to
10 by the acronym PEEC, consists of permanently removing
11 four 1960s era oil and gas-fired steam units from the
12 site that are now in inactive reserve, and replacing
13 them with a highly efficient combined-cycle unit that
14 will have a summer peak rating of about 1,277 megawatts.
15 PEEC is scheduled to go into service in June 2016.

16 From the perspectives of FPL, its customers,
17 and the State of Florida, PEEC is the right project in
18 the right location at the right time to provide reliable
19 clean energy at significant cost savings and create new
20 jobs to bolster Florida's economic recovery. I'd like
21 to address each of these points briefly.

22 PEEC is the right project because it is the
23 most cost-effective alternative available to meet FPL's
24 next resource need. Its extremely high efficiency and
25 clean emissions profile will help FPL to reduce fuel

1 consumption and air emissions substantially. To
2 determine that PEEC is the most cost-effective
3 alternative, FPL first accounted for all-approved
4 cost-effective demand-side management, or DSM, and firm
5 capacity renewable resources, then evaluated PEEC versus
6 a variety of generation options, including returning the
7 existing Port Everglades units to service, building
8 either combustion turbines or a combined-cycle unit at a
9 greenfield site, and conventional power purchases from
10 third parties.

11 After accounting for all known cost-effective
12 DSM and firm capacity renewables, FPL has concluded that
13 other self-build alternatives would be more costly to
14 customers and that power purchases from third parties
15 would cost even more than those self-build alternatives.
16 FPL's evaluation shows that building PEEC is projected
17 to reduce oil consumption by 10.4 million barrels and
18 natural gas consumption by 90 million MMBtu over
19 30 years compared to returning the existing Everglades
20 units to service. In other words, although PEEC is
21 gas-fired, building and operating it instead of
22 continuing to rely on FPL's older and less efficient
23 units will actually reduce the amount of gas needed to
24 meet customers' energy needs.

25 In addition to those fuel savings, PEEC is

1 projected to avoid FPL system air emissions of
2 22 million tons of carbon dioxide, 40,000 tons of sulfur
3 dioxide, and 33,000 tons of nitrogen oxides, again, over
4 30 years and compared to the existing Everglades units.
5 This is a benefit not only to FPL and its customers in
6 the form of lower emission costs, but to the State of
7 Florida as a whole in the form of cleaner air.

8 Port Everglades is an ideal location for this
9 project. Using it for PEEC is consistent with the
10 Commission's policy of modernizing existing sites where
11 possible before building on greenfield sites. If you
12 compare FPL's Exhibits JCG-3 and 4, which are Exhibits 5
13 and 6 on the Comprehensive Exhibit List, you can see how
14 the modernization project will actually improve the
15 aesthetics of the Port Everglades site. Basically, you
16 get rid of four big smokestacks and a very large
17 superstructure and replace it with much lower profile
18 facilities that use considerably less of the footprint
19 at the site.

20 The Port Everglades site already has both
21 electric and gas transmission infrastructure that can
22 serve PEEC with only modest upgrades, so the expense and
23 disruption of major expansions to linear facilities are
24 avoided. As a coastal location, the site provides a
25 natural source of cooling water, one which has served

1 the existing units for years, as well as facilitating
2 waterborne deliveries of fuel oil that will be used as a
3 backup fuel for PEEC.

4 Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the
5 site is in the heart of FPL's southeastern Florida load
6 concentration. PEEC will be available to serve that
7 concentrated load without either the expense or
8 reliability concerns of long distance power
9 transmission. FPL does not believe that any other site
10 could provide this tremendous combination of benefits.

11 The time is right for PEEC. FPL has projected
12 a need for capacity that PEEC will meet, and it cannot
13 be met as cost-effectively by any other means. Delaying
14 PEEC beyond its 2016 projected in-service date would
15 have several adverse consequences for FPL, its
16 customers, and the State of Florida.

17 If PEEC were delayed beyond 2020, FPL would be
18 forced to incur over \$600 million in transmission
19 upgrades to continue reliable service into southeastern
20 Florida. Even a delay of one year could significantly
21 increase FPL's compliance costs for environmental air
22 emissions for both PEEC and the nearby Fort Lauderdale
23 plant site. This is because of stricter environmental
24 requirements under EPA's prevention of significant
25 deterioration regulations that will apply if PEEC

1 doesn't go into service by 2016.

2 Due to the slow down on plant construction
3 that has accompanied the current economic recession, now
4 is a propitious time for FPL to conclude for PEEC's
5 major components and commodities on favorable terms. If
6 PEEC is delayed and the economy turns around, FPL could
7 be faced with much higher prices. This is especially so
8 if emissions restrictions lead to coal plant retirements
9 and a surge in orders for new combined-cycle facilities.

10 Finally, FPL estimates that PEEC will generate
11 over 650 direct jobs at the peak of its construction.
12 Those jobs are much needed in South Florida now, but
13 they would not materialize until later if PEEC were
14 delayed.

15 FPL and the Commission staff have entered into
16 a proposed stipulation. The stipulation would grant an
17 affirmative determination of need for PEEC in 2016,
18 while recognizing two commitments on FPL's part. First,
19 FPL will report annually to the Commission on the
20 budgeted and actual costs for PEEC compared to the
21 estimated total in-service cost relied upon in this
22 proceeding. If FPL decides to utilize a different
23 combustion turbine design from the J technology
24 presented in this proceeding, then FPL will include in
25 its annual report the comparative cost advantage of the

1 alternative design that it has chosen.

2 Second, FPL will report on the status of PEEC
3 to the Commission as part of the annual report on
4 construction costs. This is consistent with the duty of
5 a prudent utility to continue evaluating whether it is
6 in the best interest of customers for the utility to
7 participate in a proposed power plant before, during,
8 and after construction.

9 FPL prefiled over 150 pages of testimony and
10 50 pages of exhibits in support of its need
11 determination petition. FPL then responded to nearly
12 100 staff interrogatories and ten document production
13 requests. FPL appreciates staff's hard work in
14 reviewing the voluminous discovery and testimony. We
15 also appreciate staff's constructive cooperation in
16 crafting a stipulation and recommended resolution of the
17 issues in this proceeding. FPL believes that the
18 stipulation is fair, balanced, and in the best interest
19 of FPL and its customers. Whether by approving the
20 stipulation or in a decision on a contested proceeding,
21 we ask that you approve its terms here today.

22 Thank you for this opportunity to make an
23 opening statement on FPL's behalf. As you know, the
24 testimony and exhibits of FPL's witnesses have been
25 stipulated into the record. We will, however, be

1 presenting Mr. Silva after opening statements for
2 questions from the parties and from the Commission.

3 Thank you.

4 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you, Mr. Butler.

5 At this time, Mr. Moyle. I failed to
6 mentioned that he had ten minutes. He stayed well
7 within ten minutes, so you have the ten minutes, as
8 well.

9 **MR. MOYLE:** Thank you. Thank you, Mr.
10 Chairman.

11 For the record, the Florida Industrial Power
12 Users Group represents large users of electricity.
13 We're concerned with rates and rate increases, and we
14 have intervened in this case and have concerns and
15 oppose the need determination that Florida Power and
16 Light is seeking. And there are a variety of reasons
17 why we oppose it, and we'll get into some of it in my
18 opening, and also, I think, during cross-examination.
19 But, you know, the facts as Mr. Butler outlined is you
20 have a need of 284 megawatts that shows up in 2006. The
21 response to that is for a nearly 1300-megawatt plant.
22 So rather than coming in with something that addresses
23 the 300 megawatts, for example, a combustion turbine,
24 and we'll get into this in detail, Florida Power and
25 Light comes back over the top with 1300 megawatts, a

1 thousand more than they are even planning for for the
2 need.

3 We don't think that this is the right decision
4 for the consumers and is not a decision that you should
5 support. There's a couple of points I wanted to bring
6 up in 403.519 that talks about the things that should be
7 considered. We don't think Florida Power and Light can
8 convince you that this proposal meets the need for fuel
9 diversity. Florida Power and Light is very long and
10 very heavy in natural gas. There's lots of discussions
11 about how do we get weaned from natural gas, and in
12 response to that they are asking you for a need
13 determination for another 1,000 megawatts of natural
14 gas. We think there are other viable options out there
15 that were not pursued that could be pursued. And in
16 403.519, another thing that you are charged with
17 considering is whether renewable energy sources and
18 technologies are utilized to the extent reasonably
19 available. We don't think that that is indeed the case,
20 and we will talk about this in the cross-examination of
21 Mr. Silva, but, you know, Florida Crystals has a plant
22 in Palm Beach County, a 150 megawatts. There are a
23 couple of plants in Broward County, again, near their
24 load that gets you about 100 megawatts. So that adds up
25 to 250. Why not go do a 250-megawatt deal with some

1 people who have energy available and able to sell it and
2 satisfy the need that way. That would be a better deal
3 for consumers, we believe, and would argue.

4 Another point, you know, the reserve margin is
5 at 20 percent. They fall just below the 20 percent.
6 The 20 percent is not necessarily a hard and fast line.
7 I mean, they fall just below it. Rather than looking
8 at, you know, can we manage through with 18-1/2 or 19,
9 no, we need to have \$1.3 billion added into the rate
10 base.

11 For a long time Florida did okay with a
12 15 percent reserve margin. I think Mr. Silva, I'll ask
13 him the question about the FRCC, but they plan to a 15
14 percent reserve margin. So, you know, 17-1/2, maybe,
15 but I think that there is the ability, the stipulation
16 that was entered into more than ten years ago says there
17 is not a presumption that if you go below 20 that you
18 automatically need it. We think there is some
19 flexibility for y'all to look at that, and particularly
20 in these kind of tough economic times say, you know
21 what, putting in a power plant with an additional 1,000
22 megawatt surplus and 1.3 billion is not the right
23 decision.

24 We are also going to talk a little bit about a
25 contract that was entered into with Seminole Electric.

1 It's a wholesale contract. But if you are planning for
2 your system and you say, well, I might have a need
3 coming up in 2016 of 284 megawatts, why would you enter
4 into a contract with Seminole Electric, a wholesale
5 contract long-term that starts in 2015 for
6 200 megawatts? We would argue it makes more sense and
7 the prudent thing to have done would have been to not
8 enter into the wholesale contract with Seminole, but to
9 hold back and say we're going to hold onto that 200
10 megawatts, because we think we might need it to serve
11 retail load. FPL didn't do that. They entered into a
12 contract with Seminole to serve Seminole's customers.

13 So really at the end of the day, who needs
14 this plant? We believe it is not FPL's consumers; we
15 believe it is FPL's shareholders that need this plant.
16 It's about being able to meet earnings on Wall Street,
17 and we have an exhibit, an investor call that we will
18 show you with FPL's own executives that they are
19 projecting their future growth is based on their ability
20 to invest capital and earn a return on the capital. You
21 all know from other proceedings that the utilities earn
22 a return on their invested capital. They don't earn a
23 return on purchased power agreements, they don't earn a
24 return on fuel. So as I think it was either Mr. Hay or
25 Mr. Pimentel in an exhibit that I will be introducing

1 says it's better for us to trade-off capital for fuel.
2 Now, he didn't say because we earn the return on the
3 capital, but that's what's happening. You earn the
4 return on the capital, so FPL, we will show you exhibits
5 that says they are not signing any purchased power
6 agreements. I think the evidence suggests they have
7 made a decision not to do that because, again, it's
8 about -- it's about satisfying shareholders, not
9 necessarily consumers. And we think there is good
10 evidence to that point, and we'll present that.

11 A similar point with respect to the Seminole
12 contract. I'll ask Mr. Silva, but I think those
13 wholesale contracts are monies that go to the benefit of
14 shareholders. So that's another situation where I
15 think, you know, money and shareholder wants and desires
16 are driving this plant more so than a real need. So,
17 for those reasons, we think this is not the right
18 decision at the right time.

19 We also will note that in a staff
20 interrogatory, and we'll talk about it, but staff
21 suggests rather than doing this 1300 megawatt -- I'm
22 just going to round up to 1300 megawatts for ease of
23 reference, but rather than doing 13 megawatts, why don't
24 you just do one -- how does it look if you do one
25 combustion turbine, just one. You know, divide it by

1 three, maybe 400 megawatts plus. And we believe that
2 when you don't include projected environmental costs,
3 that there is evidence that shows that is a cheaper
4 alternative, which is one of things in the need
5 determination you have to look at, is there a cheaper
6 alternative out there.

7 So while FPL didn't go and do an analysis to
8 say, well, what would happen if we did a contract with
9 Florida Crystals and we did contracts with
10 waste-to-energy plants in Broward, both of which are
11 renewable, would increase your renewable and drive down,
12 you know, the over-reliance on natural gas, I don't
13 think they did an analysis and will be able to talk
14 about that. But we think they should have done that
15 analysis, and, therefore, we think that they can't meet
16 their burden of proof in this case, and that you all
17 ought to either deny it or at least keep it open and
18 direct them to go and pursue some other options. That
19 would be, arguably, a better deal for consumers, and not
20 necessarily a better deal for the shareholders of
21 Florida Power and Light. Thank you.

