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**COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Well, good afternoon.

Today is August the 4th. It is 1:05 p.m. And so we are convening this hearing, calling it to order in Docket Number 140009-EI. Staff, please read the notice.

**MR. YOUNG:** Good afternoon. By notice issued July 23rd, 2014, this time and place has been set for this hearing in Docket Number 140009-EI, the Nuclear Cost Recovery Clause. The purpose of this hearing is set out in the notice.

**COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** All right. Thank you. At this time we will take appearances.

**MR. ANDERSON:** Good afternoon. I'd like to enter the appearance of Bryan Anderson and my colleagues Jessica Cano and Ken Rubin on behalf of Florida Power & Light Company.

**COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** All right. Thank you.

**MR. WALLS:** Good afternoon. Mike Walls with Carlton Fields Jordan Burt on behalf of Duke Energy Florida.

**COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** All right. Thank you.

**MS. GAMBA:** Blaise Gamba also with Carlton Fields for Duke Energy Florida. And I'd also like to enter an appearance for Matthew Bernier with Duke Energy Florida.

1                   **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** All right. Thank you.

2                   **MR. REHWINKEL:** Good afternoon. Charles  
3                   Rehwinkel on behalf of the Office of Public Counsel.  
4                   Thank you.

5                   **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Thank you.

6                   **MR. BREW:** Good afternoon. For White Springs  
7                   Agricultural Chemical/PCS Phosphate I'm James Brew of  
8                   the firm of Brickfield, Burchette, Ritts & Stone.

9                   **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Thank you.

10                  **MR. MOYLE:** Good afternoon. Jon Moyle with  
11                  the Moyle Law Firm appearing on behalf of the Florida  
12                  Industrial Power Users Group, FIPUG. I'd also like to  
13                  enter an appearance for Karen Putnal with our firm.

14                  **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Thank you.

15                  **MR. BREW:** Good afternoon. I'm Ennis Leon  
16                  Jacobs. I'm entering an appearance on behalf of the  
17                  Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, and I'd also like to  
18                  enter an appearance on behalf of George Cavros.

19                  **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Thank you.

20                  **MR. WRIGHT:** Good afternoon, Commissioners.  
21                  Robert Scheffel Wright on behalf of the Florida Retail  
22                  Federation. I.'d also like to enter an appearance for  
23                  John T. LaVia, III. Thank you.

24                  **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Thank you.

25                  **MR. YOUNG:** Keino Young and Caroline Klancke

1 on behalf of Commission staff.

2 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Thank you.

3 **MS. HELTON:** And Mary Anne Helton, advisor to  
4 the Commission.

5 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Thank you. Good  
6 afternoon, everyone. And hopefully we didn't miss  
7 anyone. I'll give you the opportunity just in case  
8 you're sitting out there and you're pining to, to  
9 intervene.

10 All right. Seeing none, are there any  
11 preliminary matters?

12 **MR. YOUNG:** Yes, sir. Staff, first, there are  
13 several preliminary matters, sir. First dealing with  
14 the Comprehensive Exhibit List, staff has prepared a  
15 Comprehensive Exhibit List, and the list itself is  
16 marked as Exhibit Number 1. There are no objections to  
17 the Comprehensive Exhibit List. At this time staff  
18 requests that Exhibit Number 1 be entered into the  
19 record.

20 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Okay. We will move  
21 Exhibit Number 1 into the exhibit list. Are there any  
22 objections?

23 Okay. Seeing none, so that is moved into the  
24 record.

25 (Exhibit 1 marked for identification and



1 admitted into the record.)

2 **MR. YOUNG:** Staff requests that the  
3 Comprehensive Exhibit List and staff's stipulated  
4 exhibits be marked as numbered in the Comprehensive  
5 Exhibit List, and that any other exhibits proffered  
6 during the hearing be numbered sequentially following  
7 those listed in the staff Comprehensive Exhibit List.

8 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Okay.

9 (Exhibits 2 through 92 marked for  
10 identification.)

11 **MR. YOUNG:** Moving to stipulations, order of  
12 hearing. The Prehearing Officer has ruled that the  
13 companies' petition will be addressed in turn: First,  
14 DEF's petition in its entirety, then FPL's petition.  
15 However, staff would note that FPL has filed a  
16 procedural motion and, if approved, will expedite the  
17 hearing, and thus recommends that the Commission depose  
18 of FPL's motion first.

19 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Okay. How do we -- how  
20 do you suggest we proceed with that process?

21 **MR. YOUNG:** First we will deal with the FPL  
22 motion, and if it passes, then we'll take care of FPL's  
23 petition in its entirety, then proceed to Duke's  
24 petition.

25 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Okay. All right.

1           **MR. YOUNG:** Okay. On Monday, July 28th, 2014,  
2 FPL along with all the Intervenors filed a motion for  
3 approval of proposed procedural agreement and  
4 stipulation -- we termed it procedural motion -- in  
5 Docket Number 140009-EI for the purpose of streamlining  
6 the hearing process. In particular, the procedural  
7 motion, the parties agreed to waive opening statements  
8 on FPL's portion of the proceeding, cross-examination of  
9 all FPL's witnesses, and the parties, and the parties  
10 filing post-hearing briefs on FPL's portion of the  
11 hearing. If the procedural motion is approved, FPL  
12 witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits will be  
13 entered into the record. Staff will also request that  
14 its witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits be  
15 entered into the record. The procedural motion does not  
16 affect the substantive issues in the FPL portion of the  
17 NCRC docket. Thus, even if approved, the Commission  
18 will still need to address in the Category 2 substantive  
19 stipulations on FPL's -- on the issues for FPL. And any  
20 remaining disputed issues will be addressed in staff's  
21 written recommendation, which is scheduled to be filed  
22 on Monday, September 22nd, 2014.

23           At this time staff recommends that the  
24 Commission make the determination on FPL's procedural  
25 motion.

1                   **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** All right.

2 Commissioners. Commissioner Brown.

3                   **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

4 It is my understanding, Commissioners, that this is a  
5 procedural motion in substance, it's not contested, it  
6 streamlines the hearing process. That ultimately avoids  
7 administrative costs that would be otherwise passed on  
8 to the customers, and it will not affect the substantive  
9 issues of this proceeding. We will still be able to  
10 evaluate and consider those issues in, in September or  
11 October. October?

12                   **MR. YOUNG:** Well, scheduled for the  
13 October 1st Special Agenda.

14                   **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** Excellent. Thank you.  
15 That being said, I read the motion and the stipulation,  
16 and I would move approval of the motion for approval of  
17 procedural agreement and stipulation and enter that into  
18 the record.

19                   If I may, would we be entering the testimony  
20 and the witnesses at this time as well and exhibits?

21                   **MR. YOUNG:** Yes. We'll be entering the  
22 testimony and exhibits of the, for the FPL portion of  
23 the hearing. However, staff, for clarity for the  
24 record, staff will request that we go in turn for each  
25 witness's, each witness and enter its prefiled testimony

1 and exhibits into the record, and staff and FPL will  
2 call those names.

3 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** Okay. Then I'll stop at  
4 my motion there.

5 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** All right. Is there a  
6 second?

7 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Yes, Commissioner. I  
8 fully support Commissioner Brown and the motion and  
9 second it.

10 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** All right. It's been  
11 moved and seconded. Any further comments?

12 All right. Seeing none, all in favor, say  
13 aye.

14 Aye.

15 (Vote taken.)

16 All right. Thank you very much.

17 At this time we're going to move to the other  
18 exhibits and identifying the witnesses and so forth.

19 **MR. YOUNG:** Yes, sir. As stated, as  
20 previously noted, with your approval of the procedural  
21 motion function to insert FPL's prefiled testimony and  
22 exhibits into the record. However, for clarity of the  
23 record, staff requests that FPL be afforded the ability  
24 to identify with particularity its testimony and  
25 exhibits that have been moved into the record.

1                   **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Okay. Ms. Cano.

2                   **MS. CANO:** Good afternoon. For clarity of the  
3 record, the following has been moved into the record  
4 pursuant to the stipulation.

5                   The testimony of Steve Scroggs, dated  
6 March 3rd, 2014, and May 1st, 2014, and Exhibits SDS-1  
7 through SDS-11, which are marked as hearing Exhibit  
8 Numbers 34 through 44.

9                   The testimony of Nils Diaz dated March 3rd,  
10 2014, and Exhibit NJD-1, which is marked as Exhibit  
11 Number 45.

12                   The testimony of Terry Jones dated March 3rd,  
13 2014, and Exhibits TOJ-1 through TOJ-15, which are  
14 marked as hearing Exhibit Numbers 46 through 60.

15                   The testimony of Albert Ferrer dated  
16 March 3rd, 2014, and he had no exhibits.

17                   The testimony of John Reed dated March 3rd,  
18 2014, and Exhibits JJR-1 through JJR-4, which were  
19 marked as Numbers 61 through 64.

20                   The testimony of Jennifer Grant-Keene dated  
21 March 3rd, 2014, and May 1st, 2014, and Exhibits  
22 JGK-1 through JGK-11, which were marked as numbers  
23 65 through 57.

24                   And the testimony of Steven Sim dated May 1st,  
25 2014, and Exhibits SRS-1 through SRS-10, which were

1 marked as Hearing Exhibit Numbers 76 through 85. And  
2 that completes the list of the prefiled testimony and  
3 exhibits that were moved into the record pursuant to the  
4 stipulation.

5 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** All right. Thank you  
6 very much. Seeing that are there are no objections,  
7 since this is an agreement, those will be moved into the  
8 record -- have been moved into the record, rather.

9 (Exhibits 76 through 85 admitted into the  
10 record.)

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1                   **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2                               **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

3                               **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF STEVEN D. SCROGGS**

4                                       **DOCKET NO. 140009-EI**

5   **March 3, 2014**

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

8    A.    My name is Steven D. Scroggs and my business address is 700 Universe

9            Boulevard, Juno Beach, FL 33408.

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

11 A.    I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) as Senior Director,

12           Project Development. In this position I have responsibility for the

13           development of power generation projects.

14 **Q.    Please describe your duties and responsibilities with regard to the**

15           **development of new nuclear generation to meet FPL customer needs.**

16 A.    Commencing in the summer of 2006, I was assigned the responsibility for

17           leading the investigation into the potential of adding new nuclear generation

18           to FPL’s system, and the subsequent development of new nuclear generation

19           additions to FPL’s power generation fleet. I currently lead the development of

20           FPL’s Turkey Point Nuclear Units 6 and 7 (Turkey Point 6 & 7).

21 **Q.    Please describe your educational background and professional**

22           **experience.**

1 A. I graduated from the University of Missouri – Columbia in 1984 with a  
2 Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. From 1984 until  
3 1994, I served in the United States Navy as a Nuclear Submarine Officer.  
4 From 1994 to 1996, I was a research associate at The Pennsylvania State  
5 University, where I earned a Master of Science Degree in Mechanical  
6 Engineering. I provided consulting and management services to the regulated  
7 and unregulated power generation industry through a number of positions  
8 until 2003, when I joined FPL as Manager, Resource Assessment and  
9 Planning. I was appointed to my current position in 2006.

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

11 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe FPL's activities and costs incurred  
12 in relation to the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project throughout 2013. Accordingly,  
13 this testimony contains information with respect to the project as of December  
14 31, 2013. My testimony describes the deliberate, stepwise process FPL  
15 continues to manage so that FPL will have the opportunity to add new nuclear  
16 generation capacity for its customers. Specifically, I discuss the progress  
17 made on the project, key issues faced in 2013, and how those issues were  
18 evaluated and resolved. I also explain the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project internal  
19 controls and how those controls, supported by internal and external oversight,  
20 provide for diligent and professional project execution. Further, my testimony  
21 provides the actual expenditures incurred in 2013 and compares those  
22 expenditures to the actual/estimated values provided to the Florida Public  
23 Service Commission (FPSC) on May 1, 2013. Collectively, my testimony



1 provides the information necessary to demonstrate that FPL’s 2013 costs for  
2 the project were prudently incurred.

3 **Q. Please describe how your testimony is organized.**

4 A. My testimony includes the following sections:

- 5 1. High Level Project Summary and Issues
- 6 2. 2013 Project Activities and Results
- 7 3. Project Management Internal Controls
- 8 4. Procurement Processes and Controls
- 9 5. Internal/External Audits and Reviews
- 10 6. 2013 Project Costs

11 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

12 A. During 2013, FPL continued to make progress on the licensing and permitting  
13 activities required for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project, and maintained costs  
14 within the annual budget. FPL continued its disciplined pursuit of the  
15 approvals and authorizations necessary to establish the opportunity to add the  
16 benefits of new nuclear generation for its customers. The benefits of adding  
17 new nuclear generation to FPL’s system were confirmed by the 2013 annual  
18 feasibility analysis approved by FPSC Order No. PSC-13-0493-FOF-EI.