22 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you, Mr. Moyle.

23 Okay. At this time we are going to move into
24 witnesses, or witness, and we are going to ask Mr. Silva
25 to come forward so that we can swear you in. If you

1 would go to our witness area.

2 **MR. BUTLER:** Mr. Chairman.

3 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Yes, sir.

4 **MR. BUTLER:** In the prehearing order, it did
5 not contemplate Mr. Silva giving the usual oral summary.
6 Of course, that was in part because it was only going to
7 be responding to Commissioner questions. What is your
8 preference for him giving an oral summary? We would
9 like him to have the opportunity to do so briefly, you
10 know, given the change in the procedure.

11 **MR. MOYLE:** FIPUG has no objection to him
12 giving a summary.

13 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Yes, I think that that would
14 be fair for him to provide the oral summary as we
15 usually do.

16 **MR. BUTLER:** Thank you.

17 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Mr. Silva, if you would rise
18 for me for a second. Raise your right hand.

19 (Witness sworn.)

20 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you very much.

21 All right. FPL.

22 **RENE SILVA**

23 was called as a witness on behalf of Florida Power
24 and Light Company, and having been duly sworn,
25 testified as follows:

1 **THE WITNESS:** Good morning, Mr. Chairman and
2 Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to address
3 you on this matter.

4 FPL requests that the Commission grant the
5 determination of need for the modernization of its Port
6 Everglades Power Plant to go into service in 2016. The
7 Port Everglades Modernization Project, or PEEC, consists
8 of building a highly efficient combined-cycle unit that
9 will a summer peak rating of about 1,277 megawatts at
10 the Port Everglades site after permanently removing from
11 that site four 1960's era oil and gas-fired steam units
12 that have been in inactive reserve.

13 FPL conducted analyses of the need for
14 capacity to meet FPL's reliability criteria and of the
15 most cost-effective alternatives to meet that need. The
16 analyses were conducted consistent with FPL's standard
17 resource planning procedures. The analysis relied upon
18 FPL's September 2011 load and fuel price forecasts,
19 which were then most currently available.

20 The firm generation capacity to be provided by
21 PEEC is necessary for FPL to continue to provide
22 reliable service to its customers. By 2016, FPL
23 projects that it will have to add new generation
24 capacity just to meet the minimum 20 percent reserve
25 margin criteria. This need is above projected additions

1 of DSM and previously approved capacity additions, and
2 this need will continue to grow in the future.

3 Also, without new capacity in 2016, FPL
4 reserves from generation only are projected to fall to
5 6.3 percent with DSM providing most of the system
6 reserves. This would likely lead to excessive use of
7 load control and likely residential customer defections
8 from the program.

9 The results of FPL's analysis indicate that
10 adding PEEC in 2016 will result in lower costs to FPL's
11 customers than implementing other alternatives.
12 Specifically, the resource plan that includes PEEC in
13 2016 is projected to save FPL's customers at least
14 \$425 million in cumulative present value revenue
15 requirements compared to competing resource plans
16 without PEEC, or to a plan that defers PEEC by adding
17 smaller combustion turbines in 2016.

18 Also, purchasing generating capacity instead
19 of adding PEEC would result in even higher costs to
20 FPL's customers due in part to high costs for
21 transmission lines, gas pipeline facilities, land, and
22 water, none of which are required for PEEC. Because
23 this unit will have an average heat rate of only
24 6,330 Btus per kilowatt hour, adding it will also
25 improve the fuel efficiency of FPL's entire system by

1 1.3 percent, and thereby contribute to a reduction in
2 the quantity of gas and oil needed to serve its
3 customers' needs.

4 PEEC is also projected to reduce system air
5 emissions of carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and
6 nitrogen oxide by a significant amount over the 30-year
7 period. These reductions will help FPL meet any
8 emission limits that may be imposed in the future.

9 A most important consideration relates to the
10 generation demand imbalance in Miami-Dade and Broward
11 County. Because of its location near the center of load
12 concentration, adding PEEC in 2016 will address the
13 growing imbalance between firm generating capacity and
14 load in the Miami-Dade/Broward County area. Absent this
15 project, or alternatively the much costlier alternative
16 of returning to service the old Port Everglades steam
17 units, FPL would have to implement a significant
18 transmission upgrade with an estimated cost of more than
19 \$630 million.

20 In addition, this project would add the
21 capacity without increasing allocation of water, or use
22 of land, or the need for new rights-of-way for
23 transmission or gas pipelines. In terms of fuel
24 reliability, the site has access to a deep water port
25 and is connected to the storage at that facility, so it

1 would provide greater reliability to FPL's systems.

2 Already all the DSM that is cost-effective has
3 been accounted for in our calculation. DSM will
4 represent 23 percent of our total installed generating
5 capacity in 2016. In other words, it will be equivalent
6 to 23 percent of all the capacity that FPL owns, a
7 significant amount. We also have 740 megawatts of
8 qualifying facility, meaning cogeneration and renewable
9 capacity in service under contract, and that is all that
10 we have been able to identify as being cost-effective.
11 We also have done a calculation, as I said, considering
12 the effects of a delay, and delaying the unit by adding
13 smaller combustion turbines has been evaluated to result
14 in 425 million higher costs to FPL's customers.

15 In conclusion, bringing this unit in service
16 in 2016 is the best, most cost-effective alternative
17 available to reliably meet the growing electricity needs
18 of FPL's customers. For these reasons, I urge the
19 Commission to grant an affirmative determination of need
20 for this project with a target in-service date of 2016.

21 Thank you.

22 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you, Mr. Silva.

23 Mr. Butler.

24 **MR. BUTLER:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 We tender Mr. Silva for cross-examination.

1 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you.

2 Mr. Moyle.

3 **MR. MOYLE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

4 **CROSS EXAMINATION**

5 **BY MR. MOYLE:**

6 Q. Good morning, Mr. Silva.

7 A. Good morning, Mr. Moyle.

8 Q. You would agree with me, before I get into
9 some specifics of your testimony, that the interest of
10 Florida Power and Light, the interest of Florida Power
11 and Light's shareholders, and the interest of the
12 consumers are not always aligned, correct?

13 A. No, I would not agree with you.

14 Q. So that then you would -- the converse of that
15 would be that the interest of the shareholders, the
16 stockholders of Florida Power and Light, that their
17 interests always are aligned with the interest of the
18 consumers, you would agree with that?

19 A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

20 Q. So, you know, the fact that when FPL has a
21 rate case, or even today that consumer interests are
22 here voicing opposition, that doesn't change your
23 testimony that you just gave that the interest of FPL's
24 consumers are always aligned with the interest of FPL's
25 stockholders?

1 A. No, it does not change my opinion. Whenever
2 we proceed with an evaluation of alternatives, our view,
3 certainly my view is always how can we do this so that
4 it's the best alternative for the customer. And the
5 support that I get from my management is that that is
6 what also benefits the shareholder.

7 Q. Let me direct you to Page 30, Line 8 of your
8 testimony. You're asked the question is there any
9 existing generator owned by a third party in Miami-Dade
10 or Broward County, and you answered no. What is an
11 existing generator?

12 A. A generating plant that produces electricity.
13 In this case, the question is broad to ask is there any
14 generator from whom we could purchase power that is
15 located within Miami-Dade and Broward County.

16 Q. And you believe the answer to that is no?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Are you aware that you all previously had
19 purchased power agreements with two waste-to-energy
20 facilities in Broward County?

21 A. Yes, that is correct.

22 Q. Okay. And are you aware that those two
23 facilities are still located in Broward County?

24 A. Yes, I'm aware of that. I am also aware that
25 when the existing contracts that FPL had with those

1 facilities expired, FPL approached those facilities
2 seeking to renew those contracts, and they rejected our
3 approach not because we were not offering sufficient
4 monies, but because they wanted to, in essence, play the
5 market. They wanted to sell their power to the highest
6 bidder on any given day. So they simply asked us to
7 wheel their power, but they would not be entering into
8 contracts with us. So we did not renew the contracts as
9 a result of their decisions.

10 Q. Isn't there a facility also in Miami-Dade that
11 you all previously had a contract with, the
12 waste-to-energy facility in Miami-Dade?

13 A. I am not familiar with that facility. During
14 the period in which I have been involved in resource
15 planning, that facility has always been also selling
16 independently rather than selling to us.

17 Q. Okay. And that is the Dade-Montenay facility,
18 is that right?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. Okay. So then the answer to the question on
21 Page 30 really should be yes, rather than no. You would
22 agree with that, correct? Because the question is is
23 there an existing generator owned by a third-party in
24 Miami-Dade or Broward County, and I think you have
25 talked about two owned by Wheelabrator and one owned by

1 Montenay or Covanta. I mean, so really there are
2 existing generators owned by third-parties in Broward
3 County and Miami-Dade, correct?

4 A. Yes, it is correct. And they were not
5 reflected in the answer because they had -- at least in
6 the case of the ones in Broward, which were more
7 substantial in size comparable to our need, they had
8 already rejected our offers to continue to sell power to
9 us.

10 Q. Did they tell you that that was it, they were
11 never going to talk to you again, that they were not
12 interested in continuing negotiations or discussions?

13 A. Well, they did at the time that I was involved
14 in attempting to negotiate with them, and there has been
15 no expressed interest on their part. And at the same
16 time that this has transpired, we have entered into
17 additional contracts with the Solid Waste Authority of
18 Palm Beach County where we continue to take the
19 initiative with each one of these entities to say do you
20 have any more to sell us. And, in fact, the Palm Beach
21 County Solid Waste Authority is enhancing its production
22 facility with a view towards selling us additional
23 capacity, which is reflected in our planning process.
24 But in the case of the Broward facilities, they have not
25 expressed any interest in doing business with us.

1 Q. And when was your last conversation with them?

2 A. It has been some years since I have been
3 involved in that aspect of the business, meaning
4 purchasing power, because of reorganization some -- a
5 couple of years ago. So I'm not familiar with what is
6 going on right now between the entities, but I know that
7 that group continues to be active. For example, they
8 are in negotiations to purchase up to 180 megawatts of
9 biomass generation, which has yet to be built, but we
10 are pursuing that. And in the time that this has
11 transpired, FPL issued not one but two requests for
12 proposals for supply of renewable generation which,
13 unfortunately, were not successful, primarily because no
14 entity wanted to offer power at a cost that would fall
15 under the avoided cost.

16 So those were not successful, but it's an
17 illustration of our ongoing attempts to solicit and
18 encourage third parties to give us offers that will sell
19 us power for the benefit of our customers.

20 MR. MOYLE: Mr. Chairman, I know, I guess, in
21 your prehearing order you always direct the witness to
22 say yes or no and then explain. You know, if he needs
23 to explain, I'm fine with him explaining, but it will
24 move along if he kind of limits his answers to the
25 questions asked.

1 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay. Thank you.

2 **BY MR. MOYLE:**

3 Q. And, Mr. Silva, in that lengthy response to my
4 question, my question simply was when was the last time
5 you had talked to the two facilities in Broward, and I
6 think you said a number of years. But you also said
7 that there is 180 megawatts of biomass that you are in
8 discussions with, is that right?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. Okay. And tell me about that, if you would,
11 please.

12 A. I only mentioned in my testimony that we are
13 pursuing negotiation with an entity for three
14 60-megawatt facilities that would produce in the
15 aggregate 180 megawatts of biomass generation, and it is
16 anticipated that the firm capacity out of those
17 facilities will be available to us by around 2019.

18 Q. Okay. And who are you in those discussions
19 with?

20 A. As I said before, I personally am not involved
21 in the discussions for power purchases, so I don't have
22 personal contact with the seller.

23 Q. Do you know the name of the other entity that
24 you are in these negotiations with?

25 A. I am not certain that I do. No, I don't have

1 it here.

2 Q. Do you know that it's not -- and this is a new
3 facility, correct?

4 A. These would be new facilities to be
5 constructed after the contract is entered into.

6 Q. And do you know where they are being proposed,
7 what geographic location?

8 A. I know that they are not in Miami-Dade or
9 Broward County, but I don't know the precise location.

10 Q. So for all the reasons in your testimony, I
11 mean, you want things close to your load center,
12 correct, if you can get it?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Let me next refer you to Page 32, Line 13 of
15 your testimony; you were asked whether a third party
16 would offer a capacity sale from an existing generator
17 located outside Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, what
18 inherent disadvantages would that offer have relative to
19 the proposed project. And in your testimony you say
20 that there is no third-party advanced combined-cycle
21 unit in Florida available to deliver generation to
22 Florida Power and Light. Do you stand by that
23 statements?

24 A. Yes, that's my information. In the area of
25 Miami-Dade and Broward County there is no third-party

1 advanced combined-cycle unit generator from whom we
2 could purchase power.

3 Q. But the question asked about people,
4 generators outside of Miami-Dade.

5 A. I'm sorry. My answer says there is none
6 inside the south. So any offer would necessarily
7 involve using a single cycle, if it were inside. I
8 agree that the question asked for outside, and it's in
9 the latter part of the answer that says generation from
10 outside southeast Florida would likely contribute to
11 higher transmission losses. So I do in part of the
12 answer later address the question of outside Miami-Dade
13 and Broward County.

14 Q. Yes, sir. And the question that I'm posing to
15 you is do you stand by your testimony that says,
16 "Because there is no third-party advanced combined-cycle
17 unit in Florida available to deliver generation to FPL."
18 Is that true?

19 A. That is my belief, yes. I don't know of any
20 advanced combined-cycle unit generator in Florida that
21 is available to sell power to FPL.

22 Q. Did you do anything to try to ascertain
23 whether there was any advanced combined-cycle units in
24 Florida available to sell generation to FPL?

25 A. We are on an ongoing basis as part of the

1 business.

2 Q. And I'm just asking you. I mean, because it's
3 your testimony, I'm just asking what you did to be
4 comfortable making that statement?

5 MR. BUTLER: Mr. Chairman, I would observe Mr.
6 Silva is an overview witness and he is describing in his
7 testimony sort of FPL's overall case. There are many
8 instances in which he is reporting on work that others
9 have done, and certainly his answers are from that
10 perspective.

11 CHAIRMAN BRISÉ: Thank you. Duly noted.

12 THE WITNESS: And in order to answer the
13 question, I rely on experts in various areas, which was
14 a reason why originally there were six other witnesses
15 in this case. But aside from that, because this is not
16 just about what we presented in testimony, on an ongoing
17 basis we have a group, energy marketing and trading, who
18 is regularly talking to would-be suppliers for hourly,
19 daily, and long-term power purchases and evaluating what
20 they have to offer. I rely on information from that
21 organization to indicate, for example, that we are in
22 negotiations to purchase 180 megawatts of biomass
23 generation, as well as there isn't anybody out there who
24 has an advanced combined cycle unit in Florida that
25 could offer us power for sale.

1 BY MR. MOYLE:

2 Q. So you relied on somebody telling you that
3 there was no third-party advanced combined-cycle unit in
4 Florida?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Okay. Now, are you aware of a project that I
7 think is in Polk County called the Osprey Project which
8 is, I would represent to you, an advanced combined-cycle
9 unit?

10 A. I am aware of that project from some years
11 ago.

12 Q. Okay. And do you agree that it's an advanced
13 combined-cycle unit in Florida?

14 A. I don't know that it is an advanced
15 combined-cycle unit. It's a combined-cycle unit, but I
16 don't know if it is what we refer to as an advanced
17 combined unit with high efficiencies.

18 Q. Okay. As we sit here today, do you know if
19 that unit has power available for sale?

20 A. Personally I don't, but based on my reliance
21 on the group that provides the information to me, no.
22 And in any event it's not -- at least my understanding
23 is that it's not an advanced combined-cycle unit.

24 Q. And what is your understanding of an advanced
25 combined-cycle unit. Does that have to be something as

1 of a certain date or era?

2 A. Well, for example, we have a combined-cycle
3 unit at our Putnam site that is from before the 2005
4 vintage. The first of our advanced combined-cycle
5 units, if I recollect, was coming in service around the
6 turn of the century, the year 2000 or so. Before that
7 we referred to them as simply combined units as opposed
8 to advanced. And it's not a line that is very well
9 defined, but the units that have come recently have much
10 better heat rate efficiency and so forth. And, for
11 example, the unit that we are proposing here has a heat
12 rate of only 6,330 Btus per kilowatt hour, which is
13 better than anything that currently exists in our
14 system.

15 Q. Yes, sir. So I guess from your answer there
16 is not a term of art in the industry that separates
17 advanced combined-cycle from older combined-cycle. In
18 your mind it's just advanced because it's newer and has
19 better heat rate, is that right?

20 A. That's correct, and that's what I'm referring
21 to in this response is that I'm talking about what we
22 call or refer to as advanced combined-cycle units, and
23 in our view there aren't any available in Florida that
24 would sell us power.

25 Q. Do you know the heat rate for the Osprey

1 Project?

2 A. I don't recall it.

3 Q. All right. Let me flip you to Page 4 of your
4 testimony.

5 A. Sorry, what page?

6 Q. Page 4. And up at the top you say, "The
7 project will transform 1,187 megawatts of less efficient
8 oil and gas-fueled steam generation into about
9 1,277 megawatts of highly efficient, state of the art,
10 environmentally sensitive, advanced combined-cycle
11 generation."

12 Presently, the Port Everglades project, when
13 it was operational, what was it fueled by? What was its
14 primary fuel source?

15 A. The Port Everglades project is primarily using
16 natural gas when that is available.

17 Q. So was oil a backup, or could you dual fuel
18 it?

19 A. No, you can operate that unit on either -- or
20 those four units on either residual fuel oil or natural
21 gas.

22 Q. So for the last year that it was operational,
23 do you know -- can you give me just a rough ballpark how
24 much of the time it was fueled by natural gas and how
25 much of the time it was fueled by oil?

1 A. No, I do not.

2 Q. Would you economically dispatch that unit when
3 it was operational, the Everglades plant? And what I
4 mean economically dispatch, if you could fuel it either
5 with oil or natural gas, you would make a decision
6 about, well, what is the better deal. You know, if oil
7 was low and gas was high you might use oil. Do you
8 understand that question?

9 A. Yes, I do, and that is definitely the way that
10 we had run that unit within the constraint of where is
11 the best place to use limited amounts of gas. So the
12 economics of just Port Everglades don't dictate the
13 decision in its entirety. We have to consider would it
14 be more economic to put that gas, Turkey Point 5, at
15 Lauderdale as opposed to running Lauderdale, for
16 example, on oil instead. So it's a decision that is
17 economic, but it's more than just for the individual
18 site.

19 Q. Okay. And sort of implicit in your last
20 answer was that there is value associated with fuel
21 diversity. When you're running your Everglades unit,
22 you could make a choice between oil or natural gas
23 depending on the market prices of those two commodities,
24 that's a good thing. You would agree with that would
25 you not?

1 A. Yes. Fuel diversity is a good thing, and we
2 are pursuing it in many ways.

3 Q. All right. So when you did your analysis that
4 you are presenting to the Commission today, did you
5 ascribe any value for diversity in what you are
6 presenting to the Commission, any value for diversity of
7 fuel mix? And if you could answer yes or no and then
8 explain, I would appreciate it.

9 A. Not specifically. Because when we compared
10 the possibility of returning to service the Port
11 Everglades units and the costs that that would have
12 entailed and the inefficiency with which those units
13 would continue to operate into the future, the savings
14 associated with doing the modernization amounted to
15 \$469 million, and we did not see any quantification of
16 fuel diversity at that site that would overcome a \$469
17 million disadvantage for the old units.

18 Q. All right. So we talked about fuel diversity
19 at this particular site, and I think we've agreed that
20 fuel diversity is a good thing. Is it true that Florida
21 Power and Light, based on its generation mix, has more
22 generation coming from natural gas than any other
23 investor-owned utility in the state?

24 A. I believe that's right.

25 Q. And with respect to this project that you are

1 asking the Commission to approve, it does not help in
2 any way in terms of diversifying your fuel mix, correct?

3 A. Yes and no. Let me say the no first.

4 Obviously we are not adding nuclear generation at Port
5 Everglades or coal generation at Port Everglades. On
6 the other hand, what we are doing at Port Everglades of
7 increasing the efficiency of that unit means that we
8 need less gas in the system in order to supply the same
9 need for our customers. When we go from a heat rate of
10 9,800 Btus to a heat rate of 6,330 at the site, with a
11 little bit more megawatts, then that eliminates a
12 significant amount of natural gas and oil that would
13 otherwise have to be used in the system, and that
14 contributes to fuel diversity by reducing somewhat our
15 dependence on natural gas.

16 Q. Okay. So that was the yes part of the answer.
17 Do you have a no part?

18 A. I said no in the sense that we are not placing
19 in Port Everglades coal generation or nuclear
20 generation. On the other hand, you know, this issue of
21 fuel diversity is not really about one site, it's really
22 about our system. And in terms of diversity, because we
23 are very concerned, we are pursuing the nuclear uprates
24 at existing nuclear facilities, we are pursuing
25 permitting and licensing for you new nuclear units for

1 when that would be available, and we are adding
2 136 megawatts per year of demand-side management. That,
3 again, enables us to not produce as much electricity, so
4 it contributes to fuel diversity.

5 We are pursuing solar generation to try to
6 make it a viable option and negotiating for other
7 sources of renewable power, so we are pursuing globally
8 for the system fuel diversity because we consider it to
9 be this important. But Port Everglades is a different
10 situation, a different focus because of its location,
11 because of the efficiency, because of the economics. So
12 that is why that is so important to us.

13 Q. So at the end of the day, if the Commission
14 approves your need determination, will this make Florida
15 Power and Light in 2016 more dependent on natural gas as
16 compared to where it sits today?

17 A. I would say that we will use more natural gas
18 in 2016 than where we are today whether we get a
19 determination of need for Port Everglades modernization
20 or not. You would have to look at, well, if not Port
21 Everglades, what would we do? And we don't see
22 something that will reduce the increase in use of
23 natural gas. However, the natural gas that we use and
24 the high proportion of natural gas that we use is to a
25 large extent, not totally, but to a large extent an

1 economic choice.

2 In other words, we have 3,200 megawatts of oil
3 generation at the Martin and Manatee sites. If those
4 units were to run ahead of our gas units, we could
5 reduce what might be 60-something percent use of natural
6 gas to maybe 48 percent. But that is not an economic
7 choice. Oil is more costly. We have the availability
8 to run natural gas, which is economic, therefore, we run
9 that.

10 So it's important to not confuse dependence in
11 terms of reliability which at some cost we could change
12 on a daily versus dependence in terms of making the
13 economic choice. Gas is the most cost-effective and,
14 therefore, we run it as much as possible.

15 Q. So am I correct in that response to the
16 question that the answer is yes, that adding the Port
17 Everglades project in 2016 will increase Florida Power
18 and Light's reliance on natural gas as compared to where
19 we sit here today?

20 **MR. BUTLER:** I will object to that question as
21 asked and answered.

22 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** I would agree with you that
23 it was asked and answered.

24 **BY MR. MOYLE:**

25 Q. Let me direct you to Page of 6 of your

1 testimony. At Line 19 you say that a three-year delay
2 in adding generation in Miami-Dade/Broward County may
3 not be feasible from a system reliability perspective
4 due to the growing imbalance," et cetera, et cetera. So
5 your testimony -- you're saying that it may, may happen,
6 correct? Just yes or no.

7 A. Yes, in the sense that it's a projection of
8 growth into the future. But we know that in the few
9 years after 2016 if we don't add new generation at Port
10 Everglades or bring back the old generation in Port
11 Everglades, we are going to have to build transmission
12 facilities to enhance the reliability, the import
13 capability into the region. And one could argue that it
14 could be in 2019 or 2020, but one cannot escape the fact
15 that the area load is growing, and absent additional
16 generating capacity, we would have to import power. And
17 if we do, we would have to enhance the transmission
18 facilities to import it, and that has a huge cost as
19 well as great other obstacles. But even before then, in
20 order -- absent this unit, over those years before we
21 have to build the transmission we would still have to
22 import power from outside the area with ensuing
23 transmission losses; and occasionally we would have to
24 run peaking units in the Miami-Dade/Broward area out of
25 economic dispatch in order to balance supply and demand

1 within that area which would be avoidable with the
2 addition of the Port Everglades modernization.

3 **MR. MOYLE:** Mr. Chairman, I have an exhibit
4 that I would like to use. Whatever your preference is
5 in distributing it, I can do it.

6 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** I think we have staff that's
7 going to help with distribution.

8 **MR. MOYLE:** Thank you.

9 **MR. BUTLER:** Mr. Moyle, a question for you on
10 the exhibit. You have a fair amount of the information
11 on here highlighted in yellow.

12 **MR. MOYLE:** Right.

13 **MR. BUTLER:** Does that mean it's confidential,
14 or something that you wanted to draw attention to?

15 **MR. MOYLE:** No, that means I did that to draw
16 attention to it.

17 **MR. BUTLER:** Okay.

18 **MR. MOYLE:** Thank you.

19 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** So I guess this would be
20 Exhibit Number 41.

21 Do you have a short title, Mr. Moyle?

22 **MR. MOYLE:** On the description, PPAs from
23 Summer 2006 to Summer 2011. Maybe FPL PPAs.

24 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you.

25 (Exhibit Number 41 marked for identification.)

1 BY MR. MOYLE:

2 Q. Mr. Silva, I will represent to you that what I
3 have taken are excerpts from the Ten-Year Site Plans
4 that your company has filed 2006 up to 2011, and it's a
5 table that I think has appeared in most of them. If you
6 want to take a minute and look at it and make sure
7 you're comfortable with it, and if you would confirm
8 that is what that is.

9 A. Yes, I understand. I agree.

10 Q. Okay. So let me first direct your attention
11 to the first page of the document, and the document is
12 numbered with handwritten numbers. But on Page 1, do
13 you see the handwritten number on the right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. So we are at the 2006, and at the top -- am I
16 correct in that those show the purchases from the North
17 Broward and South Broward facilities of nearly
18 95 megawatts, is that right?