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20 FPL achieved key milestones in the Site Certification Application (SCA)  
21 process, for example, by participating in a comprehensive SCA hearing  
22 resulting in a resoundingly affirmative Recommended Order (RO) provided  
23 by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). The RO recommended that the

1           Siting Board grant final site certification to the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project,  
2           including all associated transmission lines. In the Nuclear Regulatory  
3           Commission (NRC) licensing process, significant progress was made  
4           responding to Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) related to seismic  
5           issues and alternative sites, participating in six NRC-hosted public meetings,  
6           and updating the Combined Operating License Application (COLA) with  
7           Revision 5. FPL has maintained its disciplined and steady approach in the  
8           execution of the project, while displaying a willingness to adapt project  
9           timelines to ensure an inclusive and complete review.

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11           The project is being managed by a professional team of engineers, analysts,  
12           and managers to ensure process controls are maintained and activities comply  
13           with applicable corporate procedures and project-specific instructions. The  
14           project management process is being conducted in a well-informed,  
15           transparent and organized manner enabling executive oversight and  
16           facilitating reviews by internal and external parties. The Turkey Point 6 & 7  
17           project team has the skills, experience, and executive oversight to guide the  
18           project through critical decisions using the best available information. This  
19           disciplined application of good business process by well-qualified FPL  
20           managers and their staff resulted in prudent decisions with respect to project  
21           activities and expenditures.

22   **Q.    Are you sponsoring any exhibits in this proceeding?**

23   **A.    Yes. I am sponsoring or co-sponsoring the following exhibits:**

- 1           • SDS-1, consisting of True-up (T) Schedules covering the 2013 actual  
2           period for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project Site Selection and Pre-  
3           construction costs. SDS-1 contains a table of contents listing the T-  
4           Schedules sponsored and co-sponsored by FPL Witness Grant-Keene and  
5           by me, respectively.
- 6           • SDS-2, consisting of a table listing all licenses, permits and approvals FPL  
7           is preparing to support the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project.
- 8           • SDS-3, consisting of a comprehensive list of procedures and work  
9           instructions that governed the internal controls processes.
- 10          • SDS-4, consisting of a list describing various project reports, their  
11          periodicity and target audience.
- 12          • SDS-5, consisting of a comprehensive list of project instructions and  
13          forms utilized in 2013.
- 14          • SDS-6, consisting of summary tables of the 2013 expenditures.

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## 16                                   **HIGH LEVEL PROJECT SUMMARY & ISSUES**

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18   **Q.    What is the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project?**

19   A.    The project consists of a two-unit nuclear generating station with associated  
20   linear and non-linear facilities. The units, AP1000 design by Westinghouse,  
21   will each produce 1,100 megawatts (MW). Linear facilities include five  
22   transmission lines, a reclaimed water supply pipeline, potable water lines and  
23   a series of roadway improvements in the region. Non-linear facilities include

1 a reclaimed water treatment facility, various buildings and facilities on the  
2 Turkey Point site and mitigation projects in the region surrounding the plant.  
3 In 2013 the project continued to focus on obtaining the licenses, permits and  
4 approvals necessary for construction and operation. A list of these licenses,  
5 permits and approvals is included in Exhibit SDS-2.

6 **Q. What are the customer benefits that justify the continued pursuit of new  
7 nuclear generation?**

8 A. The benefits to FPL customers offered by additional nuclear generation are  
9 numerous. The key benefits relate to FPL's core mission of providing reliable  
10 electric service at reasonable rates. The fuel required for nuclear generation is  
11 not dependent on natural gas pipelines, railroad or maritime distribution  
12 systems or subject to volatile energy markets. Therefore, nuclear generation  
13 greatly adds to the reliability of a system by increasing fuel diversity, fuel  
14 supply reliability and energy security. Nuclear fuel markets provide a stable  
15 cost input reducing the impact to monthly customer bills that result from fuel  
16 price volatility. In addition, the location of 2,200 MW of baseload generation  
17 in Miami-Dade County helps to maintain a balance of generation and load in  
18 Southeastern Florida. The feasibility analyses approved by the FPSC in 2008,  
19 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 demonstrate the robust cost-effective nature  
20 of nuclear generation when compared to other baseload generation  
21 alternatives. Finally, nuclear generation is recognized as an important  
22 component of meeting state and national energy goals in addressing  
23 greenhouse gas reduction. By employing an approach that maintains progress,

1 even during dynamic and demanding times, FPL is creating the opportunity to  
2 deliver those benefits on the most practicable schedule.

3 **Q. Please expand on the value of FPL's approach to developing new nuclear**  
4 **generation.**

5 A. Without the approvals, licenses, and permits needed to construct and operate a  
6 new nuclear facility, the opportunity and timeline for customers to benefit  
7 from this valuable generation source is remote and uncertain. By taking the  
8 steps to obtain the licenses and approvals, further defining the specific project,  
9 FPL is accomplishing several key objectives. First, the uncertainties around  
10 the approval process are reduced and the final definition of the project is  
11 refined. Second, the market for providing the equipment and services needed  
12 to construct the project is allowed to further mature, leveraging observations  
13 from first wave projects. Lastly, the decision to initiate construction activities  
14 will be made with very current information providing the best decision basis.

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16 By applying this deliberate and flexible approach, FPL is able to maximize  
17 progress and the collection of information necessary to make subsequent  
18 decisions, while minimizing the current cost exposure of customers.

19 **Q. Please summarize the progress FPL made on the Turkey Point 6 & 7**  
20 **project in 2013.**

21 A. FPL made measurable progress in all regulatory processes towards obtaining  
22 all necessary licenses, permits, and approvals. The three key processes  
23 include the Combined License (COL) process administered by the NRC,

1 wetland permits under the jurisdiction of the US Army Corps of Engineers  
2 (USACE), and the SCA process, coordinated by the Florida Department of  
3 Environmental Protection (FDEP). In general, 2013 largely completed the  
4 information exchange with the federal agencies and provided the public  
5 hearing for the full body of evidence in the state process.

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7 Specific areas of focus in the NRC process included seismic and geologic  
8 issues from a safety perspective, and alternative sites from an environmental  
9 perspective. Public meetings and formal RAI responses have resulted in  
10 satisfying most of the NRC's requests, with a small well-defined subset  
11 scheduled to be complete in 2014. The USACE permitting process, as  
12 designed, has maintained pace with the NRC process.

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14 In the state SCA process, several key milestones were achieved. FDEP  
15 completed its Project Analysis Report for the plant and non-transmission  
16 portions of the project. An extensive discovery period dominated the first half  
17 of the year, while the second half was dominated by the lengthy SCA hearing.  
18 Over 90% of the hearing content focused on the location of the transmission  
19 lines associated with the project, largely due to the number of alternate  
20 corridors proposed by parties to the proceeding.

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22 In July, the FDEP issued a permit to convert an Underground Injection  
23 Control (UIC) exploratory well to an operating well. This is an essential step

1 in demonstrating satisfactory operation of the UIC wells proposed for the  
2 project.

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4 Project staff continued to monitor industry milestones and events to identify  
5 potential impacts to the overall Turkey Point 6 & 7 project cost and schedule  
6 and provide indicators as to when preparation phase activities are warranted.

7 Activities also included continued involvement in industry groups and site  
8 visits to observe key construction milestones at Southern Company's  
9 (Southern) Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (Vogtle) and SCANA  
10 Corporation's (SCANA) Summer AP1000 projects in Georgia and South  
11 Carolina, respectively.

12 **Q. What key events occurred in 2013 that impacted the national and**  
13 **international nuclear industry?**

14 A. As part of its efforts to incorporate lessons learned from the events at  
15 Fukushima in March 2011, the NRC issued guidelines and rules for  
16 addressing seismic reviews and beyond design basis events.

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18 Progress continued on the Waste Confidence rule, a pre-requisite to the NRC  
19 issuing any new COLs for nuclear plants in the US. However, uncertainty  
20 around the federal budget and a government shutdown had some, albeit  
21 undeterminable, impact on the pace of reviews and resolution of outstanding  
22 RAIs with the NRC and USACE.

1 **Q. What other national level issues were monitored for the potential impact**  
2 **to cost and schedule of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project?**

3 A. Developments in 1) the economy, 2) energy policy (at national and regional  
4 levels), and 3) the progress of international and domestic projects were  
5 monitored because they have the potential to affect the project.

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7 The rate of economic recovery and the long term supply and pricing of natural  
8 gas has the potential to impact facets of the project, including: access to and  
9 cost of financing, material and labor costs, the development of national and  
10 international supply chains for new nuclear projects, and the overall feasibility  
11 of the project. The annual feasibility analysis addresses these issues in a  
12 disciplined and consistent manner each year. During 2013, a general  
13 improvement in the economy was observed and continued positive progress  
14 was demonstrated in supply chain development as Southern's Vogtle and  
15 SCANA's Summer new nuclear projects continued full scale construction  
16 activities in 2013.

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18 National energy policy continues to be supportive of nuclear energy in  
19 general, and new nuclear energy development specifically, even following the  
20 Japanese tsunami and subsequent Fukushima events in March 2011.  
21 Domestic and international nuclear construction projects using the AP1000  
22 design have continued to make progress in 2013. In China, the Sanmen and  
23 Haiyang AP1000 projects are proceeding through the construction phase,



1 projecting operation in 2015 and 2016, respectively. Significant differences in  
2 labor and regulatory schemes limit the transferability of the full construction  
3 experience to US projects.

4 **Q. What project-specific issues were monitored in 2013 for the potential**  
5 **impact to cost and schedule of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project?**

6 A. Project specific issues include 1) FPL system and regional economic  
7 developments influencing the annual feasibility analysis, and 2) the pace and  
8 outcome of permit and license application reviews. The impact of these  
9 factors on the project feasibility is reviewed annually.

10 **Q. Was the feasibility of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project re-evaluated in**  
11 **2013?**

12 A. Yes. A complete feasibility analysis was conducted to review the economics  
13 of the project using updated assumptions for system demand, fuel forecasts,  
14 environmental compliance costs, and alternative generation costs. The  
15 analysis is a two-step process, consistent with the original analysis supporting  
16 the 2008 Need Order.

17  
18 The first step takes the form of developing a “break-even” cost to determine  
19 what the nuclear project could cost while remaining economically competitive  
20 with alternative baseload generation sources. That “break-even” cost is  
21 compared to the high end of the project cost estimate range. The results of the  
22 analysis confirmed that the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project is quantitatively and  
23 qualitatively superior in 5 of 7 fuel and environmental cost scenarios and

1 shows comparable economics in the remaining two scenarios, maintaining the  
2 qualitative benefits of fuel diversity, energy security and zero emissions.  
3 These results continue to demonstrate that the new nuclear project remains the  
4 best economic alternative for FPL's customers. An updated feasibility  
5 analysis will be submitted on May 1, 2014 in the FPSC Nuclear Cost  
6 Recovery Clause (NCRC) filing.

7 **Q. Did FPL have sufficient, meaningful, and available resources dedicated to**  
8 **the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in 2013?**

9 A. Yes. As demonstrated throughout this testimony, FPL had in place an  
10 appropriate project management structure that relied on both dedicated and  
11 matrixed employees, the necessary contractors for specialized expertise, and a  
12 robust system of project controls. These resources enabled the project to  
13 make significant progress in the current licensing phase.

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#### 15 **2013 PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS**

16

17 **Q. What were the major activities for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project during**  
18 **2013?**

19 A. The major activities focused on completing the agency reviews of the federal  
20 and state applications, and activities supporting conversion of the UIC  
21 exploratory well at the project site.

22 **Q. What were the specific activities and results associated with federal**  
23 **licensing processes for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in 2013?**

1 A. FPL engaged continuously with the NRC and USACE staff throughout 2013  
2 in an iterative process refining RAI responses to meet the specific needs of the  
3 agencies. This involved two parallel COLA review areas: the Safety analysis  
4 and the Environmental analysis. Additionally, FPL submitted its annual  
5 COLA revision.

6

7 Significant progress on the Safety analysis was made in four specific areas.

8 • Conducting proprietary review of 7 of 19 draft chapters of the NRC  
9 staff's Advanced Safety Analysis Report.

10 • Responding to 13 RAIs received in 2013 on a range of safety related  
11 topics.

12 • Responding to 37 RAIs received prior to 2013 on seismic and  
13 geotechnical information (Final Safety Analysis Report [FSAR]  
14 sections 2.5.1 through 2.5.3).

15 • Conducting the additional site data collection and analysis to answer  
16 the 21 outstanding RAIs received prior to 2013 related to seismic and  
17 geotechnical issues (FSAR sections 2.5.4).

18

19 The Environmental analysis has been focused on the alternative site analysis  
20 of FPL's Environmental Review (Section 9.3). The challenge has been to  
21 provide clarity around FPL's analysis that allows the NRC and USACE to  
22 satisfy both agencies' regulatory requirements in a single Environmental  
23 Impact Statement (EIS) narrative. FPL employed a very interactive approach

1 to working with both agencies including weekly conference calls with agency  
 2 staff, four public meetings since December 2012, and an exchange of  
 3 information through NRC and USACE RAIs. Significant progress was made,  
 4 clearing all RAIs that will allow publication of the draft EIS and a revised  
 5 COLA review schedule for the Environmental portion.

6  
 7 As in past years, FPL submitted a revision (Rev. 5 in 2013) to the COLA to  
 8 ensure the document incorporated the latest information from preceding  
 9 COLAs and updates specific to Turkey Point 6 & 7. Following final zoning  
 10 approval in Miami-Dade County of a Reclaimed Water Treatment Facility  
 11 location, certain parties filed a contention in the COLA process addressing  
 12 the momentary discrepancy between FPL’s filed COLA and the newly zoned  
 13 location. FPL addressed the issue and the proposed contention was rejected  
 14 by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

15 **Q. What were the specific activities and results associated with the state SCA**  
 16 **and permitting of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in 2013?**

17 A. The year began with obtaining the final required zoning approvals from  
 18 Miami-Dade County. This allowed the County to issue an affirmative Land  
 19 Use Consistency determination in the SCA process. FDEP then published a  
 20 Project Analysis Report (PAR) on the plant and non-transmission aspects of  
 21 the project on March 3, 2013, clearing the path to the SCA hearing. The PAR  
 22 recommended certification of the two unit plant and associated facilities.

23

1 April through June was occupied with a number of pre-hearing SCA activities,  
2 including significant amounts of discovery. FPL was able to negotiate 29  
3 stipulations with state agencies, local governments and interested parties,  
4 greatly simplifying the scope of the testimony required at hearing.

5  
6 The ALJ convened the SCA hearing on July 8, 2013. The hearing spanned 34  
7 days in July, August, September and early October. During the hearing,  
8 testimony was provided by 63 expert witnesses using 910 exhibits, and  
9 included seven public testimony periods allowing another 165 members of the  
10 public an opportunity to comment. The location of the transmission lines  
11 associated with the project was the focal point of the hearings and public  
12 testimony, occupying 30 of the 34 days of hearing.

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14 The ALJ published his 328 page RO on December 5, 2013. The RO  
15 recommended that the Siting Board should grant final certification to FPL for  
16 the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project including electrical transmission lines and  
17 other linear and non-linear associated facilities. Further, the RO  
18 recommended that the Siting Board certify the FPL East Preferred Corridor,  
19 the West Consensus Corridor and the FPL West Preferred Corridor as a  
20 backup in the event that the West Consensus Corridor cannot be secured in a  
21 timely manner and at a reasonable cost. Additionally, the RO recommended  
22 approval of all requested variances and easements included in FPL's SCA.

1 **Q. Were there other permitting activities and results observed related to the**  
2 **Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in 2013?**

3 A. Yes. In 2013, FPL continued progress on the UIC Exploratory Well and Dual  
4 Zone Monitoring Well by successfully obtaining the permit to convert the  
5 exploratory well to an operating well. The operating well permit allows FPL  
6 to proceed with the injection testing necessary to confirm the acceptability of  
7 the well operation.

8 **Q. Please describe any activities associated with the negotiation or execution**  
9 **of commercial or development agreements supporting the Turkey**  
10 **Point 6 & 7 project in 2013.**

11 A. FPL and Westinghouse continued discussions regarding the Forging  
12 Reservation Agreement. It was agreed to extend the expiration date of the  
13 current agreement to October 31, 2014. There were no changes to the  
14 substantive terms of the agreement.

15  
16 Additionally, in support of a western transmission line corridor, FPL has been  
17 engaged in negotiations with multiple state and federal agencies to exchange  
18 its current owned transmission line corridor in the eastern Everglades for a  
19 combination of easements and property that would provide a continuous  
20 transmission right-of-way between north and south Miami-Dade County that  
21 would not be in Everglades National Park (ENP). Collectively, these efforts  
22 are referred to as the ENP land exchange. These negotiations are captured in  
23 participation agreements, authorized by federal legislation and are undergoing

1 final environmental review by the National Park Service (NPS). Progress was  
2 made in 2013, and a draft EIS was published on January 17, 2014.

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4 During the SCA hearing, FPL and the Miami-Dade Limestone Products  
5 Association (MDLPA) agreed to combine the northern and southern segments  
6 of the FPL West Preferred Corridor with an alternate corridor proposed by  
7 MDLPA. The combined corridor is referred to as the West Consensus  
8 Corridor, and was recommended by the ALJ for certification. The West  
9 Consensus Corridor avoids some of the area involved in the ENP land  
10 exchange, but is still dependent on the exchange occurring. The stipulation  
11 addressed environmental concerns of some parties and lessened wetland  
12 impacts. However, the integration of the West Consensus corridor added an  
13 additional level of complexity to the overall project and requires continued  
14 discussions with other parties to ensure successful execution.

15 **Q. Please describe FPL's decision making related to the timing of initiating**  
16 **certain Pre-construction activities and the implications of those decisions.**

17 A. In 2010 FPL conducted a schedule review that resulted in earliest practicable  
18 completion dates of 2022 and 2023 for Units 6 and 7, respectively. This  
19 assumed a certain pace of regulatory reviews and parallel or subsequent Pre-  
20 construction activities. Since that time, FPL has monitored the pace of  
21 regulatory reviews at the state and federal level and deferred Pre-construction  
22 activities as a means of managing project cost and risk. Included in the 2010  
23 schedule was time margin that could accommodate some deferrals without

1 impacting completion dates for the units. Through 2011 and 2012, deferrals  
2 indicated by the slow pace of regulatory reviews consumed a significant  
3 portion of this margin.

4  
5 In 2013 two factors influenced FPL’s decision making related to initiation of  
6 Pre-construction activities. As in past years, the pace of reviews was an input  
7 into decisions regarding Pre-construction activities scheduled. Particularly,  
8 the extensive SCA hearing process, continued dialogue on safety and  
9 environmental RAIs, and lack of a revised NRC COLA review schedule  
10 indicated continued uncertainty in the pace of regulatory review and  
11 warranted further deferrals of scheduled Pre-construction activities.

12  
13 A second factor emerged in the form of legislative changes to the Nuclear  
14 Cost Recovery (NCR) statute. The amended statute includes additional  
15 review and approval steps prior to initiation of Pre-construction or  
16 Construction activities (See 366.93(3)(c) F.S.). Further deferral of Pre-  
17 construction activities in 2013 and the integration of new requirements of the  
18 amended NCR statute will be incorporated in the next schedule review,  
19 planned upon receipt of a revised NRC COLA review schedule.

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**PROJECT MANAGEMENT INTERNAL CONTROLS**



1 **Q. Please describe the project management structure that was responsible**  
2 **for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in 2013.**

3 A. The management structure for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project reflected the  
4 dual nature of the project relying on a working combination of two key  
5 groups: Project Development and New Nuclear Projects. The organization of  
6 the project into these two key groups helped maintain a consistent  
7 management and reporting structure with specific focus and areas of  
8 responsibility, while allowing the project the flexibility to grow and adapt  
9 over time. As the project began the final phase of regulatory reviews, it was  
10 determined to align Nuclear Project Development and the New Nuclear  
11 Project team within the Nuclear division under Chief Nuclear Officer (CNO)  
12 Mano Nazar. As of April 1, 2013, both William Maher (Senior Director, New  
13 Nuclear Licensing) and I began reporting directly to Mano Nazar. This  
14 change allowed closer alignment with the CNO organization, which maintains  
15 the regulatory relationship with the NRC and will be able to facilitate the final  
16 phase of regulatory reviews.

17  
18 Project Development, which I lead, had the primary responsibility for the  
19 execution of development and licensing activities not within the purview of  
20 the NRC, project communication activities and FPSC filings. Similar to the  
21 way other generation development projects are executed within FPL, Project  
22 Development utilized matrix relationships with key business units in the  
23 company to provide essential support. For example, legal, transmission

1 planning and environmental services were provided by those business units  
2 through assigned personnel.

3

4 The New Nuclear Project team managed the complex and specialized nature  
5 of the COLA process and the engineering, procurement and construction  
6 activities necessary to obtain licenses and permits. This team is managed by  
7 Mr. Maher. The New Nuclear Project team had direct responsibility for the  
8 production and management of the COLA. The project team will adjust  
9 staffing as the project evolves, ensuring access to the necessary skill sets are  
10 maintained to accomplish project objectives in the most cost-effective manner.

11 **Q. Please describe the project management and staffing approach employed**  
12 **on the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in 2013.**

13 A. The project was staffed by a combination of employees fully dedicated to the  
14 project, employees from FPL business units who devoted a portion of their  
15 time to the project, and a select group of contractors and subcontractors whose  
16 subject matter expertise and skills were required to complete the considerable  
17 tasks related to this undertaking. Leading the staff was a project management  
18 team charged with monitoring the day-to-day execution and strategic direction  
19 of the project. The project management team provided routine, dedicated  
20 oversight of the project including a determination of the timing and content of  
21 external reviews. The project management team was supported by project  
22 controls professionals that executed the day-to-day project activities and  
23 provided direct oversight of procedural compliance. The project also

1 benefited from routine review, supervision, and direction provided by FPL  
2 executive management.

3 **Q. What were the key elements of the project management process used to**  
4 **manage the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in 2013?**

5 A. FPL routinely and methodically evaluated the risks, costs, and issues  
6 associated with the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project using a system of internal  
7 controls, routine project meetings and communication tools, management  
8 reports and reviews, internal and external audits, and the annual feasibility  
9 analysis.

10 **Q. Please describe the system of internal controls that were applicable to the**  
11 **project in 2013.**

12 A. The project internal controls were comprised of various financial systems,  
13 department procedures, work/desktop instructions and best practices providing  
14 governance and oversight of project cost and schedule processes.

15  
16 Exhibit SDS-3 provides a list of procedures and work instructions that  
17 governed the internal controls processes and expectations. These procedures  
18 and work instructions were employed by dedicated and experienced project  
19 controls personnel who provided project oversight and analysis. The Project  
20 Controls organization helped to ensure appropriate management decisions  
21 were made based upon assessment of available information leading to  
22 reasonable costs. Accountability was clear and understood throughout the

1 Project Controls organization and was a cornerstone of the services they  
2 provide.

3 **Q. Please describe the specific reports that were generated to monitor the**  
4 **project and the periodicity and audience for those reports.**

5 A. The project relied on a series of weekly or monthly reports and had standing  
6 meetings to discuss forward-looking analysis with project managers. Exhibit  
7 SDS-4 provides a list describing the reports, and their periodicity and target  
8 audience.

9 **Q. Please describe the staff responsible for administering these internal**  
10 **controls and their specific responsibilities.**

11 A. The internal controls staffing for the project was comprised of three personnel.  
12 A Project Controls Director provided functional leadership, governance, and  
13 oversight. A Project Controls Manager provided cost and schedule direction  
14 and analysis, coordinated internal and external audit requests, held meetings  
15 with project management to review cost and schedule performance, and  
16 reviewed all cost, scope changes, schedules and performance indicators. The  
17 Project Controls Manager also participated in meetings with project  
18 management to review cost and schedule performance, provided information  
19 regarding cost, scope changes, schedules and performance indicators,  
20 maintained cost templates, supported the production of documents and  
21 responses to information requests, and met monthly or as required with  
22 department heads on forecasting and commitments. A Construction Capital

1 Cost Estimator maintained the master schedule and the master project estimate  
2 template.

3 **Q. How were the internal controls developed?**

4 A. Many of the internal controls procedures, processes or work instructions were  
5 pre-existing FPL company or department processes. However, due to the  
6 unique characteristics of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project, cost templates were  
7 specifically developed for monitoring expenditures to support FPSC filing  
8 requirements and to facilitate associated reviews. FPL has contractually  
9 placed significant reporting requirements on contractors by requiring trend,  
10 tracking and performance indicators. This allows the internal controls team to  
11 monitor events and trends on a forward-looking basis. As the project evolves,  
12 additional controls will be developed as necessary.