19 A. In 2006, yes.

20 Q. Okay. And then in the third section, other
21 purchases, in 2006 there's a purchase of 274 megawatts
22 from the Reliant/Pasco/Shady Hills project, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. That's a combined-cycle project, is it not?

25 A. I don't recall.

1 Q. Do you know if in part of your analysis that
2 you checked to see whether any of that power was
3 available for purchase today?

4 A. I personally did not.

5 Q. Did your team?

6 A. I don't know.

7 Q. You do not know?

8 A. No, I don't know.

9 Q. With respect to making sure the consumers are
10 getting the best deal, do you think maybe that would
11 have been something prudent to do, to check and see
12 whether there is any available power from the
13 Reliant/Pasco/Shady Hills project? Your need was 276,
14 and this was 474 in 2006. Wouldn't you agree that maybe
15 should have been something that should have been checked
16 out?

17 A. I am not saying that it wasn't checked out;
18 I'm saying that I personally don't have knowledge that
19 this particular operation was considered. I relied on
20 the experts that deal with purchased power when they
21 indicated that there was no advanced combined-cycle unit
22 facilities available to compete with what we were
23 considering.

24 Q. All right. And then I guess the same
25 questions. There is another Reliant project that it

1 looks like in 2007 and 2008, I mean, you were projecting
2 pretty big numbers coming out the Reliant Indian River
3 project, correct?

4 A. Well, the Reliant Indian River plant is a
5 steam plant that I know we purchased power at some
6 junctures and time in the past, and it's a very
7 inefficient facility, and not cost-effective compared to
8 any of the combined-cycle units.

9 Q. But with respect to exploring whether a
10 purchase was available, I mean, the cost-effectiveness
11 depends on what somebody would sell you the power for,
12 correct? I mean, if they sell it and make only a small
13 profit, maybe it becomes cost-effective to you. You
14 would agree with that, that the cost-effectiveness is
15 not necessarily governed by what the equipment in the
16 ground is, but what a willing seller is willing to take
17 for his power?

18 A. In the case of Reliant Indian River, at the
19 prices of oil compared to natural gas, they could not
20 have sold us power without losing money if they wanted
21 to compete with a combined-cycle unit. So that
22 particular one, even without being involved in
23 day-to-day discussions, I know that there is no possible
24 way that we could have bought power from them at a
25 competing price.

1 Q. How about the Oleander project, those are
2 combustion turbines, are they not?

3 A. I don't remember the technology of it, whether
4 they are CTs, or combustion turbines, but the Oleander
5 facilities have been offered to us periodically, and we
6 have evaluated them against our alternatives. And
7 because of their high heat rate they have not competed.
8 Again, I don't know whether they were available at this
9 time. My understanding is that all of these facilities,
10 except for Indian River, were committed, but I cannot
11 testify that I know personally about that.

12 Q. So you have been -- in your current position
13 you are in charge of planning, integrated resource
14 planning, isn't that right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. And you have held that position since
17 2002?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. So all of the Ten-Year Site Plan
20 information I'm showing you, you oversaw this, have
21 familiarity with it, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. So let me just flip you to the second
24 page. There's a lot of other purchases that are listed
25 and then under 8, I have highlighted it, other

1 short-term purchases. And it looks like in the years
2 2012/2013, you know, you are showing 800 megawatts.
3 This is summer, correct, this is to cover your summer
4 peak?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Where were those other short-term purchases
7 coming from, if you know?

8 A. If they are not listed, which they are not
9 here, and noting that this is a document prepared in
10 2007, and these purchases are five years later, is that
11 these were projected purchases without necessarily
12 identifying the source at this time. And I do not
13 recall there being a specific seller for these
14 quantities.

15 Q. All right. So let me flip you to the very
16 last page, Page 6. And when you compare Page 6 to Page
17 1, you have gone from -- in 2006, you had over
18 1300 megawatts purchased from third parties, and then in
19 2011 you have only 155 megawatts purchased, is that
20 right?

21 A. Under other purchases?

22 Q. Yes, sir.

23 A. Yes, that's correct.

24 Q. Okay. And up above, you know, the Broward
25 facilities there, the large units in 2006 you had 50

1 megawatts and 45. Those are not showing up in the top
2 column, are they?

3 A. No. As I said, those were the purchases that
4 expired and they did not want to continue them.

5 Q. Okay. And in my opening statement I made a
6 comment that Florida Power and Light earns money on
7 invested capital. You agree with that, correct? When
8 you invest capital you get a return on it, including a
9 return on equity?

10 A. We are given an opportunity to earn a fair
11 return on our investment.

12 Q. Okay. Are you also given an opportunity to
13 earn money, to earn a fair return on purchased power
14 agreements?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Those are just straight pass-throughs,
17 correct? So whatever the cost of the purchased power
18 agreement is, you come in in a clause proceeding and
19 seek to recover those costs, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Treated just like fuel?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. So you would agree there is a financial
24 incentive in deciding what direction to go with respect
25 to generation options, that there is a financial

1 incentive to build your own facilities, as compared to
2 signing purchased power agreements, at least as it
3 relates to the opportunity to earn additional monies,
4 correct?

5 A. I don't know how to answer the question in the
6 sense that I'm not involved in decisions as they pertain
7 to the shareholder. In my group we determine when a
8 need for capacity is needed and then we treat the
9 alternatives to see which is the one that results in the
10 best outcome for the customer, without any consideration
11 for whether this is a pass-through or that earns a
12 return. And, frankly, I don't know that I could tell
13 you whether we are better off as a company from a
14 shareholder perspective by adding our own capacity or
15 not. It's not something that we ever consider when we
16 are going through this process.

17 Q. All right. Now, you have a Master's in
18 Business, right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And you are familiar with -- I mean, you have
21 been in the electric business with FPL since what year?

22 A. With FPL?

23 Q. Yes, sir.

24 A. Since 1978.

25 MR. MOYLE: I have another exhibit.

1 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Just so that everyone is
2 conscious of the time, it's 11:00 o'clock. We plan to
3 begin another hearing at 1:00 o'clock. So please bear
4 that in mind.

5 **MR. MOYLE:** I'm not filibustering, I promise.

6 **MR. BUTLER:** It seems like it.

7 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** So this would be Exhibit
8 Number 42.

9 (Exhibit Number 42 marked for identification.)

10 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** If you could provide us a
11 short title that you would like us to use, Mr. Moyle.

12 **MR. MOYLE:** Sure. Transcript of NextEra
13 Investors Call, November 4, 2011.

14 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you.

15 **BY MR. MOYLE:**

16 **Q.** Mr. Silva, you are aware that your company has
17 calls with investors periodically, correct?

18 **A.** Yes.

19 **Q.** And those are usually with the top executives
20 of the company, correct?

21 **A.** Yes.

22 **Q.** Do you listen in on those calls, or do you
23 have information as to what takes place on those calls,
24 or general knowledge?

25 **A.** I occasionally have listened and otherwise

1 read, if not the entire transcript, then summaries.

2 Q. Okay. So I just want to bring you to a couple
3 of points and ask you if you agree with this. The first
4 is on Page 3 of 12, and I'm going -- the numbering is at
5 the top of the page. So do you see Page 3 or 12?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. And there's a statement in there, "For
8 the third quarter of 2011, Florida Power and Light
9 reported net income of 347 million, or 0.83 per share.
10 Florida Power and Light's contributions to earnings per
11 share increased 9 cents relative to the prior year's
12 comparable quarter, driven almost entirely by the
13 substantial investments we have made in the business,
14 including the nuclear uprates in our Martin facility."
15 Do you have any reason to disagree with that statement?

16 A. No.

17 Q. And then on Page 5?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And I'm not going to read the whole thing, but
20 there is a statement made by Mr. Pimentel that he says,
21 "First, as we have indicated before, we expect the major
22 driver of our earnings growth over the next several
23 years will be the investments that we continue to make
24 at FPL." You would agree that --

25 MR. BUTLER: Excuse me, I'm going to object.

1 I think it's appropriate for Mr. Moyle to at least read
2 all of the part that he highlighted.

3 MR. MOYLE: I'm happy to do that.

4 MR. BUTLER: It puts a considerably different
5 spin on matters.

6 CHAIRMAN BRISÉ: All right. Mr. Moyle, if you
7 would --

8 MR. MOYLE: You had me worried about the time
9 a little bit, but I'll go ahead and read it.

10 CHAIRMAN BRISÉ: I'm sure you're a fast
11 reader.

12 MR. MOYLE: All right. The highlighted
13 portion says, "As far as the earnings outlook beyond
14 2011, we want to give you a bit more detail regarding
15 some factors that are expected to drive results in 2012
16 and '13. First, as we have indicated before, we expect
17 the major driver of our earnings growth over the next
18 several years will be the investments that we continue
19 to make at FPL. We expect these investments to reward
20 our customers with operating efficiencies, cleaner
21 generation and reduced fuel costs, all while keeping our
22 bills the lowest in Florida."

23 All right. You don't have any reason to
24 disagree with that statement, do you?

25 A. No, and the last sentence is essentially what

1 is my role. In other words, what the first part talks
2 about is the --

3 **MR. MOYLE:** Mr. Chairman, I got the answer I
4 needed.

5 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Yes or no is preferable,
6 unless you absolutely have to, and some of it is at Mr.
7 Moyle's discretion on how long you go.

8 **BY MR. MOYLE:**

9 Q. All right. And I'm not going to belabor this,
10 but on the next page, on Page 6 there is guidance that
11 says the highlighted portion looking at 2012
12 specifically as a result of our rate agreement, FPL's
13 earnings will be primarily based on the amount of rate
14 base investment it makes. We expect total base rate in
15 2012 to be between 24.7 billion and 24.9 billion, or
16 approximately 14 percent higher in 2011. The growth in
17 total rate base is driven primarily by generation
18 projects that have received prior PSC approval.

19 Do you know are those -- you don't disagree
20 with this statement, do you?

21 A. No, although the numbers are not something
22 that I'm personally familiar with, it's a statement of
23 fact. You know, we add capacity to serve the customer
24 at the lowest possible cost, and then this is the
25 numerical consequence, if you will.

1 Q. Right. And down below it, "We expect total
2 average rate base in 2013 to be between 26.4 billion and
3 26.8 billion, or approximately 7 percent higher than in
4 2012." Do you know is the company -- is part of its
5 business strategy to continue to grow the rate base?

6 **MR. BUTLER:** I'm going to object to this line
7 of questioning. I let it go for awhile, but it's way
8 beyond the scope of Mr. Silva's testimony, and it's an
9 improper examination of him.

10 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Mary Anne?

11 **MR. MOYLE:** If I could respond?

12 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Sure.

13 **MR. MOYLE:** I would argue that it's not from a
14 standpoint of, you know, you're tasked with determining
15 whether what is before you is the best deal for the
16 consumers, and as part of the regulatory compact you
17 have to consider the evidence. I have, in my opening
18 statement, made the proposition that FPL has selected
19 and decided on the Port Everglades project, because it
20 is in the best interest of Wall Street and their
21 shareholders. Because if it's approved, it gets added
22 to the base rate, and then they can come in and try to
23 seek recovery; whereas purchased power agreements and
24 things like that don't give them a return. So I think
25 for the point of you determining whether indeed it's the

1 best deal, that I think this is a relevant line of
2 inquiry.

3 **MR. BUTLER:** But saying it in his opening
4 statement doesn't make it relevant to Mr. Silva's
5 testimony. I continue with my objection.

6 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you.

7 Mary Anne.

8 **MS. HELTON:** Mr. Chairman, I think you have
9 given Mr. Moyle a great deal of latitude today,
10 especially considering that he did not sponsor any
11 witnesses; he did not participate in the prehearing
12 conference; he intervened five days before the hearing
13 started. It sounds to me that we have gone beyond the
14 scope of his examination here today.

15 **MR. MOYLE:** I'll tell you what, I'll move it
16 along.

17 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** But for the record, I guess,
18 I'll sustain the objection. And if we could shift the
19 line of questioning to an appropriate scope, that would
20 be greatly appreciated.

21 **MR. MOYLE:** Sure. Mr. Chairman, and one more
22 point that I think is a little telling under -- on Page
23 7, the Lew Hay statement, "Our growth for the next few
24 years will be driven primarily by growth at Florida
25 Power and Light where our investments are fundamentally

1 substituting capital for fuel and thereby making or
2 delivery system more efficient."

3 **MR. BUTLER:** I would object. Mr. Moyle has
4 apparently assumed the role of testifying witness at the
5 moment.

6 **MR. MOYLE:** Well, I was going to ask a
7 question.

8 **BY MR. MOYLE:**

9 **Q.** My question would be is the Progress -- I'm
10 sorry, is the Everglades project substituting capital
11 for fuel? I mean, that's what it. Is you are saying,
12 well, we can invest this money and we will use less
13 fuel. Is that an example of substituting capital for
14 fuel?