13 **Q. What are Project Instructions and why are they needed?**

14 A. In the course of project development, FPL identified a need to develop some  
15 business processes unique to new nuclear deployment. These processes  
16 involve conducting business in compliance with NextEra Energy, Inc. and  
17 FPL policies and procedures, but also recognize project-specific requirements.  
18 For example, specific instructions are needed to ensure compliance with  
19 additional NRC requirements for quality control and document retention.  
20 Direction for such specific areas of focus is provided to project staff through a  
21 set of FPL's New Nuclear Project - Project Instructions (NNP-PI). These  
22 Project Instructions establish a standard for the project team which provides  
23 guidance, sets expectations and drives consistency. Exhibit SDS-5 provides

1 FPL's comprehensive list of project instructions and forms that were utilized  
2 in 2013.

3 **Q. What processes were used to manage project risk?**

4 A. Cost and schedule risk was managed by ensuring the project team recognized  
5 and understood the issues facing different sub-teams that comprised the  
6 overall project. A mix of weekly meetings with small teams, monthly  
7 meetings with select members of the project team, and routine executive  
8 briefings ensured the project would benefit from sufficient and timely  
9 communication. Further, the information flow began at the working level and  
10 was integrated as it moved to the project management team to ensure the  
11 issues were adequately captured and the interaction with other portions of the  
12 project was properly assessed. These meetings resulted in several reports  
13 identified in Exhibit SDS-4. All of these routine meetings allowed project  
14 management to obtain updates from key project team members, provide  
15 direction on the conduct of the project activities and maintain tight control  
16 over project progress, expenditures, and key decisions.

17  
18 Each week the project team held multiple status meetings. These meetings,  
19 held by teams within the project, tracked project activities at a level that  
20 allowed most issues to be identified, discussed, and resolved at the working  
21 team level. Examples include the COLA team, the SCA team consisting of  
22 plant and transmission sub-teams, and others. For those issues that could not  
23 be resolved at the working team level, project management provided a multi-

1 step process to elevate the issue to the appropriate level for resolution.  
2 Contractor performance was also tracked on a weekly basis. Schedule and  
3 cost metrics were monitored and reported in standard format reports to allow  
4 close monitoring of contractor performance.

5  
6 The project team met monthly to review project schedule, budget  
7 performance, and key project issues. Project risk was specifically tracked and  
8 reviewed. The monthly Cost Report meeting provided an opportunity to drill  
9 down on project cost issues and expectations. Project management also  
10 provided a routine update to FPL executive management. This update  
11 provided the opportunity for dialogue between the project management team,  
12 Business Unit leaders and executive management. While the executive team  
13 was always available for consultation on developing issues and opportunities,  
14 the routine meetings ensured a broad range of topics were regularly reviewed  
15 and discussed.

16  
17 The project utilized a quarterly risk assessment tool to identify, characterize and  
18 track project risks. Six areas were assessed to identify key issues, estimate  
19 probability or likelihood of occurrence (high, medium, and low), and the  
20 magnitude of potential consequences (high, medium, and low). Further,  
21 mitigation actions or strategies to be employed to manage the risk were  
22 described. A monthly project dashboard report complemented the Quarterly

1 Risk Analysis. This document allowed for monthly trending of project risk areas  
2 unique to the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project.

3 **Q. What other periodic reviews were conducted to ensure the project was**  
4 **appropriately reviewed and analyzed?**

5 A. Internal and external audits occur during the course of the project to ensure  
6 the project adheres to all corporate guidelines for financial accounting as well  
7 as employing best management and internal controls practices. When a  
8 deficiency is identified in an audit, an analysis is conducted to determine the  
9 cause of the deficiency and corrective actions are implemented to ensure the  
10 deficiencies are mitigated going forward. The 2013 audits are described  
11 further below.

12  
13 Additionally, the project is reviewed annually to determine its continued  
14 economic feasibility. In 2013, this analysis was conducted using the same  
15 framework as the analysis accepted during the Need Determination  
16 proceeding, but was updated to reflect what was currently known regarding  
17 project cost, project schedule, and the cost and viability of alternative  
18 generation technologies. The analysis presented in the May 2013 NCRC  
19 filings demonstrate the project remains feasible. An updated feasibility study  
20 will be filed on May 1, 2014.

21 **Q. What other activities has FPL undertaken to ensure its decision processes**  
22 **are informed by the most current national and international industry**  
23 **information?**



1 A. FPL is an industry leader in nuclear generation, and as such, has the  
2 experience, contacts, and industry presence to engage in many forums for  
3 exploration of nuclear industry issues. Nonetheless, the specific challenges of  
4 new nuclear deployment have created focus areas requiring additional  
5 coordination between entities involved in new plant licensing, construction,  
6 and operation. FPL participated in three key industry groups providing value  
7 to the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in 2013. The Design Centered Working  
8 Group was formed to provide coordination among owners, vendors, and the  
9 NRC related to design modifications of the AP1000. This critical activity is  
10 necessary to ensure design changes for the AP1000 are made through a  
11 consensus process with the involvement of the NRC to preserve  
12 standardization of design, a cornerstone of new nuclear development. FPL  
13 also is a member of the AP1000 owners group (APOG) (a consortium of  
14 owners of the AP1000 design) and of the Advanced Nuclear Technology  
15 group organized by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). These  
16 groups are primarily forums to identify and resolve issues that are of primary  
17 interest to owners, such as staffing, training and maintenance activities. For  
18 example, programs such as Procurement Specification Development,  
19 Equipment and Nuclear Fuel Reliability improvements, Advancing Welding  
20 Practices, and Modular Equipment Testing and Benchmarking provide FPL  
21 increased efficiency in program development and implementation resulting in  
22 future cost savings. The principle of standardization through operations and  
23 maintenance requires this level of industry coordination and dialogue. These

1 different groups have unique and important roles in the successful execution  
2 of new nuclear deployment in the US. Achieving the goal of industry  
3 standardization and realizing the associated economic and operational  
4 efficiencies requires active participation by industry participants in these  
5 venues.

6 **Q. What steps were taken to ensure project expenditures were properly**  
7 **authorized?**

8 A. For initial commitments, an approved request directed Integrated Supply  
9 Chain (ISC) to go out for bid and formally contract with the selected supplier.  
10 Initial commitments required appropriate authorizations including all  
11 documentation required by corporate procedures. This included requests for  
12 proposal, contracts, purchase orders, notice to proceed, and, if required, a  
13 single or sole source justification. For Contract Change Orders (CCOs), the  
14 requests were authorized at the appropriate level and the CCOs executed prior  
15 to releasing the supplier to perform the requested scope of work. Tracking  
16 systems and processes were used to document and record procurement  
17 activities and to obtain the appropriate level of management authorization for  
18 expenditures.

19 **Q. How would you summarize FPL's overall approach to Turkey Point 6 &**  
20 **7 project management in 2013?**

21 A. FPL followed robust project planning, management, and execution processes  
22 to manage the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project. These efforts were led by  
23 personnel with significant experience in project management and development

1 supported by project management professionals trained in the deliberate  
 2 execution of critical infrastructure projects through a comprehensive set of  
 3 internal controls. Additionally, FPL capitalized on the experience of its other  
 4 power generation development projects by implementing lessons learned by  
 5 those project teams. Finally, FPL implemented an ongoing internal auditing  
 6 and quality assurance process to continuously monitor compliance with the  
 7 controls discussed above. In summary, FPL had the right people with the  
 8 right tools and oversight making decisions with the best available information.  
 9 For all of these reasons, FPL is confident that its Turkey Point 6 & 7 project  
 10 management decisions were well-founded and reasonable.

11  
 12 Further, FPL recognizes the unique nature of new nuclear deployment  
 13 demands a continuous monitoring of developments in policy, regulatory and  
 14 economic arenas. FPL maintains an ongoing analysis and incorporation of  
 15 these events to ensure the appropriate actions are taken at the right time to  
 16 establish the option for new nuclear generation. The application of sound  
 17 project management fundamentals and critical questioning provides the best  
 18 results.

19

**PROCUREMENT PROCESSES AND CONTROLS**

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21  
 22 **Q. What was FPL’s preferred method of procurement and when might it be**  
 23 **in the best interest of the project to use another method?**

1 A. The preferred approach for the procurement of materials or services was to  
2 use competitive bidding. FPL benefitted from its strong market presence  
3 allowing it to leverage corporate-wide procurement activities to the specific  
4 benefit of individual project procurement activities. Maintaining a  
5 relationship with a range of service providers offered the opportunity to assess  
6 capabilities, respond to changing resource loads and remain knowledgeable of  
7 current market trends and cost of service.

8  
9 However, in certain situations the use of single or sole source procurement  
10 was in the best interest of the company and its customers. In some cases there  
11 was a limited pool of qualified entities to perform specific services or provide  
12 certain goods and materials. In other cases a service provider was engaged to  
13 conduct a specific scope of work based on a competitive bid or other analysis  
14 and additional scope was identified that the vendor could efficiently provide.  
15 Circumstances such as the above examples are common in the nuclear  
16 industry, and especially on complex long-term projects such as the Turkey  
17 Point 6 & 7 project.

18 **Q. Do you anticipate the use of single or sole source procurement practices**  
19 **will change over the course of the project?**

20 A. Yes. As the project moves through various phases, the proportion of single  
21 source procurement will shift based on the nature of the major expenditures  
22 associated with each phase. During the licensing phase, the majority of the  
23 costs are expended on the federal licensing activities, which have been or will

1 be competitively bid. In contrast, the next phase of the project will involve  
 2 proprietary engineering and procurement activity that FPL must contract from  
 3 the equipment provider, a sole source of these goods and services. Then, as  
 4 the project moves to construction, FPL is taking steps to develop credible  
 5 providers who can competitively bid specific scopes of the construction work.  
 6 Developing a pool of credible vendors, especially for the very large and  
 7 complex construction phase, requires a concerted effort, but is expected to  
 8 result in reduced costs regardless of which vendor is selected.

9 **Q. Please describe the single and sole source procurement procedures that**  
 10 **applied to the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in 2013.**

11 A. NextEra Energy, Inc. corporate policy NEE-PRO-1470 requires proper  
 12 documentation and authorization for single or sole source procurement. Such  
 13 authorization must be from an individual with a commitment/spend authority  
 14 at least equal to the value of the goods or services being procured. The  
 15 procedure also calls for a review of the justification for reasonableness.  
 16 Throughout 2013, FPL maintained its vigilance in creating adequate single or  
 17 sole source documentation consistent with NEE-PRO-1470.

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19 **INTERNAL/EXTERNAL AUDITS AND REVIEWS**

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21 **Q. What external audits or reviews have been conducted to ensure the**  
 22 **project controls are adequate and costs are reasonable?**

1 A. FPL engaged Concentric Energy Advisors (Concentric) to conduct a review of  
2 the project internal controls, with a focus on management processes, as was  
3 conducted in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. FPL has addressed all  
4 recommendations provided by Concentric from prior year reviews. The 2013  
5 Concentric review is discussed by Witness Reed.

6

7 The FPSC Staff conducts a financial audit of the project ledger and accounts  
8 and an internal controls audit annually. The 2013 audits are currently  
9 underway.

10 **Q. Does Internal Audit conduct an annual review to ensure the project**  
11 **controls were adequate and costs were reasonable?**

12 A. Yes. An annual FPL internal audit focuses on ensuring that costs charged to  
13 the project are for Turkey Point 6 & 7 project related activities and are  
14 recorded in accordance with NCR Rule 25-6.0423. This audit is underway to  
15 review the project costs for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013,  
16 the results of which will be available to the FPSC, its Staff, and other parties  
17 upon completion in the second quarter of 2014.

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### 2013 PROJECT COSTS

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21 **Q. Describe the costs incurred for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in 2013.**

22 A. As represented in Exhibit SDS-6 and Exhibit SDS-1, Schedule T-6, FPL  
23 incurred a total of \$28,728,488 in project costs that were necessary for the

1 activities described in this testimony. This is \$549,227 less than the May 1,  
2 2013 Actual/Estimated costs of \$29,277,715.

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4 These "Pre-construction costs" (as that term is defined by Rule 25-  
5 6.0423(2)(g)) are broken down into the following subcategories: 1) Licensing  
6 \$25,637,988; 2) Permitting \$1,231,174; 3) Engineering and Design  
7 \$1,859,326; 4) Long Lead Procurement Advanced Payments \$0; and 5) Power  
8 Block Engineering and Procurement \$0.

9 **Q. Please describe the costs incurred in the Licensing subcategory.**

10 A. In 2013, Licensing costs were \$25,637,988 as shown in Exhibit SDS-6 Table  
11 2 and Exhibit SDS-1, Schedule T-6, Line 3. Licensing costs consist primarily  
12 of FPL employee, contractor labor, and specialty consulting services  
13 necessary to develop the COLA required for construction and operation of the  
14 Turkey Point 6 & 7 project and the state certification of the project.

15 **Q. Please explain the reasons behind the variances between the actual  
16 Licensing costs and the costs estimated in the 2013 NCR filing in Docket  
17 No. 130009-EI.**

18 A. Several activities resulted in higher than anticipated costs in 2013, resulting in  
19 a variance of \$111,273 to the May 1, 2013 filing. In support of the NRC  
20 COLA Safety analysis, additional work scope including site investigations and  
21 engineering analysis was required to fully respond to RAIs received.  
22 Additionally, the 2013 budget assumed a certain level of activity in discovery  
23 and hearings for the SCA process. The actual duration and extent of the SCA

1 process exceeded early estimates requiring additional expenditures for support  
2 of the extensive discovery and lengthy hearing. These higher costs were  
3 largely balanced by using a combination of contingency and re-allocation of  
4 funds not required for deferred activities.

5 **Q. Please describe the costs incurred in the Permitting subcategory.**

6 A. In 2013, Permitting costs were \$1,231,174 as shown in Exhibit SDS-6 Table 3  
7 and Exhibit SDS-1, Schedule T-6, Line 4. Permitting costs consist primarily  
8 of project employees and legal services necessary to support the various  
9 license and permit applications required by the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project.  
10 Exhibit SDS-6, Table 3 provides a detailed breakdown of the Permitting  
11 subcategory costs in 2013, including a description of items included within  
12 each category.

13 **Q. Please explain any variance between the actual Permitting costs and the  
14 costs provided in the 2013 Nuclear Cost Recovery filing.**

15 A. Permitting costs were \$200,609 higher than estimated in the May 1, 2013  
16 filing because the SCA hearing lasted longer than expected. This variance is  
17 caused by higher than anticipated hearing support costs.

18 **Q. Please describe the costs incurred in the Engineering and Design  
19 subcategory.**

20 A. In 2013, Engineering and Design costs were \$1,859,326 as shown in Exhibit  
21 SDS-6 Table 4 and Exhibit SDS-1, Schedule T-6, Line 5. Engineering and  
22 Design costs consist primarily of FPL employee services and/or engineering  
23 consulting services necessary to support the continued permitting of the UIC



1 exploratory well and membership fees for EPRI's Advanced Nuclear  
2 Technology working group and the APOG industry groups. Exhibit SDS-6  
3 Table 4 provides a detailed breakdown of the Engineering and Design  
4 subcategory costs in 2013, including a description of items included within  
5 each category.

6 **Q. Please explain any variance between the actual Engineering and Design**  
7 **costs and the costs provided in the 2013 Nuclear Cost Recovery filing.**

8 A. Engineering and Design costs were \$861,109 lower than planned. The  
9 variance was caused by APOG membership fees that were \$400,000 lower  
10 than projected and less work associated with completion of the UIC  
11 exploratory and dual zone monitoring well.

12 **Q. Did FPL incur any costs in the Long Lead Procurement, Power Block**  
13 **Engineering and Procurement, or Transmission subcategories in 2013?**

14 A. No. In 2013, there were no Long Lead Procurement, Power Block  
15 Engineering and Procurement, or Transmission costs. Also, there was no  
16 variance in these subcategories from FPL's estimates provided in the 2013  
17 NCR filing.

18 **Q. Please describe the Site Selection costs incurred in 2013.**

19 A. FPL's Site Selection work was completed in October 2007 with the filing of  
20 the Need Petition. The cost of \$170,485 in this category relates to carrying  
21 charges. FPL Witness Grant-Keene supports the calculation of carrying  
22 charges.

1 **Q. Were the 2013 project activities prudent and were the related costs**  
2 **prudently incurred?**

3 A. Yes. All costs were incurred as a result of the deliberately managed process at  
4 the direction of a well-informed, properly qualified management team. The  
5 costs were incurred in the process of obtaining the necessary licenses,  
6 certifications, and permits for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project. All costs were  
7 reviewed and approved under the direction of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project  
8 management team and were made fully subject to project internal controls.  
9 Costs were processed using FPL standard procurement procedures and  
10 authorization processes, are reasonable and were prudently incurred.

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

12 A. Yes.

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**  
**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF STEVEN D. SCROGGS**  
**DOCKET NO. 140009-EI**  
**May 1, 2014**

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

A. My name is Steven D. Scroggs. My business address is 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 or the Company) as Senior Director, Project Development. In this position I have responsibility for the development of power generation projects to meet the needs of FPL’s customers.

**Q. Have you previously provided testimony in this docket?**

A. Yes.

**Q. Are you sponsoring or co-sponsoring any exhibits in this case?**

A. Yes. I am sponsoring or co-sponsoring the following exhibits:

- Exhibit SDS-7, Turkey Point 6 & 7 Site Selection and Pre-construction Nuclear Filing Requirement (NFR) Schedules consisting of the 2014 Actual/Estimated (AE) Schedules, the 2015 Projection (P) Schedules and the 2015 True-up to Original (TOR) Schedules. The NFR

1 Schedules contain a table of contents listing the schedules sponsored  
2 and co-sponsored by FPL Witness Grant-Keene and me, respectively.

3 • Exhibit SDS-8, consisting of summary tables presenting the 2014  
4 Actual/Estimated and 2015 Projected Pre-construction costs for the  
5 Turkey Point 6 & 7 project.

6 • Exhibit SDS-9, Turkey Point 6 & 7 Project Benefits at a Glance

7 • Exhibit SDS-10, Turkey Point 6 & 7 Customer Savings from Nuclear  
8 Cost Recovery Law

9 • Exhibit SDS-11, Remaining Steps in Turkey Point 6 & 7 Licensing

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

11 A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide a description of how the Turkey  
12 Point 6 & 7 project is being managed and controlled. The project undertakes  
13 the steps necessary to license, construct, and operate two Westinghouse  
14 designed AP1000 nuclear reactors (AP1000) and associated transmission and  
15 ancillary facilities at the Turkey Point site near the existing Turkey Point  
16 3 & 4 nuclear units in southern Miami-Dade County. My testimony will  
17 provide insight into how project activities are managed given the near term  
18 focus on obtaining all licenses, authorizations, and approvals and the factors  
19 influencing key decisions affecting the nature, cost, and pace of that effort. I  
20 will also describe the projected expenditures for 2014 and 2015 allowing FPL  
21 to support and defend the applications requesting the required licenses and  
22 permits and to maintain permits that have been obtained. FPL's 2014 and  
23 2015 cost recovery requests, as in past years, include only amounts that are

1 associated with the licensing activities currently underway. Notably, the  
2 request does not include any construction costs for the Turkey Point 6 & 7  
3 project. No such costs are being incurred, and such costs are not permitted to  
4 be recovered at this time.

5 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

6 A. FPL continues to carefully and methodically create the opportunity for  
7 additional reliable, cost-effective and fuel diverse nuclear generation to  
8 benefit FPL's customers. The approach applied to the management of the  
9 Turkey Point 6 & 7 project provides control of cost risks while maintaining  
10 progress through the intensive licensing period. The unique qualitative  
11 benefits of fuel diversity, energy security and zero greenhouse gas emissions  
12 offered by nuclear generation are unchanged from the origin of the project.  
13 Quantitative benefits estimated for the project have decreased with improved  
14 economic factors, which on balance are beneficial for FPL's customers.  
15 Notably, progress in other nuclear industry milestones (i.e., AP1000 U.S.  
16 construction) continues to provide positive indicators for the long term  
17 feasibility of new nuclear plant deployment.

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19 In 2014 and 2015 FPL will continue its progress on the project by concluding  
20 the state Site Certification Application (SCA) process and moving to the  
21 report review stage in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC)  
22 Combined License Application (COLA) process. Delays in the regulatory  
23 review process have been accommodated, but will impact the licensing

1 timeline and, ultimately, the projected commercial operation dates (CODs) of  
2 2022 for Unit 6 and 2023 for Unit 7. An updated project schedule will be  
3 developed following receipt of a revised NRC COLA review schedule, which  
4 is the critical path for project completion. Absent a revised NRC COLA  
5 review schedule, a project schedule including revised in-service dates would  
6 be of marginal planning value.

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8 The results of the annual feasibility analysis continue to support disciplined  
9 pursuit of the project, and reaffirm that the project can provide unique  
10 quantitative and qualitative benefits to FPL customers. FPL’s stepwise  
11 approach continues to provide FPL customers with the best opportunity to  
12 make steady progress on the project. My testimony provides the Florida  
13 Public Service Commission (FPSC) with the information necessary to  
14 conclude that the licensing activities identified in this request are reasonable  
15 and in the interests of FPL customers and Floridians, in general.

16 **Q. Would you please provide an overview of the expected benefits of the**  
17 **Turkey Point 6 & 7 project for FPL customers?**

18 A. Yes. Taking into account the updated project information provided in this  
19 testimony, FPL expects the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project will:

- 20 • Provide estimated fuel cost savings for FPL’s customers of  
21 approximately \$644 million (nominal) in the first full year of operation  
22 based on a Medium Fuel Cost forecast;

- 1 • Provide estimated fuel cost savings for FPL's customers of  
2 approximately \$64 billion (nominal) over a 40 year operating life, and  
3 approximately \$173 billion (nominal) over a 60 year operating life,  
4 based on a Medium Fuel Cost forecast;
- 5 • Diversify FPL's fuel sources by decreasing reliance on natural gas by  
6 approximately 14% beginning in the first full year of two unit  
7 operation;
- 8 • Reduce annual fossil fuel usage by the equivalent of 28 million barrels  
9 of oil or 177 million MMBTU of natural gas; and
- 10 • Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by an estimated 267 million tons over a 40 year  
11 operating life, which is the equivalent of operating FPL's entire  
12 generating system with zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for over 6.5 years.

13 These quantifications are based on the May 2014 project feasibility analysis set  
14 forth in FPL Witness Sim's testimony and Exhibit SRS-1. The Turkey Point  
15 6 & 7 project benefits are also included in my Exhibit SDS-9.

16 **Q. Please describe how the remainder of your testimony is organized.**

17 A. My testimony includes the following sections:

- 18 1. Policy Considerations
- 19 2. Project Approach
- 20 3. Process and Risk Management
- 21 4. Issues Potentially Affecting the Project
- 22 5. Key Decisions and Milestones
- 23 6. Project Cost and Feasibility

1           7.     2014 & 2015 Project Costs

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### POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

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5     **Q.    Please provide background on Florida’s Nuclear Cost Recovery statute.**

6     A.    Several key developments led to the establishment of the Nuclear Cost  
7           Recovery statute as a means of resolving persistent issues in meeting the need  
8           for stable and reasonably priced, reliable electricity for the state of Florida – in  
9           a term “fuel diversity”. Primarily, the state’s reliance on natural gas-fueled  
10          generation to meet the growing electricity needs of Floridians, highlighted by  
11          volatile fossil fuel prices and supply reliability issues, created concern that  
12          insufficient fuel diversity threatened the long term economic stability of the  
13          state. These concerns were reinforced in 2005 by hurricanes Katrina and Rita,  
14          which impacted natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico, threatened  
15          FPL’s fuel supply reliability, drove up natural gas prices and placed financial  
16          strain on FPL customers. Florida’s significant and growing reliance on  
17          natural gas fueled generation is a result of the difficulty in being able to  
18          deploy non-gas baseload alternatives; most commonly fossil fuels (coal or oil  
19          fueled generation) or nuclear generation. For example, FPL’s proposal in  
20          2006 to build a clean coal power plant was denied by the FPSC. Nuclear Cost  
21          Recovery was initiated to directly address some of the challenges associated  
22          with deployment of nuclear generation to help improve fuel diversity and has



1           been successful for FPL customers, as more than 520 MW of new nuclear  
2           capacity was successfully added to the system in 2013.

3   **Q.   How did Florida’s reliance on natural gas develop?**

4   A.   Throughout the last several decades, significant political, economic and  
5           technology changes occurred to reshape the state’s generation portfolio away  
6           from a dependence on foreign oil in the 1970s as existing plants were replaced  
7           by plants operating on other fuel sources. During this period the nuclear  
8           industry was dealing with significant regulatory, cost and schedule challenges  
9           in deploying new nuclear units – essentially keeping new nuclear capacity  
10          from being an option in the late 1980s and 1990s. The other traditional  
11          baseload alternative, coal, had only been developed in limited amounts in  
12          Florida because of the significant logistical challenges and expense in  
13          delivering large quantities of coal from supply regions located in the country’s  
14          interior and concerns related to emissions. These factors opened the door for  
15          a new baseload technology. Deregulation of natural gas as a fuel for electric  
16          generation and the introduction and continued improvement of large scale  
17          combined cycle gas turbine technology evolved to provide a cost-effective,  
18          efficient and low emissions alternative. As a result, combined cycle gas  
19          turbine plants have been the technology of choice for most generation  
20          additions in the state from the 1990s to today. While customers have  
21          benefited from these choices, particularly the affordability and lower  
22          emissions of domestic natural gas, recurrence of high and volatile fossil fuel  
23          prices or supply reliability issues have impacted customers and the Florida

1 economy in the past and, unaddressed, could impact the state again in the  
2 future.