15 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Before you answer that
16 question, from your perspective, do you maintain your
17 objection?

18 **MR. BUTLER:** I will withdraw my objection to
19 that particular question.

20 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay. Thank you. You may
21 proceed, Mr. Silva.

22 **THE WITNESS:** These are not my words and I
23 would not use this characterization. We certainly
24 invest in new generation. Sometimes we purchase power,
25 if that's cost-effective, in order to meet the needs of

1 our customers at the lowest cost. But consider this, in
2 the investments we have made since 2001 to date, we have
3 increased the efficiency of the system by 20 percent,
4 meaning 20 percent less fossil fuel is being burned than
5 would have been at the old efficiency. And by 2016 we
6 project that it will be 26 percent. So we are reducing
7 fuel costs, and it requires investment, but the
8 investment is necessary in order to maintain reliability
9 in any event. And if purchased power is available and
10 it is more cost-effective, then we always select
11 purchased power under those circumstances.

12 **BY MR. MOYLE:**

13 Q. So did I understand your answer to be that
14 essentially, yes, that you are substituting capital for
15 fuel to gain more efficient delivery? That while you
16 are not comfortable with these words, but that is
17 essentially -- I mean, you don't disagree with these
18 words, do you?

19 **MR. BUTLER:** I'll object. The question is
20 asked and answered.

21 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** I would agree, the question
22 was asked and it was answered.

23 **MR. MOYLE:** Well, let me do this. Can we take
24 a couple of minutes? I have some other questions, but I
25 think if we take a morning break I might be able to pare

1 some down.

2 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. So we will take a
3 five-minute break. So we will be back -- I guess we'll
4 make it six minutes -- at 11:20.

5 (Recess.)

6 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay. It seems as if
7 everyone is in place, so at this time we will resume.

8 Mr. Moyle.

9 **MR. MOYLE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

10 **BY MR. MOYLE:**

11 Q. Mr. Silva, when we were going through those
12 purchased power agreements from the ten-year site plans,
13 I didn't see anything in there for purchased power from
14 the Florida Crystals facility. Do you have familiarity
15 with the Florida Crystals facility in Palm Beach County?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And that is a 145 or 150 megawatt facility,
18 correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And being in Palm Beach County, it is
21 relatively close to your load center, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And in putting together your information, did
24 you do any analysis that would have a scenario by which
25 a purchase from them would have been included?

1 A. We have a contract with Okeelanta, the same
2 company. By their choice it is an as-available energy
3 contract. They do not want to commit firm capacity to
4 us. In fact, the last increment in the capacity that
5 they built was built as a result of a determination of
6 need granted by this Commission with FPL support.
7 Despite the fact that they provided no firm capacity,
8 they did sell the power slightly below avoided cost, and
9 as a result the Commission found that there was a need,
10 an economic need for the benefit of the customers. And
11 we have been in that contract with them since, and as
12 reported in the Ten-Year Site Plan in a different
13 section, because it's not firm capacity resources.

14 Q. So is it your testimony that they are
15 unwilling to enter into a contract with you for firm
16 capacity?

17 A. They were when -- yes, they were resistant to
18 enter into a firm capacity contract with us when we
19 entered into the contract.

20 Q. And what the point in time are you referring
21 to when you entered into the contract?

22 A. I believe this must have been around 2007,
23 perhaps.

24 Q. And it is your testimony that the contract is
25 still in existence today?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And it is for as-available, correct?

3 A. Yes, it is for energy only.

4 Q. Okay. And you believe, or it's your testimony
5 that the ability to modify that contract for them to
6 commit firm capacity is not available?

7 A. I believe that it's not, because the way that
8 they expressed their interest was to use our
9 transmission facilities to sell on an hourly basis
10 wherever they could get the highest price as opposed to
11 committing to one buyer.

12 Q. Do you know what they are currently being paid
13 for their as-available energy?

14 A. No, I don't know. But I might say -- excuse
15 me, to correct my -- I don't know what others may be
16 paying them, but we are paying them just like 99 percent
17 of avoided cost.

18 Q. And what are your avoided costs presently, do
19 you know?

20 A. That I cannot tell you.

21 Q. Now, you testify on Page 11 about -- your
22 testimony assumes that Turkey Point Unit 1 will be
23 removed from service by 2006. How many units is Turkey
24 Point Unit 1, how many megawatts?

25 A. Excuse me, it will be removed from service by

1 2016.

2 Q. I'm sorry.

3 A. Turkey Point 1 is one unit. There are five
4 units in operation at the site.

5 Q. Okay. And just this one unit, how many
6 megawatts does it represent?

7 A. About 400.

8 Q. 400 megawatts. Okay. Now, isn't it true that
9 your plans are to still keep Turkey Point Unit 1 on-line
10 of 2006 to address voltage issues?

11 A. After 2016, you mean?

12 Q. Yes, I'm sorry, 2016.

13 A. Yes, they will continue to operate what they
14 call a synchronous condenser. It doesn't produce any
15 energy, doesn't contribute capacity to the system, it
16 just maintains system stability from the transmission
17 perspective.

18 Q. So to the extent that this plant is going to
19 not be retired, it's going stay on-line, and it has
20 400 megawatts, you're not going to get any power out of
21 it, but you are going to keep it on-line for voltage
22 support, is that essentially right?

23 A. That is correct.

24 Q. On Page 13, again, you're talking about you
25 determine that there would be cost to FPL customers if a

1 long-term agreement, a long-term purchased power
2 agreement was entered into. Did you consider or do an
3 analysis with respect to the possibility of entering
4 into a short-term agreement?

5 A. Yes, we have.

6 Q. And what were the results of that?

7 A. All our analyses that are related to delaying
8 the unit by virtue of short-term purchased power
9 resulted in higher cost to the customer. And those
10 analysis are very conservative, conservatively low in
11 terms of penalizing the delay. But all of them that we
12 did for one year, two year, and three-year delay, they
13 resulted in higher cost to the customer.

14 Q. And what term did you look at with respect to
15 a long-term agreement, what was the term that you looked
16 at? Did you do an analysis? Did you do a document that
17 says here is our analysis where we concluded that
18 entering into a long-term purchased power agreement for
19 286 megawatts is not cost-effective?

20 MR. BUTLER: Excuse me. I'm confused. Mr.
21 Moyle was just asking Mr. Silva about short-term
22 agreements, and then his follow-up question appears to
23 be about long-term agreements.

24 CHAIRMAN BRISÉ: Mr. Moyle, if you can clarify
25 the question.

1 **MR. MOYLE:** Sure.

2 **BY MR. MOYLE:**

3 Q. Your testimony is you determined that it was
4 not cost-effective to enter into long-term agreements.
5 Did you have a document? Is there a document that
6 reaches this conclusion?

7 **MR. BUTLER:** I'm going to object to the
8 characterization of his testimony. He just was asking
9 him about short-term agreements and Mr. Silva answered
10 him about short-term agreements.

11 **MR. MOYLE:** I can go back to short term.
12 Whatever your will is.

13 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay. Finish with short
14 term.

15 **MR. MOYLE:** Okay.

16 **BY MR. MOYLE:**

17 Q. You did an analysis of short-term agreements,
18 correct?

19 A. Yes, we did.

20 Q. Okay. And what period of time did you use for
21 a short-term? Was it five years, three years, two
22 years?

23 A. I'm sorry, one, two, and three-year agreement
24 to delay the units, the unit at Port Everglades that
25 long.

1 Q. And what was the purchased price that you
2 assumed?

3 A. I don't believe I have that information. I
4 believe it was three dollars per kW month for capacity.
5 And then, of course, the fuel, the energy would be at
6 the fuel price. But that's a recollection. I'm not
7 absolutely sure about that number. But it was
8 reflective of offers that we had received and short-term
9 contracts that we have entered into for this year. So
10 what we were being quoted for 2012, that's what we used
11 in the analysis for 2016, '17, and '18.

12 Q. And with respect to long-term, what was the
13 assumed length of a long-term purchase?

14 A. As my testimony indicates, we did not do a
15 detailed analysis versus a long-term purchase, because
16 we didn't have a proposal for a long-term purchase. I
17 discuss in my testimony to some length from a logical
18 perspective what challenges a seller would have to
19 overcome in the particular case of competing with Port
20 Everglades, and in particular the fact that a long-term
21 contract from a facility outside of Miami-Dade would
22 have required FPL to spend about \$640 million in
23 transmission upgrades into Miami-Dade County. And it
24 doesn't matter whether it was a purchased power
25 agreement from outside the region or an FPL unit from

1 outside the region, it would have had that burden. And
2 as result of that burden, it just wasn't going to be
3 cost-effective.

4 On top of that, if it had been a new unit, it
5 would have had to pay for land, which Port Everglades
6 does not, for transmission facilities, which Port
7 Everglades does not, and for gas generation, for a gas
8 pipeline lateral, which Port Everglades does not. So
9 from a logical perspective, my testimony explains at
10 some length why a long-term purchased power agreement
11 was not going to be competitive with this particular
12 unit, Port Everglades modernization.

13 Q. Okay. So I guess the question I asked was the
14 term that you used, and you didn't use any term of
15 years, because you had predetermined that there were
16 additional costs that would work against a long-term
17 purchased power agreement, is that right?

18 A. We made that determination, yes.

19 Q. Okay. And did you also -- did you assume for
20 the purposes of this analysis that there could be an
21 existing facility that could bid in under a long-term
22 purchased power agreement?

23 A. Yes. The burden of the transmission facility
24 still would have to be borne by that. In other words,
25 if we contracted for generation from outside the region,

1 we still would have to upgrade the transmission
2 facilities into the region at a cost of over 630 or
3 \$640 million.

4 Q. And when you made that determination, you did
5 it -- the document that you did it in, it wasn't a
6 transmission study of the kind that you would file with
7 FERC to determine those costs, it was a preliminary
8 analysis, correct?

9 A. No, it was not a preliminary analysis.
10 Mr. Modia refers to the analysis in his prefiled
11 testimony, and it was a standard analysis of system
12 reliability and balance from an engineering perspective
13 and costing out the facilities that would be required to
14 maintain the system stability.

15 Q. We have talked a little bit about this, but
16 just let me direct you to Page 14, Line 11. You talk
17 about firm generating capacity, what is firm generating
18 capacity?

19 A. Firm generating capacity is what we can count
20 on in our evaluations on the peak day or at any time.
21 In other words, there is a commitment either on the part
22 of a seller to us or our own unit that it's going to be
23 available when it's needed. And the best way would be
24 to contrast where we say when we buy energy only, that
25 means that the seller has the option whether to put to

1 us the energy or not, and the contract simply consists
2 of us paying a certain amount for the energy. But we
3 don't count on it for the purpose of reliability. Firm
4 capacity means that we count on it for the purpose of
5 reliability.

6 Q. So you would need a long-term contract for
7 firm --

8 A. Not necessarily.

9 Q. -- capacity factor, or no?

10 A. We have entered into short-term purchases for
11 firm capacity.

12 Q. So do you consider biomass firm, if you have a
13 contract for it?

14 A. It can be.

15 Q. From an operational standpoint it's base load,
16 correct?

17 A. Well, base load is an economic result, but
18 from a firm capacity perspective, a biomass facility can
19 be a firm capacity facility.

20 Q. Okay. Do you consider solar to be firm
21 capacity when you're doing your analysis?

22 A. No, we don't.

23 Q. Why not?

24 A. Because we don't have sufficient data to tell
25 us how much of the installed capacity of a solar

1 facility will be able to produce on the day when we have
2 a peak on the hour when we have a peak.

3 Q. So when you are doing your planning process,
4 to the extent that there's solar out there, is it your
5 testimony that you do not consider it for determining
6 your peak, you know, the generation available to meet
7 peak load?

8 A. That's correct. That's correct. And that has
9 been reported in our Ten-Year Site Plan for a number of
10 years and reflected in our other filings.

11 Q. So you would agree that from the standpoint of
12 sources of energy, solar has less value related to
13 planning purposes than something like biomass, correct?

14 A. From the perspective of firm capacity?

15 Q. Yes, sir.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Thank you.

18 A. On the other hand, it's a far cleaner source
19 of energy.

20 Q. So let me move along and have a discussion
21 with you about the reserve margin. And you all plan to
22 a 20 percent reserve margin, is that right?

23 A. Yes, to a minimum of 20 percent.

24 Q. Okay. What does FRCC plan to?

25 A. I believe FRCC requires 15 percent, but most

1 of the utilities maintain over 20 percent.

2 Q. Do you know why FRCC -- who is FRCC?

3 A. Florida Reliability Coordinating Council.

4 Q. And what is their job?

5 A. I think they look at the entire peninsular of
6 Florida system and consider what would maintain
7 reliability within the state.

8 Q. So do you know why from planning purposes the
9 entity charged with making sure there is enough energy
10 reliability uses a 15 percent reserve margin, whereas
11 you use a 20 percent?

12 A. From my perspective, the FRCC can plan on a
13 15 percent reserve margin criterion for the rest of the
14 utilities in Florida, because the three Florida IOUs
15 maintain a minimum of 20 percent, and in the aggregate
16 that is sufficient to maintain reliability in the entire
17 state. I think the FRCC would -- my belief is that they
18 would think differently, if everybody observed only a
19 15 percent minimum.

20 Q. And isn't it true that Florida Power and Light
21 for many, many, many years safely and effectively served
22 its customers with a 15 percent reserve margin?

23 **MR. BUTLER:** Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. I'm
24 going to object. I have held my tongue to this point,
25 but reserve margin isn't an issue in this docket. It's

1 clear that Mr. Moyle is going into the history of
2 reserve margin and policy questions about it, et cetera,
3 and I think it's way off the mark of the subject of this
4 proceeding. I object to it on that basis.

5 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Mr. Moyle.

6 **MR. MOYLE:** I would respectfully disagree
7 strenuously and severely to the extent that, you know,
8 there's a 20 percent reserve margin and you fall just
9 under it, and then you come in and go we need
10 1.3 billion. The stipulation, there is a stipulation in
11 place with respect to reserve margin that I think gives
12 the Commission the ability to look at the facts of every
13 particular case, and so as a particular option, if you
14 decide, you know what, they went from 15 percent to
15 20 percent. Maybe that was too big of a jump. Maybe an
16 effective reserve margin -- or for the purposes of this
17 case we can make do with a 17.5 percent reserve margin.
18 I think that is fair game and a fair discussion to have.

19 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you.

20 Mary Anne, to the issues specifically of
21 whether the reserve margin is germane to this docket.

22 **MS. HELTON:** Mr. Chairman, I haven't looked
23 today at the issues listed out in the prehearing order,
24 but I assume that they are the same issues that are
25 typical in our prehearing orders for need determination

1 cases which track the statute. My recollection is that
2 the reserve margin is not listed there in the statute
3 and is not one of the matters that you must consider.

4 And if I might do a little bit of
5 editorializing here, I believe that Mr. Moyle is
6 conducting a lot of discovery here, and I'm not sure
7 that's appropriate, especially given the time period.
8 This is a quarter till noon, and we have a 1:00 o'clock
9 hearing starting.

10 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you.

11 Considering that the reserve margin is really
12 not one of the issues that's taken up per the prehearing
13 order, I'm going to sustain the objection on this issue.
14 And I'm going to take the latitude to remind all parties
15 that we intend to begin at 1:00 o'clock, and that we
16 certainly hope that everyone understands the scope of
17 what we are dealing with at this point.

18 **MR. MOYLE:** Okay. So with all due respect,
19 you already have in evidence, you know, a document where
20 your staff asked them to do an analysis comparing a
21 15 percent reserve margin to a 20 percent reserve
22 margin. So, you know, that's in and it's part of the
23 record. There is testimony about the 20 percent reserve
24 margin, so I would just proffer that to the extent I had
25 been allowed to ask questions about the reserve margin,

1 I would have explored alternatives that looked at a
2 reserve margin of less than 20 percent. So I think we
3 can deal with it that way. And, I guess, for point of
4 clarification -- and, you know, everyone is right, we
5 did intervene late, but we do take the case as we find
6 it and I'm trying to move --

7 (Pause.)

8 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** You may proceed.

9 **MR. MOYLE:** Okay. I'm trying to move along
10 and get testimony for a record that I would anticipate
11 presenting findings of fact and -- proposed findings of
12 fact and conclusions of law. And it's not an easy task
13 without witnesses and having to present, in effect, a
14 whole case based on cross-examination of an adverse
15 witness, so I appreciate the latitude that has been
16 shown.

17 From a timing standpoint, I don't want to hurt
18 and goof you up, but in terms of also, you know, being
19 able to present my case, I'm a little conflicted there.
20 So if -- you know, is it the intention to take a lunch
21 break and then take up the 1:00 o'clock and come back,
22 or, you know, work right through, or what is the --

23 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** The intention is to -- I'll
24 tell you what my intention is. Hopefully, we will
25 conclude this prior to the 1:00 o'clock, and then we

1 will move into the 1:00 o'clock. Hopefully, we'll have
2 some break in between there so that all of those who are
3 here that will participate in the next one will have an
4 opportunity to at least take a bite to eat and come back
5 and continue.

6 So I'm not trying to limit your time
7 explicitly, but I'm trying to make sure that -- you
8 know, we have given a lot of latitude this morning, and
9 I'm just hopeful that you are cognizant of that, and
10 that you will deal appropriately with that.

11 **MR. MOYLE:** Okay. I appreciate that. And,
12 you know, again, I mean, if we were talking about 10
13 million or even 100 million, but --

14 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Understood.

15 **MR. MOYLE:** It's a big case and a lot of
16 money.

17 **MR. BUTLER:** Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry, I'm
18 unable to restrain myself further. Mr. Moyle knew the
19 size of this case when we filed it in November. He has
20 had ample opportunity to intervene. He could have done
21 discovery. He could have sponsored witnesses. All of
22 these problems are of his own making, and I don't think
23 it's appropriate for him to be pushing the proceeding
24 longer than it needs to be simply because he's now
25 conducting belated discovery. Thank you.

1 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you.

2 Before you continue, Mr. Moyle, I think
3 he's -- Mr. Moyle is cognizant of the fact that the
4 Commission has been -- what's the right term here -- has
5 applied a lot of latitude this morning, understanding
6 that FIPUG is a regular intervenor. So they understand
7 the process and so forth, so I think Mr. Moyle is going
8 to be very cognizant of that fact.

9 **MR. MOYLE:** Thank you.

10 **BY MR. MOYLE:**

11 **Q.** A couple more questions with respect to the
12 evaluations that you did related to third-party options.
13 With respect to a new greenfield that a third party
14 could possibly do, did you talk to any third-party about
15 that, or did you just assume that a third-party could
16 not do it because of the cost of things like land and
17 getting gas transmission to a potential new greenfield
18 site?

19 **A.** Our engineering -- no. The answer is that as
20 far as I know we didn't talk to any specific entity, but
21 our engineering and construction group is knowledgeable
22 about what it takes to obtain land because they are in
23 the market all the time, and to buy equipment and build
24 a unit. So they know what that costs, and they know
25 that nobody had purchased, or selected, or permitted

1 land for a site. So all of that remained ahead of them.

2 Now, the transmission cost, the pipeline
3 lateral costs, et cetera, there's no doubt that any new
4 entity that builds a greenfield site would have to enter
5 into those purchases and incur those costs. So we are
6 very comfortable from the estimating perspective of what
7 the cost of those third-party greenfield units would
8 have been.

9 Q. So you did not talk to a third-party, you just
10 assumed it, correct?

11 MR. BUTLER: Object; asked and answered.

12 CHAIRMAN BRISÉ: Sustained.

13 MR. MOYLE: If I could get help with an
14 exhibit.

15 CHAIRMAN BRISÉ: Sure. This would be Exhibit
16 Number 43.

17 MR. MOYLE: And it's actually an excerpt of
18 something that is already in the record, so I don't know
19 that we need to mark it, but I think it would make it
20 easier for the purposes of this cross.

21 CHAIRMAN BRISÉ: Sure.

22 (Exhibit 43 marked for identification.)

23 BY MR. MOYLE:

24 Q. Mr. Silva, you provided an overview -- you are
25 familiar with the testimony of other witnesses in the

1 case, correct?

2 A. Yes, I am familiar.

3 Q. Okay. So let me just direct you to what I
4 have provided to you, which is an excerpt of Witness
5 Morley, and there's a question about incremental
6 wholesale loads on Page 12. Is it true that FPL signed
7 a long-term agreement with Seminole Electric Cooperative
8 for 200 megawatts that would start in June of 2014?

9 A. I agree that that is what Doctor Morley
10 testifies to, and I believe that that's correct.

11 Q. Okay. And then also on Page 11, it looks like
12 you signed a deal with Lee County that gives them an
13 additional -- you sell them an additional 500 megawatts
14 starting in 2014, is that correct?

15 A. The numbers are reflected in the testimony. I
16 assume that they are correct. This is not a new
17 contract. This is a contract that was entered into some
18 years ago, and it's simply reflecting what the contract
19 envisioned. And it's important here that in entering --

20 MR. MOYLE: I don't have a pending question, I
21 don't think. I think he confirmed about the numbers.

22 CHAIRMAN BRISÉ: Okay. Thank you. The
23 question was quite simple about the number. I think a
24 yes or no, and then maybe a one sentence would be
25 sufficient.

1 BY MR. MOYLE:

2 Q. All right. So just so we are clear, to the
3 extent that the company had made a decision based on its
4 forecast and looked at 2016, and said, you know, we're
5 going to be tight in 2016, it could have decided not to
6 enter into a contract with Seminole in which 200 firm
7 megawatts from FPL's system is being sold to Seminole,
8 correct?

9 MR. BUTLER: I'm going to object to this line
10 of questioning. It apparently is going to some sort of
11 assessment of whether FPL should have been entering into
12 certain wholesale contracts, and I don't believe there
13 is any question among those identified or any issue
14 among those identified for resolution in this docket
15 that goes to the question of, you know, appropriateness
16 of wholesale purchases, the timing of them, et cetera.
17 It's way beyond the scope of the identified issues for
18 the proceeding.

19 CHAIRMAN BRISÉ: Mr. Moyle.

20 MR. MOYLE: Well, I think it is relevant,
21 because it's a need determination case, and you are
22 charged with determining is there a need. And to the
23 extent that during the planning process that needs were
24 made aware and known at the retail level, and then
25 purchased power agreements, sales were made with

1 wholesale customers to take you below a 20 percent
2 reserve margin, you know, that seems to be decisions
3 that are not in the best interest of the customers and
4 should not be the basis upon which a need determination
5 is granted.

6 **MR. BUTLER:** Mr. Chairman, I would say that
7 without conceding whether it would or wouldn't be an
8 appropriate issue if it had been raised, it wasn't
9 raised. And there is no issue in our list of seven
10 issues that comes close to this. And, again, had Mr.
11 Moyle intervened earlier and raised it as something for
12 the proceeding, perhaps it would have been appropriate,
13 but it is not among the issues that are identified for
14 resolution today.

15 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Mary Anne.

16 **MS. HELTON:** Mr. Chairman, once again, this
17 sounds like discovery to me. I mean, I think this would
18 have been appropriate for Mr. Moyle to have asked in a
19 deposition of Witness Morley prior to today, and to have
20 raised as an issue at the time of the prehearing
21 conference. But I think we are beyond that point.

22 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you.

23 And I think I'm going to agree with that
24 assessment so, therefore, I am going to sustain the
25 objection. And if we could steer clear of, I guess, of

1 what would be considered discovery, that, too, would be
2 appreciated.

3 **MR. MOYLE:** I was taught in law school that
4 usually discovery questions were what, where, how, who,
5 and the leading questions were isn't it true, but I'll
6 try to focus on a couple of points. And given the
7 timing and the fact that there is another one at 1:00
8 o'clock, I'll try to bring this in for a landing. Thank
9 you for your patience on this. But, anyway.

10 Mr. Chairman, I have another exhibit I would
11 like to pass out, if I could.

12 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Sure. All right. This would
13 be Exhibit 43, but it is excerpted.

14 **MR. MOYLE:** It is an excerpt. It's already in
15 the record, so just out of fairness to the witness to
16 ask some question about it, I wanted to draw his
17 attention to it. It doesn't hurt, I guess, to mark it.

18 (Exhibit 43 marked for identification.)

19 But out of a desire to, you know, move this
20 along, I had questions on all of these. I'm going to
21 just kind of go through and selectively pick them up.
22 So they are not marked, but for the purposes of
23 following along, I think, we can reference the
24 interrogatories. So the first one I have a question
25 about that I will ask is on Interrogatory Number 34

1 corrected. And, Mr. Silva, when you are at that point,
2 if you will let me know, I would appreciate it.

3 **MR. BUTLER:** Mr. Moyle, for the benefit of the
4 record, these have, it looks like, the Staff's Bates
5 numbers at the bottom. Could you refer to the Bates
6 number pages, please.

7 **MR. MOYLE:** Sure. This would be 61. And also
8 for the record, the highlight is my highlight, not
9 confidential.

10 **MR. BUTLER:** Thank you.

11 **MR. SILVA:** I am there, sir.

12 **BY MR. MOYLE:**

13 **Q.** Okay. So the greenfield combustion turbine
14 site is the one at the very bottom, correct, and you
15 have done this analysis also comparing it to the
16 proposed Everglades project, is that right?

17 **A.** Yes. But to be clear, this greenfield
18 combustion turbine is part of the plan that also would
19 include the Port Everglades project, only later.

20 **Q.** I'm sorry, could you clarify that?

21 **A.** We have a plan that includes Port Everglades
22 in 2016. That's the one we are trying to -- we are
23 seeking a determination of need for. We have a
24 different plan that has a combustion turbine in the
25 early year in 2016 so that we can defer the addition of

1 the Port Everglades modernization to 2019, but the Port
2 Everglades modernization is part of that resource plan,
3 as well.