3 **Q. What recent developments occurred to enable new nuclear generation as**  
4 **a deployable alternative?**

5 A. In the late 1990s, the NRC instituted a refined regulatory framework for the  
6 licensing of new nuclear generating units. This revised process places a high  
7 focus on the rigor and detail applied during the licensing process, avoiding or  
8 minimizing the opportunity for regulatory delays during construction or prior  
9 to operation; complications that severely impacted the prior generation of  
10 nuclear power plants. In this way, if regulatory delays occur they do so prior  
11 to significant investment reducing the financial risk in the process. Also  
12 during the 1980s and 1990s, a new generation of nuclear power plants were  
13 developed and poised for U.S. and international deployment. The federal  
14 Energy Policy Act of 2005 provided incentives and assurances that further  
15 motivated renewed interest in nuclear generation. Consortiums were formed  
16 between potential owners and manufacturers that furthered several key  
17 projects validating that the new designs and licensing processes would be  
18 successful. By 2006, a host of new nuclear projects had been proposed in the  
19 U.S. With the passage of the Florida Energy Act of 2006 and the FPSC's  
20 adoption of the Nuclear Cost Recovery rule, deployment of new nuclear  
21 capacity in Florida to address fuel diversity concerns became a realistic  
22 option.

1 **Q. What specific considerations are included in the Nuclear Cost Recovery**  
2 **rule as implemented by the FPSC?**

3 A. A core principle of the Nuclear Cost Recovery rule is that of transparency. In  
4 order to satisfy that principle, applicants for cost recovery must satisfy a  
5 number of extensive reviews. In order to enter the annual cost recovery  
6 process, an applicant must first obtain an affirmative need determination  
7 verifying that the proposed generation is required to provide cost-effective and  
8 reliable electric generation. Annually, within the cost recovery process, the  
9 applicant must provide a full accounting for all factors of the project,  
10 including cost, schedule, decisions, and ongoing feasibility. This transparency  
11 allows the FPSC to conduct in-depth oversight of the utility's actions in real  
12 time – as the project proceeds, rather than in hindsight years after decisions  
13 are made and money is spent. The FPSC then makes a “reasonableness”  
14 determination as to costs projected for the project (prior to any recovery of  
15 those costs), and reviews historical costs for “prudence”. Amendments to the  
16 Nuclear Cost Recovery statute in 2013 provide for additional interim review  
17 steps as the projects proceed from licensing to preparation and subsequently,  
18 construction.

19 **Q. How does the existence of the Nuclear Cost Recovery process assist FPL**  
20 **in bringing forward nuclear generation projects?**

21 A. The statute and associated rule provides the requisite regulatory certainty  
22 necessary for FPL to undertake the complex and challenging task of adding  
23 new nuclear capacity to its system. The process allows FPL to take the long-

1 lead steps of licensing and pre-construction and pays off interest costs during  
2 construction, reducing costs to FPL's customers. Additionally, it enables FPL  
3 to go to the financial markets and obtain competitive financing rates for the  
4 large amount of capital required to fund the construction of the project.

5 **Q. Does the implementation of the Nuclear Cost Recovery Clause (NCRC)**  
6 **provide savings for FPL customers?**

7 A. Yes. Nuclear Cost Recovery enables customers to avoid paying for  
8 compounded interest during the approximately eight year construction period  
9 and reduces the overall amount that would be recovered from customers under  
10 normal rate base treatment by billions of dollars. As shown on Exhibit SDS-  
11 10, the Nuclear Cost Recovery framework is projected to save FPL customers  
12 about \$10.4 billion over the life of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 plant.

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#### PROJECT APPROACH

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16 **Q. What is FPL's overall approach to developing Turkey Point 6 & 7?**

17 A. FPL continues to develop Turkey Point 6 & 7 through a deliberate and careful  
18 process navigating through the four phases of project development:  
19 Exploratory, Licensing, Preparation, and Construction. The project is  
20 currently focused on the Licensing phase prior to initiating Preparation (or  
21 pre-construction) phase activities. The approach allows FPL to make progress  
22 on obtaining licenses and approvals without taking on the risks and  
23 expenditures that would result from committing to a specific construction

1 schedule. For example, through 2015, FPL estimates it will have spent a total  
2 of \$234 million on the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project – approximately 1% of the  
3 high end of the estimated project cost range (\$18.4 billion).

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5 A project of this complexity, particularly in the early stages, is subject to  
6 external factors that are not under FPL's control. Therefore, FPL's approach  
7 has been developed as a step-wise process. Routine monitoring of a wide  
8 range of factors and events is accomplished to help increase certainty and  
9 predictability, informing each subsequent step.

10 **Q. Please expand on the concept of the step-wise process and how the risks**  
11 **related to the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project are controlled by key decisions.**

12 A. The project team monitors issues at local, state, and federal levels and across  
13 technical, commercial, economic, and regulatory areas of interest. The impact  
14 on cost, schedule, and quality are routinely assessed through a set of tools and  
15 reviews. If review indicates the potential for a considerable cost or schedule  
16 impact, mitigation actions are identified and are designed to eliminate, reduce,  
17 or defer the impact. If the magnitude of the impact materially affects cost or  
18 schedule, or changes the feasibility of the project, a decision is made as to  
19 whether such impact is acceptable in light of all current information.  
20 Alternative courses of action include continuing with a modified budget and  
21 schedule along with available mitigation actions, or halting a portion of the  
22 project temporarily while the issue is further assessed or resolved. The  
23 alternative of slowing or halting a portion of the project in response to

1 significant events or uncertainties offers a high level of risk control for FPL  
2 and its customers.

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4 For example, the events of Fukushima in March 2011 and federal budget  
5 issues in 2010, 2012 and 2013 have constrained the resources of the NRC.  
6 FPL has chosen in past years to defer previously planned expenses associated  
7 with pre-construction activity such as engineering, procurement, and planning  
8 in response to a slower than expected pace of licensing. In this way, FPL  
9 controls the impact of schedule delays that can occur during licensing thereby  
10 lowering the project risk profile. In 2013 the Nuclear Cost Recovery statute  
11 and rule were amended to insert additional decision points, in effect  
12 establishing a step-wise progression that is highly consistent with FPL's  
13 applied project management practice.

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## 15 PROCESS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

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17 **Q. How is the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project management organized to**  
18 **maintain an ongoing risk management focus?**

19 A. The Turkey Point 6 & 7 project requires a wide range of skilled team  
20 members with experience in the development, design, construction and  
21 licensing of nuclear generation. The project management structure of the  
22 Turkey Point 6 & 7 project provides for dedicated teams with the requisite  
23 subject matter expertise coordinated to meet project objectives. This is

1 accomplished through a project organization and reporting structure that  
2 effectively identifies and applies resources to issues while maintaining  
3 transparent and open communications.

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5 As described in my March 3, 2014 testimony, the project organization relies  
6 on two principal groups jointly responsible for the integrated execution of the  
7 project. William Maher, Senior Director of New Nuclear Projects, manages  
8 the New Nuclear Plant (NNP) organization with responsibility for NRC  
9 licensing and project engineering and construction. I lead the Development  
10 organization for all other facets of project development, such as state Site  
11 Certification, local zoning approvals, public relations, and FPSC regulatory  
12 issues. Both Development and NNP report to Mano Nazar, Executive Vice  
13 President of Nuclear and Chief Nuclear Officer. Each organization is  
14 supported by FPL business units with specific, recent success in the  
15 certification, NRC re-licensing, and permitting of multiple power generation  
16 units in Florida and is complemented by our national operating experience  
17 with renewable, natural gas, and nuclear generation assets.

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19 FPL also gives careful consideration to how it contracts for support of the  
20 many license and permit applications. A combination of competitive bidding  
21 and single/sole source procurement is used, in compliance with FPL policies,  
22 to manage augmentation of FPL staff with qualified and experienced specialty  
23 contractors and service providers.

1 **Q. What process and risk management tools does FPL apply to manage cost,**  
2 **risk, and schedule objectives?**

3 A. FPL uses industry accepted project controls, systems, and practices to obtain a  
4 high level of control over the expenditures incurred and projected for all  
5 projects. The primary means of control are 1) the project budgeting and  
6 reporting process, 2) project schedule and activity reporting processes, 3) the  
7 contract management process for external service providers, and 4) internal  
8 and external oversight processes. These processes were fully described in my  
9 March 3, 2014 testimony and continue to be utilized in the oversight of the  
10 project.

11 **Q. Please provide examples of specific tools used to manage the project.**

12 A. The PTN 6&7 Licensing Project Dashboard presents issues and the current  
13 trends for those issues. Over time, if a problematic issue continues to trend  
14 down or remains neutral, the effectiveness of the project management controls  
15 are investigated to determine if changes in approach can create improvement,  
16 or if mitigation measures are adequate.

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18 Project Memoranda, describing the background and analysis considered in  
19 project decisions, are an example of a tool developed to ensure a higher level  
20 of documentation and transparency in the management of the project. These  
21 memoranda document decisions made with respect to project features,  
22 policies, contracts, cost estimates, and schedules.

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1           Additionally, a quarterly risk summary tracks the assessment of project risks  
2           over time. This summary qualitatively gauges the probability of occurrence  
3           and impacts to implementation, cost, and schedule aspects of the project.

4   **Q.    What activities are undertaken by the project to address industry issues**  
5           **affecting the long term success and execution of the project?**

6   A.    FPL is involved in a number of areas to address issues relevant to new nuclear  
7           deployment. FPL participates in three specific groups comprised of new  
8           nuclear industry owners and design vendor(s). These include the Design  
9           Centered Working Group (DCWG), the AP1000 Owners Group (APOG), and  
10          the Advanced Nuclear Technology group. The collective purpose of these  
11          groups is to identify and resolve issues potentially affecting the licensing,  
12          design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the AP1000 design.  
13          Individually, each group provides a collaborative forum for owners to work  
14          with each other, the design vendor and the NRC to achieve standardized  
15          solutions to the issues facing all owners. This enables the industry to maintain  
16          a high level of standardization from the earliest stages of new nuclear  
17          deployment. Standardization of designs and processes provides benefits to  
18          FPL customers in terms of efficiency and cost control.

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20                           **ISSUES POTENTIALLY AFFECTING THE PROJECT**

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22   **Q.    What are the international, national, and regional issues being monitored**  
23           **for their effect on the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project?**

1 A. FPL monitors issues that can affect the overall timeline or feasibility of the  
2 project. Several of these factors, directly or indirectly, influence the scope  
3 and pace of regulatory reviews. For example, the NRC's response to the  
4 March 2011 Japanese earthquake and tsunami has indirectly resulted in added  
5 scope to the safety review of FPL's Turkey Point 6 & 7 COLA and impacted  
6 the resources available to conduct that review. Other factors relate to updated  
7 information that must be incorporated into FPL's decision making process and  
8 feasibility analysis. This information includes the lessons being gathered at  
9 the two U.S. AP1000 construction sites, as well as the most current economic  
10 forecasts for input into the project planning and analyses processes.

11 **Q. What factors in the federal license and permit review processes may**  
12 **affect the overall timeline of the project?**

13 A. The federal processes include the safety and environmental reviews that  
14 inform the NRC COLA process, as well as additional reviews conducted by  
15 the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in support of the Section 404(b)  
16 wetland permit applications. Looking forward, several factors are being  
17 monitored for potential impact.

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19 As a result of the government shutdown in late 2013, the NRC's subcontracts  
20 supporting the environmental review were terminated. With funding restored,  
21 these subcontracts were subsequently reinstated, but some delay occurred as  
22 the issue was addressed. Additionally, the pace of the environmental review  
23 has been impacted by resources being diverted to the Waste Confidence

1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a priority for the NRC. The USACE  
2 relies on the Turkey Point 6 & 7 EIS produced through the NRC COLA  
3 process for its Section 404(b) permitting review. Delay in the NRC EIS  
4 process directly impacts the USACE process.

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6 Similarly, the NRC staff is now completing reviews of additional analyses  
7 related to seismic, geologic and geotechnical engineering. The pace of the  
8 safety review has been impacted by resources being diverted to the hydrology  
9 and seismology issues resulting from the events at Fukushima in 2011. A  
10 schedule for completion of the COLA review, expected later in 2014, will  
11 establish a higher level of schedule certainty for completion of the licensing  
12 phase and will support development of a revised Turkey Point 6 & 7 project  
13 schedule.

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15 The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) has reviewed contentions to  
16 the Turkey Point 6 & 7 COLA over the past years. All contentions offered by  
17 opponents have been dismissed with the exception of one related to certain  
18 constituents within waste water from the plant. FPL has conducted additional  
19 analyses and will seek to have that contention dismissed. If successful, the  
20 Turkey Point 6 & 7 COLA would not require a contested hearing, reducing  
21 the time required to obtain a COL.