4 Q. Okay. And deferring -- in your process of
5 integrated resource planning, you often used CTs as
6 filler units, correct, to address a deficiency?

7 A. We evaluate them. We haven't added a simple
8 cycle CT since I have been in this job, because they
9 have not been cost-effective.

10 Q. And the capacity factor is shown as one
11 percent. Does that mean it's only going to run one
12 percent of the time? And when I say shows, I'm talking
13 about the greenfield combustion turbine.

14 A. That's the way I read it, and that would make
15 sense. A combustion turbine is not efficient, so it
16 doesn't dispatch very frequently.

17 Q. And the capital costs are 178 million compared
18 to the installed cost of the proposed project of 1.18?

19 A. Yes. But if you look at the next line, the
20 capital cost in dollars per kW is higher than that of
21 the Port Everglades facility. It is listed as smaller
22 installed cost because it is a much smaller unit.

23 Q. But the reason -- isn't it true that the
24 reason the capital costs are higher is because you take
25 the capital costs and divide them over the amount of

1 time that the unit is running? So because the unit is
2 only running one percent of the time, it has a high
3 capital cost per kW?

4 A. No. In this instance, what I am referring to
5 is the third line that says capital costs dollar per kW,
6 1,100, right? That's the capital costs just to put it
7 in the ground. It has nothing to do with operation.
8 And similarly above, the capital cost of the
9 combined-cycle unit is only \$928 per kW to install it.

10 Q. Let me flip you over to at the bottom, the
11 Bates stamps number 116. Staff asked you to run some
12 numbers in different scenarios, one removing two CTs in
13 2006, is that right?

14 A. Yes; 2016.

15 Q. I'm sorry, 2016. And in your answer on Page
16 117, you suggest that you couldn't perform that
17 analysis, is that right?

18 MR. BUTLER: I'm sorry, what are you referring
19 to on Page 117?

20 MR. MOYLE: The highlighted portion under C.

21 MR. BUTLER: I actually don't have any
22 highlighted portion on mine.

23 MR. MOYLE: I'm sorry.

24 THE WITNESS: Nor mine.

25 MR. MOYLE: It's under C, the first sentence.

1 "FPL does not have the information required to perform
2 the economic analysis requested regarding the phased
3 construction of PEEC."

4 MR. BUTLER: But you are referring to a
5 reference to C. I thought you were asking your question
6 about A, the removal of the two CTs.

7 BY MR. MOYLE:

8 Q. Did you do the analysis for A?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And is that reflected on Page 120 of the Bates
11 stamped number?

12 A. I believe so, yes.

13 Q. Okay. And the removal of the two CTs in 2006,
14 what was removed; how many megawatts were removed from
15 the plant with the removal of those CTs?

16 A. It would have been two units of 162 megawatts
17 for a little over 320 megawatts, 324 megawatts.

18 Q. So that is the amount that would be removed?

19 A. That is what was requested in the
20 interrogatory.

21 Q. Okay. And after you did the analysis, isn't
22 it true that the amount shown on Page 120, the
23 cumulative value is less than the Everglades proposed
24 cumulative value number?

25 A. Excuse me while I look at my data. Yes.

1 However, this comparison, at least we contend, is not a
2 fair comparison because the result that's provided in
3 59, which was directed for us to do, does not maintain
4 the 20 percent reserve margin during the life of the
5 analysis. So we are not talking about systems with
6 comparable reliability. And in the analysis we have to
7 begin with some common ground, so maintaining a
8 20 percent reserve margin is essentially the first step
9 in our analysis. Now, we did perform the analysis, but
10 in our view it's not reflective of a fair comparison.

11 Q. So that approach requested by staff costs less
12 money, but you quarrel with it because it falls below
13 the 20 percent reserve margin?

14 A. No, we are not quarreling because of the
15 outcome. If we had started out a different assumption,
16 i.e., not maintaining a 20 percent reserve margin, then
17 we would have done a different comparison where we might
18 have done a resource plan that was different, consistent
19 with the reserve margin requirement that was being
20 assumed. But to compare one that was developed, aimed,
21 and maintaining a 20 percent reserve margin to one that
22 was not, you know, it just isn't a fair comparison. We
23 didn't use the same assumptions is what I'm trying to
24 say.

25 MR. BUTLER: Mr. Moyle, may I inquire how much

1 more you have?

2 MR. MOYLE: I'm going to try to wrap it up
3 shortly.

4 MR. BUTLER: That would be good. Thank you.

5 BY MR. MOYLE:

6 Q. Referring you to Page 164, staff asked a
7 question about a planning scenario where the reserve
8 margin falls short by 13 megawatts. Am I understanding
9 how FPL plans, that to the extent that there was a
10 relatively small shortage, 13 megawatts, 50 megawatts,
11 that that then prompts the need to look at things that
12 go much beyond the particular need identified in the
13 shortage? And, for example, in this case, you know,
14 there's a 287-megawatt need in '16, and you are
15 proposing 1300 megawatts. So I am correct in assuming,
16 based on those facts, that when you would fall just
17 below the 20 percent, then it's kind of the green light
18 to put in a new plant, is that right?

19 A. No, it's not a green light to put in a new
20 plant, and there's two parts to the answer. One of them
21 is if the projected reserves fall below 20 percent,
22 which is the minimum that we consider needed for
23 reliability, yes, we then evaluate how to best meet that
24 need. The magnitude of what we add could be
25 13 megawatts, or it could be 1300 megawatts. It's

1 whatever the analysis says is best for the customer. So
2 the first step is do we meet the minimum 20 percent
3 reserve margin? If not, we need to do something. It
4 could be a purchase, a small unit, or a large unit,
5 whatever is most cost-effective. In this instance, Port
6 Everglades is by far the most cost-effective alternative
7 to meet the need in 2016.

8 **MR. MOYLE:** Mr. Chairman, I'm trying to wrap
9 it up here. I have a process question. There's a
10 stipulation that was entered into and an order that sets
11 the 20 percent reserve margin. Will we be able to cite
12 to that in our proposed findings of fact and conclusions
13 of law without having it be introduced, or would your
14 preference be to have it provided as part of the record?

15 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** I think I need to ask my
16 legal staff on that.

17 **MS. HELTON:** Well, the order approving the
18 stipulation back from -- I can't remember now how long
19 ago setting the 20 percent, of course, Mr. Moyle would
20 be able to rely on that order. With respect to the
21 stipulation, do you mean the stipulation that had not
22 you intervened in the case that staff would have
23 recommended that the Commission approve with respect to
24 its agreed-upon language with the company?

25 **MR. MOYLE:** No. The reserve margin was set

1 after a stipulation with some parties, so the order --
2 there is an order and a stipulation, and I want to cite
3 that in my proposed findings of fact.

4 **MS. HELTON:** My recollection is that that
5 stipulation would have been attached to the order. So,
6 yes, you would be able to reference that in your
7 post-hearing brief, if there is one.

8 **MR. MOYLE:** Thank you.

9 **BY MR. MOYLE:**

10 Q. Let me direct you to Page 190. So you were
11 asked to assume no CO2 costs for the purposes of
12 responding to this question. And isn't it true that
13 when you assume no CO2 costs that the plan of removing
14 two CTs results in a savings of monies as compared to
15 what is being proposed with the Everglades plant?

16 A. Yes, that's the outcome shown in the response
17 to this interrogatory. However, the case also does not
18 maintain a 20 percent reserve margin. So, once again,
19 it's not a fair comparison against the proposed Port
20 Everglades case. It is apples and oranges, so to speak.

21 Q. All right. And when you assumed CO2 costs,
22 you assumed that there would be some further regulation
23 of CO2, is that right, in your analysis?

24 A. Yes. The original case has a cost assumed for
25 sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, and carbon dioxide.

1 Q. And as we sit here today, those additional CO2
2 costs are not in existence, correct?

3 A. That is correct.

4 Q. So your assumption was based on future
5 legislative action?

6 A. Legislation or regulation that may be imposed.

7 Q. Okay. And then the very last Exhibit 226, the
8 fuel forecast.

9 A. Unless it is out of order, I don't have a 226.

10 MS. HELTON: It's on the last page.

11 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay. Thank you.

12 BY MR. MOYLE:

13 Q. So do you know as we sit here today whether
14 the more recent fuel forecast of either November 14th,
15 2011, or January 3rd, 2012, have been used in this
16 proceeding, or is it the August 1 forecast?

17 A. The original filing and direct testimony were
18 based on the August 1, 2011, fuel price forecast which
19 what was available at the time. During discovery we
20 have essentially redone all of the cases using the
21 November fuel price forecast, which is consistent in
22 time with the recent midcourse correction in the fuel
23 clause. The results of those analyses also favor the
24 addition of Port Everglades in 2016.

25 Q. Okay. But you didn't do the same analysis

1 with respect to the January 3rd fuel forecast?

2 A. I'm sorry, can you repeat the question?

3 Q. Yes. You didn't update -- you didn't update
4 the analysis with respect to using a January 3rd fuel
5 forecast, correct?

6 A. No. I'm not aware that there is a long-term
7 fuel price forecast dated January of this year.

8 Q. Do you know if these fuel forecasts, the
9 November 14th and the January 3rd, are part of the
10 record in this case?

11 A. I don't know. From reading the response, we
12 seem to have provided them, but the response is
13 confidential as I read it.

14 Q. Right. And I'm trying to understand whether
15 the most recent fuel forecasts are part of this record
16 that the Commission is being asked to decide on?

17 A. Well, I don't know if it's part of the record.
18 I know that we did analysis based on it and provided
19 responses to discovery based on it, on the November
20 forecast.

21 MR. MOYLE: Okay. Thank you. And thank you,
22 Mr. Silva. I appreciate your time. And also given
23 somewhat the unique situation and circumstances in which
24 I find myself, I'd like to also thank the Commission for
25 its patience and indulgence in allowing me time and

1 latitude in conducting some cross-examination.

2 Thank you.

3 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you.

4 Staff.

5 **MR. MURPHY:** Because our exhibits came in, we
6 have no questions.

7 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. Thank you very
8 much.

9 Commission? Commissioner Balbis.

10 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
11 I only have a few questions for this witness.

12 I want to thank you for coming here prepared.
13 You know, I know that in the prehearing order it did
14 list that Commissioners were to be asking questions, but
15 with the latitude that we gave Mr. Moyle, I'm glad to
16 see you were prepared for his questions, as well.

17 The existing four units at the facility, what
18 is the total capacity of the four units that will be
19 decommissioned?

20 **THE WITNESS:** Summer capability is
21 1187 megawatts.

22 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** And this proposed
23 facility will provide 1,277 megawatts?

24 **THE WITNESS:** That's correct.

25 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** And one of the other

1 drivers for this facility is the existing purchased
2 power agreements that are set to expire. What is
3 approximately the total amount of those agreements?

4 **THE WITNESS:** In terms of calculating the need
5 for 2016, yes, there are primarily two. One of them is
6 the UPS contract for about 930 megawatts of capacity and
7 the other one is the suspension of a purchased power
8 agreement with St. Johns River Power Park, and that's
9 380 megawatts, or I'm sorry, 375 summer.

10 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Okay. So about
11 1300 megawatts?

12 **THE WITNESS:** Yes.

13 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Okay. And there has
14 been a lot of discussion about fuel diversity. Could
15 you explain any short-term or long-term either
16 interruptions in natural gas supply or price
17 fluctuations, what the company would be able to do with
18 this facility and switching to alternative fuel on short
19 and long-term?

20 **THE WITNESS:** From a cost perspective, the
21 facility itself would not provide flexibility because
22 the alternate fuel would be light oil, which has, from
23 my recollection, always been higher than the price of
24 natural gas no matter how high natural gas has been.

25 From the perspective of reliability, the unit,

1 the new unit can run on light oil. And because of the
2 location of the port, being able to bring large ships
3 laden with oil, but also connecting with the significant
4 storage of this fuel at the port itself, which serves
5 airports and other users, is very, very helpful in terms
6 of maintaining reliability.

7 So although it would cost more to go to light
8 oil, it would be there. From the perspective of
9 economics, there are other units that use residual fuel
10 oil and typically do not run much because of the low
11 price of gas relative to residual or heavy fuel oil
12 today. If that condition were to reverse, then, of
13 course, within our system we would run more oil and less
14 natural gas. That's part of the flexibility.

15 Now, today, we are even running natural gas
16 ahead of some coal generation. Again, if the price of
17 gas were to go up, then we would again baseload the coal
18 units in favor of lower cost.

19 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Okay. Thank you. And
20 as far as any other supply interruptions in the
21 testimony, I believe it was Mr. Gnecco's testimony, he
22 indicated that the existing natural gas infrastructure
23 will be utilized with the addition of some compression
24 facilities, is that correct?

25 **THE WITNESS:** That's correct, Commissioner.

1 In other words, we don't need any more pipeline, only
2 compression to deliver the right pressure to these
3 particular new units, this particular new unit.

4 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** So as far as the
5 existing infrastructure, you anticipate that the two
6 main interstate pipelines, Florida Gas Transmission and
7 Gulfstream, would be utilized to bring the natural gas
8 into the state, is that correct?