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1           There are also several NRC proceedings that relate indirectly to the Turkey  
2           Point 6 & 7 project. These include the rulemaking related to the long term  
3           storage of high-level radiological waste, commonly referred to as “Waste  
4           Confidence”. The NRC has indicated that it will not issue a new COL until  
5           that rulemaking is complete. Additionally, there is an ongoing rulemaking  
6           related to Spent Fuel Pools. A motion has been made to suspend activity on  
7           the Turkey Point 6 & 7 COLA (and other applications) until the  
8           Spent Fuel Pool rulemaking has been completed. Neither rulemaking appears  
9           to present a negative impact to the expected receipt of the Turkey Point 6 & 7  
10          COL, the schedule of which I discuss in greater detail later in this testimony.

11       **Q. Has NRC staff recently provided an estimate of milestone dates in the**  
12       **Turkey Point Unit 6 & 7 COLA review schedule?**

13       A. Yes. In response to a specific request by the ASLB, NRC staff provided  
14       estimates of certain key milestones in an April 10, 2014 letter. In an April 17,  
15       2014 letter to FPL, NRC staff confirmed the environmental dates provided in  
16       the April 10, 2014 letter. While these letters do not provide a revised COLA  
17       review schedule, they provide information that is helpful in estimating the  
18       remaining steps in the licensing phase. The potential implications of these  
19       letters are discussed in the next section of this testimony.

20       **Q. What factors at the state and local levels may affect the pace of the state**  
21       **Site Certification process?**

22       A. Due to the interests of parties to the state Site Certification, the duration of  
23       steps within the process have taken longer than originally anticipated. While

1 this additional time ensures that all parties' concerns are appropriately  
2 addressed, it challenges the ability to develop a precise schedule. Beyond the  
3 Siting Board decision anticipated in mid-2014, it is possible that the  
4 Certification may be appealed by those opposed to specific aspects of the  
5 project, namely a single 230 kV transmission line in Eastern Miami-Dade  
6 County. The appeal would be heard by a District Court of Appeal and could  
7 require 12 to 18 months to complete.

8 **Q. Does FPL monitor the progress of international new nuclear energy**  
9 **projects?**

10 A. Yes. However, FPL focuses on U.S. projects given the difference in  
11 regulatory, economic, political and supply chain factors between U.S. and  
12 international projects.

13 **Q. What do recent developments related to the progress of new nuclear**  
14 **energy projects in the U.S. indicate with respect to the continued pursuit**  
15 **of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project?**

16 A. The new nuclear construction projects at Southern Company's (Southern)  
17 Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (Vogtle) in Georgia and SCANA  
18 Corporation's (SCANA) Summer AP1000 projects in South Carolina continue  
19 to make progress. Specifically, in 2013 both projects moved from site  
20 preparation and non-nuclear construction into the safety related construction  
21 authorized by the Combined License under NRC jurisdiction. In 2014, the  
22 projects completed foundation work and began moving major equipment and  
23 pre-fabricated modules into position.

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2 Both the Vogtle and Summer projects are largely complete with the  
3 engineering design and procurement steps and are complete with more than  
4 one third of construction. Therefore, the predictability of costs and schedule  
5 for the projects are much higher than projects in earlier stages. The advanced  
6 status of these projects provides benchmarks for comparison of FPL's cost  
7 estimates and post-licensing schedule.

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9 In general, the status of these projects continues to demonstrate that  
10 substantial and consistent progress is being made on deploying the next  
11 generation of nuclear projects. Further, it indicates that the construction  
12 phases of these complex projects can be managed within predictable budget  
13 and schedule parameters.

14 **Q. What is the status of a Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Guarantee for**  
15 **the Vogtle or Summer projects?**

16 A. In February 2014, Georgia Power closed on a \$3.46 billion loan guarantee for  
17 the company's 45.7% interest in the Vogtle 3 & 4 project. Oglethorpe Power,  
18 owner of a 30% stake in the Vogtle project, also closed on a \$3.06 billion loan  
19 guarantee. Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia is pursuing finalization of  
20 a \$1.8 billion loan guarantee for its minority interest in the Vogtle project.  
21 Terms of the guarantees have not been disclosed, however Georgia Power has  
22 projected approximately \$225 million savings, on a present value basis, to its  
23 customers based on reduced interest fees provided by the loan guarantee.

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2 SCANA continues to discuss loan guarantees for the Summer project, but has  
3 yet to commit to obtaining the guarantees.

4 **Q. What would be required to obtain a DOE Loan Guarantee for the**  
5 **Turkey Point 6 & 7 project?**

6 A. Essentially, a new solicitation issued by the DOE Loan Guarantee Office  
7 would be required. The solicitation would define the eligibility requirements  
8 and terms of application which would guide FPL's actions. Upon submission  
9 of an application, the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project would be evaluated for  
10 eligibility and specific discussions defining the terms and conditions of a loan  
11 guarantee would be initiated. FPL is prepared to pursue such a guarantee  
12 should one be offered, and should FPL determine that participation would  
13 benefit its customers.

14 **Q. What do recent developments related to the national and regional**  
15 **economy indicate with respect to the continued pursuit of the Turkey**  
16 **Point 6 & 7 project?**

17 A. The economic downturn affected forward demand and fuel price forecasts, but  
18 it also reduced the rate of price escalation and the projected costs of materials  
19 and labor. The pace of recovery is expected to be steady for the near term.  
20 Additionally, the significant shift in supply relative to demand in the natural  
21 gas industry has created a near term reduction in natural gas prices and has  
22 reduced long range forecasts for price levels. FPL Witness Sim addresses the

1 effect of changes in FPL demand forecasts and natural gas price forecasts on  
2 the economic feasibility of Turkey Point 6 & 7.

3 **Q. What do recent developments related to national and regional energy**  
4 **policy indicate with respect to the continued pursuit of the Turkey Point**  
5 **6 & 7 project?**

6 A. National energy policy remains supportive of nuclear energy in general, and  
7 new nuclear energy development in specific. Challenges to existing nuclear  
8 generators in certain markets has become a focus of the administration as  
9 these generators greatly assist in attaining emission reduction goals set by the  
10 federal government. Further, the recent closing of the loan guarantees for  
11 Vogtle underscores the desire of the federal government to promote  
12 generation technologies that reduce or eliminate greenhouse gas emissions,  
13 maintaining progress towards meeting policy goals. In general, while  
14 cautious, policymakers continue to recognize the long term benefits of and  
15 need for existing and new nuclear generation capacity.

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17 Regionally, the legislature amended the Nuclear Cost Recovery statute in  
18 2013. Notably, the amendments resulted in maintaining cost recovery as  
19 originally envisioned, with added opportunities for the FPSC to review the  
20 project prior to initiating major milestones. Reliability, cost-effectiveness,  
21 fuel diversity, fuel supply reliability, and price stability are still benefits to be  
22 delivered by increasing nuclear generation capacity and are still needed by  
23 FPL's customers. A future plan that does not include new nuclear capacity



1 increases and prolongs reliance on fossil fuels, increases exposure to fuel  
2 supply reliability and price volatility, and is not as effective at reducing  
3 system emissions, including greenhouse gas emissions, when compared to a  
4 plan that does include new nuclear generation capacity.

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## KEY DECISIONS AND MILESTONES

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8 **Q. What will be the focus of the project in 2014 and 2015?**

9 A. The focus will remain on completing the state Site Certification process and  
10 obtaining the federal licenses and permits necessary to construct and operate  
11 the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project. The milestones required to obtain these goals  
12 are discussed below and summarized in Exhibit SDS-11. Following state  
13 certification, the project will conduct necessary post-certification activities  
14 required to comply with conditions of the state certification and other  
15 approvals obtained to date.

16 **Q. What specific milestones are expected in relation to completing the NRC  
17 licensing process?**

18 A. Based on the correspondence with the ASLB on April 10, 2014, and  
19 correspondence to FPL on April 17, 2014, NRC staff estimates publication of  
20 the Draft EIS by February 2015 followed by the Final EIS in February 2016.  
21 Further, the staff estimates that the Final Safety Evaluation Report (SER) will  
22 be published in March 2017. It is anticipated that the NRC staff will develop  
23 a revised COLA review schedule later in 2014. Using these estimated dates

1 and the experience of earlier COLA review schedules, FPL estimates that the  
2 ASLB would hold a contested hearing in the later part of 2016 and, with  
3 completion of the Final SER in March 2017, the NRC would be able to make  
4 a decision on the Turkey Point Unit 6 & 7 COL in September 2017.

5 **Q. Are there assumptions included in these estimates that may change, and**  
6 **therefore affect the schedule?**

7 A. Yes. As stated in the April 17, 2014 letter, the estimates for the  
8 environmental dates are based on the NRC's current assessment of the  
9 availability of resources for the Turkey Point Unit 6 & 7 COLA review. The  
10 NRC is addressing competing priorities and reassigning resources to resolve  
11 the Waste Confidence issue, limiting the available resources required to  
12 complete the environmental review. Similarly, FPL understands that  
13 additional seismic reviews and actions related to the NRC's response to  
14 Fukushima for existing nuclear plants have placed demands on resources  
15 necessary to complete the safety review. The availability of NRC resources to  
16 complete the Turkey Point Unit 6 & 7 COLA review will be impacted by the  
17 progress made in these two important areas, and other potential developments.

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19 At a project level, there are two specific assumptions that may offer an  
20 opportunity to better the current milestone estimates. The SER timeline  
21 assumes two additional rounds of Requests for Additional Information of six  
22 months each, where only one round may be necessary. Additionally, the  
23 overall timeline assumes the need for the ASLB (contested) hearing. As

1 discussed previously, if the last contention is dismissed, the contested hearing  
2 would not be required and the overall schedule may gain six months.

3 **Q. Did FPL anticipate that the NRC regulatory process could be extended?**

4 A. Yes. The potential for this schedule change was foreseen and this type of  
5 change is at the core of how FPL has chosen to proceed on this important  
6 project. As I indicated last year before this Commission, “Things that are not  
7 under FPL’s control are federal budget issues, sequestration, and other items  
8 that affect the NRC’s resource and their resource allocation.” (See Transcript  
9 Docket 130009-EI, page 609, lines 12-15). The NRC gives priority to  
10 emerging issues that affect the existing nuclear fleet. FPL is making every  
11 prudent effort to deliver the benefits of the project on the earliest practicable  
12 schedule, while being mindful of the potential for and impact of delays. In  
13 fact, this has been FPL’s position throughout this project.

14 **Q. What specific milestones are expected related to the USACE Section  
15 404(b) process?**

16 A. As described in prior sections, the USACE will utilize the NRC EIS as its  
17 Record of Decision for the Section 404(b) permits. Thus, the timing of these  
18 permit activities closely follow the NRC process up to the point of the Final  
19 EIS. When the Draft EIS is published for comment, the USACE will publish  
20 a notice of the permit application. In parallel to the National Environmental  
21 Policy Act based EIS process, the USACE will similarly complete a review  
22 under the Clean Water Act to determine the Least Environmentally Damaging  
23 Practicable Alternative. This will include a wildlife consultation with the U.S.

1 Fish & Wildlife Service. It is expected that the Section 404(b) permits could  
2 be issued within four to six months following completion of the Final EIS in  
3 2016.

4 **Q. What specific milestones are expected related to the state Site**  
5 **Certification process in 2014 and 2015?**

6 A. The Siting Board is expected to vote on the Certification on May 13, 2014. If  
7 approved, the Certification would be issued by May 20, 2014, and a 30 day  
8 appeal period would begin. Any appeals would be heard in a District Court of  
9 Appeal and could require 12 to 18 months to resolve. FPL will take necessary  
10 actions required by Conditions of Certification (CoC) to maintain compliance.

11 **Q. What type of activities are required by the CoC, and what is the timing**  
12 **associated with these activities?**

13 A. The CoC identify specific activities (such as monitoring plans or reports,  
14 management plans and wildlife surveys) necessary to demonstrate compliance  
15 with the CoC and applicable regulatory requirements. The time requirements  
16 for these activities vary based on the activity in question. Some are required  
17 within a specified period of time following an event, such as Certification or  
18 completion of construction. Some precede an event, such as commencement  
19 of construction or commencement of operation. Only those activities  
20 necessary to maintain compliance with the terms and conditions of the  
21 Certification will be undertaken without specific authorization of the FPSC, in  
22 accordance with Section 366.93, Florida Statutes.

1 **Q. Please provide an example of results associated with the state Site**  
2 **Certification process that may affect the project cost or schedule.**

3 A. FPL entered into stipulations and CoC were imposed that require FPL to  
4 undertake certain activities. For example, a monitoring program associated  
5 with the Radial Collector Well (RCW) system was included as a CoC that will  
6 require significant groundwater and ecological monitoring before, during and  
7 after construction of the RCW system. This is an example of the type of  
8 activity that could not be specifically estimated prior to the Certification, but  
9 is now more defined, allowing for a better assessment in the project cost and  
10 schedule estimating process.