9 **THE WITNESS:** At the outset, yes. Through
10 2017, we project that we have -- through the summer, the
11 middle of 2017, we project that we have adequate
12 deliverability capacity for our system. We are now
13 updating our projection for what happens beginning in
14 the middle of 2017 with a view towards enhancing
15 infrastructure to bring additional gas into the state.

16 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Okay. And then the last
17 question concerning the fuel source. Mentioned in the
18 testimony it indicates an order in '09 that required
19 that FPL rebid the intrastate pipeline. I believe it
20 was the EnergySecure Pipeline. Is FPL still pursuing
21 that RFP?

22 **THE WITNESS:** That particular RFP was
23 rescinded because the consideration is that the
24 structure, the arrangement or strategy is going to be
25 somewhat different in terms of what pieces might be bid

1 separately to help not just FPL, but other users in
2 Florida. Those discussions are going with other users
3 in Florida to try to design the best arrangement. And
4 the idea is that once we confirm the timing of the need
5 and the magnitude of the need, not just FPL's but other
6 parties, that we will prepare a new RFP. It has been in
7 preparation already, finalized in the RFP, then bring it
8 to discussion with the staff, and then subsequently
9 issued.

10 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Okay. Thank you. And
11 the last series of questions. There has been a lot of
12 discussion on third-party providers of energy. And in
13 August of last year, this Commission approved a waiver
14 of going through the RFP process for FPL to see if there
15 are other possible providers of energy in lieu of this
16 project. And I believe in that order we stated that it
17 is unlikely for a responder to the RFP to match these
18 desirable attributes and resources. And I believe that
19 order was not opposed nor were there any intervenors to
20 that docket.

21 So the other way that FPL can assess whether a
22 third-party provider is through a standard offer
23 contract, and to your knowledge has FPL received any
24 offers utilizing the standard offer contract in lieu of
25 this project?

1 **THE WITNESS:** No, Commissioner, we have not.

2 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Okay. Thank you. I
3 have nothing further.

4 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Any further questions from
5 Commissioners?

6 Mr. Butler, if would you like to redirect.

7 **MR. BUTLER:** I have just a couple. I'll try
8 to be very brief.

9 **REDIRECT EXAMINATION**

10 **BY MR. BUTLER:**

11 **Q.** Mr. Silva, has FPL evaluated the economics of
12 deferring or delaying the in-service date of the
13 Everglades project, the PEEC project beyond 2016?

14 **A.** Yes, we have.

15 **Q.** Have you done an analysis for a one-year
16 delay?

17 **A.** Yes, we have.

18 **Q.** And what does that show?

19 **A.** The results -- and I might add that this was
20 done using the more recent November fuel price forecast,
21 which is the lower and least favorable to the
22 modernization -- it would save the customers \$9 million
23 to delay for one year. Now, I want it clear that
24 \$9 million is a very conservative estimate, because it
25 assumes that any delay is only going to incur a

1 3 percent escalation cost increase to the cost of Port
2 Everglades.

3 We are concerned that that may not at all be
4 the case for two general reasons. One of them is the
5 economics, the economic situation. Recovery of the
6 national economics could causer greater competition for
7 labor, materials, and equipment, which could raise the
8 cost of the unit more than just the 3 percent increase.

9 The other is environmental, and that has two
10 forms. One of them is if there is regulation or
11 legislation, that combined with low gas prices pushes
12 utilities to shut down coal generation and add new gas
13 generation, that will increase demand for equipment, in
14 particular, for combined-cycle units throughout the
15 country. And, again, that could raise the cost.

16 The other is that -- and this is a little bit
17 more difficult to explain -- right now we have the
18 existing or recent emissions from the old units as an
19 outset, if you will, when the environmental regulators,
20 the EPA looks at what the unit will emit in the future,
21 they will compare that to what it has emitted in the
22 past, and they take the highest two years over a
23 five-year period. Right now the highest two years in
24 our five-year period is the 2006 through 2007.

25 If there is a delay in the unit, then those

1 years will begin to fall out, and we may no longer be
2 able to offset the new emissions, the emissions of the
3 new unit with the lower old emissions because the unit
4 has not been operating as much lately. So that could
5 require more stringent air emission standards that would
6 cost more money. So long-winded explanation, I'm sorry,
7 but I needed to explain that.

8 Q. Mr. Silva, just to clarify in your prior
9 answer, if PEEC were delayed one year in service, would
10 the cost to customers be higher or lower by the
11 \$9 million figure that you used?

12 A. The cost to customers with the delay would be
13 \$9 million higher, again, with the delay.

14 Q. Okay. And have you done a similar analysis
15 for a two-year delay?

16 A. Yes, and the analysis shows that the increase
17 in costs from delaying would be \$32 million, again, with
18 the same explanation as before.

19 Q. And, finally, have you done the analysis for a
20 three-year delay?

21 A. Yes, we have, and the analysis result
22 indicates that a three-year delay would cost the
23 customers \$72 million more.

24 **MR. BUTLER:** Thank you, Mr. Silva.

25 That's all the redirect that we have, Mr.

1 Chairman.

2 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you very much.

3 At this time let's deal with the exhibits. So
4 we have Exhibit 41 and 42. What would have been
5 considered 43 and 44 were all excerpts from the record,
6 so at this time if there are no objections, we will
7 enter Exhibits 41 and 42.

8 **MR. BUTLER:** No objection.

9 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. Seeing none, no
10 objection, let the record reflect that.

11 (Exhibit Number 41 and 42 admitted into the
12 record.)

13 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** We have, I guess, a couple of
14 options how we proceed. My preference would be for us
15 to take a bench decision. I don't know if that option
16 is still available to us. Some of that depends on Mr.
17 Moyle, if I'm correct.

18 **MS. HELTON:** Yes, sir, I believe so. I don't
19 know if Mr. Moyle wants the opportunity to file a brief.
20 If he does, then I don't believe that a bench decision
21 is appropriate under Chapter 120.

22 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay. Thank you.

23 So, Mr. Moyle, it's --

24 **MR. MOYLE:** We'd like the opportunity to
25 present, you know, after reviewing the record, our view

1 of the case in writing. So, thank you, we'd like to
2 take advantage of that opportunity.

3 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. A couple of dates
4 that are important. Transcripts will be due on the 23rd
5 of February, and post-hearing briefs will be due on the
6 2nd of March. I don't know if there are any other
7 matters that we need to deal with.

8 Staff?

9 **MR. MURPHY:** I'm not aware of any.

10 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay. Seeing that,
11 Commissioners, if there is nothing else on this
12 particular docket, we stand adjourned.

13 (The hearing concluded at 12:32 p.m.)
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I, JANE FAUROT, RPR, Chief, Hearing Reporter Services Section, FPSC Division of Commission Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing proceeding was heard at the time and place herein stated.

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I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties' attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

DATED THIS 23rd day of February, 2012.



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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition to determine need for
Modernization of Port Everglades Plant, by
Florida Power & Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 110309-EI

FILED: February 20, 2012

**THE FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP'S
NOTICE OF POSITION ON ISSUES TO BE DECIDED**

Pursuant to sections 120.569, 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG), through its undersigned counsel, files this Notice of Position On Issues To Be Decided. FIPUG's Petition to Intervene was granted on February 16, 2012. The Prehearing Order was issued on February 13, 2012 and identified a number of issues that are to be decided by the Commission. The Petitioner, Florida Power and Light Company (FPL), is not prejudiced by FIPUG taking a position on these disputed issues. FIPUG, as a party whose substantial interests are affected by the proceeding, has the right to take positions in accord with chapter 120, Florida Statutes. Furthermore, staff has taken no position on any issue in the case and has taken the following basic position in the case, as reflected in the Prehearing Order:

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

Finally, the Notice of Hearing issued in this matter provides that the proceeding shall allow for FPL, intervenors, and members of the public to present evidence and testimony concerning the modernization of the Port Everglades power plant. Thus, there is no prejudice to FPL or the staff

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for FIPUG to take positions on issues in the case. FPL has the burden of proof to present its case in an effort to persuade the Commission to grant its need determination petition.

ISSUE 1: Is there a need for the proposed modernization of Florida Power & Light's Port Everglades plant, taking into account the need for electric system reliability and integrity, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITIONS

FPL: Yes. There is a need for PEEC, taking into account the need for electric system reliability and integrity. After accounting for all projected Demand Side Management ("DSM") from cost-effective programs approved by the Commission, FPL has future generating capacity starting at about 284 MW in 2016 and growing to 1,468 by 2021. PEEC will provide 1,277 MW of highly efficient capacity to help satisfy this need. Furthermore, PEEC will be a highly reliable source of energy, with a projected equivalent availability factor of approximately 95.4%. PEEC will also be highly reliable in terms of fuel supply because its coastal location facilitates the receipt of light oil backup fuel via both truck delivery and waterborne transportation, and because light oil will be stored on site in sufficient quantities to allow PEEC to operate at full capacity for approximately 72 hours. Additionally, PEEC is favorable from a transmission reliability perspective because it reduces the load-to-generation imbalance in the Miami-Dade and Broward County area and also provides voltage support.

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

FIPUG: No.

ISSUE 2: Are there any renewable energy sources and technologies or conservation measures taken by or reasonably available to Florida Power & Light Company which might mitigate the need for the proposed modernization of Florida Power & Light's Port Everglades plant?

POSITIONS

FPL: No. FPL's forecast of resource needs takes into account all projected DSM from cost-effective programs approved by the Commission. Additional cost-effective DSM cannot be counted on to contribute to system reliability. Similarly, all anticipated cost-effective firm generating capacity that will be available from renewable resources and qualifying facilities through 2016 is already reflected in FPL's resource plan.

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

FIPUG: Yes.

ISSUE 3: Is there a need for the proposed modernization of Florida Power & Light's Port Everglades plant, taking into account the need for adequate electricity at a reasonable cost, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITIONS

FPL: Yes. There is a need for PEEC, taking into account the need for adequate electricity at a reasonable cost. The estimated total installed cost for PEEC is \$1,185 million, in 2016 dollars. PEEC will take advantage of an existing site, existing infrastructure and existing connectivity to FPL's transmission system, thereby eliminating the costs for those components. Furthermore, FPL's analyses show that the resource plan that includes PEEC in 2016 will save customers \$425 million to \$838 million CPVRR as compared to the other available self-build alternatives, and at least \$900 million CPVRR compared to third party-build alternatives. Accordingly, PEEC will provide needed electricity at a reasonable cost.

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

FIPUG: No.

ISSUE 4: Is there a need for the proposed modernization of Florida Power & Light's Port Everglades plant, taking into account the need for fuel diversity, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITIONS

FPL: Yes. There is a need for PEEC, taking into account the need for fuel diversity. PEEC will be fueled by natural gas, and to enhance fuel supply reliability, it will use light oil as a backup fuel. Compared to returning to service the existing units at Port Everglades, adding PEEC will improve the plant's heat rate by 35% and will improve FPL's overall system heat rate by 1.3%. The improved heat rate, in turn, will reduce FPL's use of natural gas by about 90 million MMBtu and fuel oil by about 10.4 million barrels over a 30-year period.

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

FIPUG: No.

ISSUE 5: Will the proposed modernization of Florida Power & Light's Port Everglades plant provide the most cost-effective source of power, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITIONS

FPL: Yes. PEEC is the most cost-effective alternative available, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes. FPL's economic analyses demonstrate that

adding PEEC in 2016 will result in customer savings of (i) \$469 million CPVRR when compared to returning to service the existing Port Everglades units, (ii) \$838 million CPVRR when compared to the adding a combined cycle unit at a greenfield site, and (iii) \$425 million CPVRR when compared to adding a combustion turbine unit at a greenfield site in 2016 and deferring PEEC to 2019. In addition, when compared to third party-build alternatives, customer savings will amount to at least \$900 million and may exceed \$1.1 billion.

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

FIPUG: No.

ISSUE 6: Based on the resolution of the foregoing issues, should the Commission grant Florida Power & Light Company's petition to determine the need for the proposed modernization of Florida Power & Light's Port Everglades plant?

POSITIONS

FPL: Yes. The addition of PEEC in 2016 will result in the addition of highly efficient and reliable capacity, customer savings on a CPVRR basis, and significant environmental benefits. PEEC will save customers as much as \$838 million CPVRR over the life of the plant compared to other self-build alternatives. Additionally, it will reduce FPL's system oil and natural gas fuel usage, and will improve FPL's already low emission profile by reducing CO₂, NO_x, SO_x and PM emissions.

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

FIPUG: No.

ISSUE 7: Should this docket be closed?

POSITIONS

FPL: Yes. Upon issuance of an order granting FPL's petitions to determine the need for PEEC, this docket should be closed.

STAFF: Staff has no position at this time.

FIPUG: Yes.

s/ Jon C. Moyle, Jr. _____

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I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing The Florida Industrial Power Users Group's Notice Of Position On Issues To Be Decided has been furnished by electronic mail on the 19th of February, 2012 and hand delivery on the 20th day of February, 2012, to the following:

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