11 **Q. What specific milestones are expected for the Everglades National Park**  
12 **Land Exchange process in 2014 and 2015?**

13 A. The Draft EIS was published in January and comments were accepted from  
14 the public through March 18, 2014. The U.S. National Park Service will  
15 address the comments received and is expected to produce a Final EIS in fall  
16 2014. Any agreement resulting in the land exchange would occur following  
17 the Final EIS, and will likely include terms and conditions as established by  
18 the Secretary of Interior. Negotiation of those terms and conditions will be  
19 the critical path to reaching a final exchange agreement.

20 **Q. Is there any pre-construction work anticipated in 2014 and 2015?**

21 A. No. Based on current information, FPL anticipates that the licensing activities  
22 will extend beyond 2015. Therefore, only activities that are related to

1 obtaining or maintaining the necessary licenses, permits or approvals are  
2 planned to be undertaken in 2014 and 2015.

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4 FPL's step-wise management allows the project to continue progress to a later  
5 stage where risks can be better quantified and more specifically mitigated.  
6 Considering all project specific and industry factors, this is a responsible and  
7 prudent course of action to continue progress in creating the opportunity for  
8 new nuclear generation for our customers.

9 **Q. Are there other project decisions that have occurred or are expected in**  
10 **2014 or 2015?**

11 A. Yes. FPL executed a Forging Reservation Agreement with Westinghouse in  
12 2008 to secure manufacturing capacity for ultra-heavy forgings to support the  
13 project's original schedule. The agreement has been extended several times to  
14 allow FPL and Westinghouse to monitor industry developments and  
15 determine the best disposition of the existing agreement. The current  
16 extension expires October 31, 2016.

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#### **PROJECT COST AND FEASIBILITY**

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20 **Q. What is the current non-binding cost estimate range for the project?**

21 A. The overnight capital cost estimate range is \$3,750/kW to \$5,453/kW. When  
22 time-related costs such as inflation and carrying costs are included, and CODs

1 of 2022 and 2023 are assumed, the total project cost ranges from \$12.6 to  
2 \$18.4 billion.

3 **Q. Please explain how the overnight cost estimate is constructed and how it**  
4 **is used to help evaluate the feasibility of the project each year.**

5 A. An overnight cost is developed using the most current information available.  
6 An overnight cost provides an estimate of the total project costs assuming all  
7 costs occur at one point in time (“overnight”) and time-related costs  
8 (escalation, interest during construction) are not included. Further,  
9 recognizing many things could influence the overnight cost, additional  
10 analysis is conducted on each component of the overnight cost to explore how  
11 much it could vary, resulting in a cost estimate range. The overnight cost  
12 provides an indication of the cost per kilowatt (\$/kW) for the project in a  
13 given year reference. The 2013 cost estimate range was \$3,659/kW to  
14 \$5,320/kW in 2013 dollars. Updating the cost estimate range provides a cost  
15 estimate range of \$3,750/kW to \$5,453/kW in 2014 dollars. The cost estimate  
16 range has been adjusted to current year dollars by assuming a 2.5% escalation  
17 over the years between 2007 and present. While the actual escalation  
18 experienced has been generally lower, retaining this simple assumption is  
19 conservative and consistent with past year evaluations.

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21 A breakeven cost analysis is developed by FPL’s Resource Assessment and  
22 Planning Department, and is further discussed by FPL Witness Sim. This

1 breakeven cost is provided as an overnight cost and is directly compared to  
2 the cost estimate range to assess the economic feasibility of the project.

3 **Q. Have there been any revisions to project features or design or any**  
4 **industry-wide developments in the past year that suggest a revision to the**  
5 **overnight capital cost estimate range?**

6 A. No. A review was conducted to capture any potential changes and estimate  
7 the potential cost impact. No significant changes or developments have  
8 occurred in the past year that indicate any revisions are necessary to the  
9 project cost estimate range. In general, the Recommended Order resulting  
10 from the SCA preserved the project and ancillary features as proposed by  
11 FPL, and is therefore consistent with the project as envisioned in the current  
12 cost estimate range.

13 **Q. Does FPL's cost estimate range continue to be reasonable?**

14 A. Yes. The FPL cost estimate range continues to be reasonable based on the  
15 annual review of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 capital cost estimate, a comparison to  
16 other U.S. AP1000 project overnight capital cost estimates and progress  
17 reports, and Concentric Energy Advisors' review of U.S. AP1000 project  
18 overnight and total estimated costs.

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20 This is reassuring when one recognizes that the costs being experienced by the  
21 lead projects at Vogtle and Summer are informed by committed contracts, are  
22 well into the construction cycle, and include significant equipment and



1 material purchases. Therefore, the total project costs estimated for the  
2 projects in construction are more certain.

3 **Q. What future activities are anticipated that will provide information to**  
4 **revise the overnight capital cost estimate range?**

5 A. Negotiations on the Engineering, Procurement and Construction contract will  
6 provide more information including price, terms and schedules to support an  
7 execution plan for project construction. That information will be integrated  
8 with continued observations of the progress of preceding U.S. projects to  
9 inform and revise the Turkey Point 6 & 7 non-binding cost estimate, as  
10 warranted.

11 **Q. What factors may impact the overall project cost estimate, including**  
12 **time-related costs such as price escalation and carrying costs?**

13 A. The primary factors affecting the total project cost will be the actual labor and  
14 materials costs experienced during the Preparation and Construction periods.  
15 The certainty around these costs will increase as preceding projects move  
16 through the early stages of construction and as FPL negotiates the principal  
17 contracts for engineering, procurement, and construction of the project. The  
18 pace of expenditures is also a critical factor that will impact total project costs.  
19 Escalation of future costs and carrying costs on expended funds are time  
20 related factors.

21 **Q. What is the estimate of the total project costs based on the current**  
22 **project schedule?**

1 A. As described above, there are a number of assumptions made to arrive at this  
2 estimate. Under the existing 2022/2023 in-service date schedule, and using  
3 the 2014 overnight cost estimate range, the total project cost range becomes  
4 \$12.6 billion to \$18.4 billion for the 2,200 MW project.

5 **Q. Would the project cost range be significantly higher if the in-service dates  
6 were assumed to be later in time?**

7 A. Not necessarily. Although later in-service dates would allow escalation more  
8 time to affect the total project cost, the actual impacts of such a decision  
9 would be determined by the primary market factors: material and labor costs  
10 at the time of purchase.

11 **Q. What are the most current Turkey Point 6 & 7 economic feasibility  
12 analysis results?**

13 A. As discussed by FPL Witness Sim, the most current feasibility analysis  
14 affirms the projected cost effectiveness and benefits associated with the  
15 Turkey Point 6 & 7 project using the same basic analytical approach applied  
16 in the Need Determination proceeding for the project and the six prior NCRC  
17 filings. The analysis calculated a projected “break-even” cost for new  
18 nuclear; a cost that results in the same life cycle costs (or cumulative present  
19 value of revenue requirements) as an alternative plan relying on natural gas  
20 combined cycle units assuming a 40 year operating life. The analysis was  
21 conducted for seven scenarios comprised of combinations of three fuel and  
22 three emission cost forecasts. The projected break-even costs were higher  
23 than FPL’s non-binding cost estimate range for its Turkey Point 6 & 7 project

1 in two of seven scenarios, within the cost estimate range for four scenarios  
2 and lower than the cost estimate range in one scenario. These results indicate  
3 that the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project is quantitatively superior to the combined  
4 cycle gas alternative plan in two scenarios and four scenarios fall within the  
5 cost estimate range. The combined cycle alternative was economically  
6 superior in a scenario which assumes continued low costs for both natural gas  
7 and environmental compliance for 50 years. However, a nuclear facility is the  
8 only meaningful opportunity to deliver the qualitative benefits of fuel  
9 diversity, energy security and zero greenhouse gas emissions.

10 **Q. Is a 40 year operating life assumption conservative?**

11 A. Yes. The term of forty years was chosen as a conservative estimate of the  
12 operating life of the units based on the initial term of the NRC Combined  
13 License. Historically, the initial license terms have been renewed for an  
14 additional 20 years for many of the existing reactors in the U.S. today. FPL's  
15 Turkey Point Units 3 and 4 and St. Lucie 1 and 2 units have successfully  
16 extended the original license terms by 20 years. Therefore, it is reasonable to  
17 assume that a 20 year extension would be attainable for the Turkey Point Unit  
18 6 & 7 project.

19 **Q. How would the breakeven analysis results change if it is assumed that the  
20 operating life of Turkey Point Units 6 and 7 is actually 60 years?**

21 A. The results indicate that the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project is quantitatively  
22 superior to the combined cycle gas alternative plan in five scenarios, while  
23 two scenarios fall within the cost estimate range.

1 **Q. In February 2010, FPSC Staff provided a list of factors for consideration**  
2 **in the feasibility analysis. Have those factors been considered?**

3 A. Yes. FPL Witness Sim discusses the economic factors and I discuss the non-  
4 economic factors.

5 **Q. What non-economic factors affect the project's long term feasibility?**

6 A. Non-economic factors include the feasibility of obtaining all necessary  
7 approvals (permits, licenses, etc.), the ability to obtain financing for the  
8 project at a reasonable cost, and supportive state and federal energy policy.

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10 Significant progress continues on the federal, state, and local approvals  
11 required for the construction and operation of the project. During 2013, the  
12 state certification process was largely completed and should be complete in  
13 2014. Similarly, the federal licensing efforts are moving forward in 2014 and  
14 are estimated to be complete by 2017 as discussed previously. While the  
15 review process has taken longer than originally anticipated, the process is  
16 proceeding substantively as expected.

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18 Financing will be determined as the project proceeds through approvals to  
19 construction. The lead projects, Vogtle and Summer, have successfully  
20 obtained financing, and Vogtle has closed on a significant federal loan  
21 guarantee. FPL will continue its dialogue with the financial community to  
22 help maintain FPL's capability to obtain financing with reasonable terms.

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1 As discussed earlier in this testimony, state and federal energy policy  
2 continues to be generally supportive of new nuclear generation for a host of  
3 reasons. Recent legislative activity in Florida sought to revise some aspects of  
4 the Nuclear Cost Recovery statute, but preserve the opportunity it provides.  
5 The high reliability, low and stable cost, and zero greenhouse gas emission  
6 profile of nuclear generation technology remains highly compatible with key  
7 energy policy objectives.

8 **Q. Does FPL intend to pursue completion of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project?**

9 A. Yes. The critical path to completing Turkey Point 6 & 7 requires obtaining  
10 the licenses and approvals necessary to construct and operate Turkey Point  
11 6 & 7. Once the project is closer to obtaining the approvals, FPL will be able  
12 to refine the economic assumptions and incorporate the experience of other  
13 new nuclear projects as well as how state and federal energy policies have  
14 evolved. The FPSC will continue to have the opportunity to review FPL's  
15 plans through the NCRC process.

16 **Q. Does FPL have sufficient, meaningful, and available resources dedicated**  
17 **to the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project?**

18 A. Yes. As demonstrated throughout this testimony, FPL has in place an  
19 appropriate project management structure that relies on both dedicated and  
20 matrixed employees, the necessary contractors for specialized expertise, and a  
21 robust system of project controls. These resources enable the project to  
22 progress through the current licensing phase.

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**2014 & 2015 PROJECT COSTS**

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**Q. How are the 2014 Actual/Estimated costs and the 2015 Projected costs developed?**

A. FPL has a disciplined ground-up process to develop project budgets. This process was used in the initial project budgeting activity and is routinely reviewed and evaluated for adequacy and accuracy as additional information becomes available. The estimates of the 2014 Actual/Estimated and 2015 Projected costs were completed in accordance with FPL's budget and accounting guidelines and policies. Where services are contracted, rates are provided by the contractor and reviewed to verify the charged rates are consistent with FPL's experience in the broader industry. The cost estimates were compared to other costs being incurred by the Company for similar activities and found to be reasonable.

**Q. Please provide a high level summary of the 2014 Actual/Estimated and the 2015 Projected costs presented in this filing.**

A. The costs associated with the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in 2014 and 2015 are focused on supporting the licensing and permit application reviews underway. Additional costs are incurred in the Engineering & Design category associated with completing the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Exploratory Well, a necessary step towards approval of that process.

**Q. What changes may occur that could affect these cost projections?**

1 A. The pace and content of the application reviews may impact the actual costs in  
2 2014 and 2015, however this is anticipated to be significantly less than  
3 experienced in the past as the processes are coming to a close.

4 **Q. Please summarize the costs included in this filing for Turkey Point 6 & 7**  
5 **Pre-construction activities.**

6 A. Schedule AE-6 of SDS-7 presents the 2014 Actual/Estimated costs in the  
7 following categories: 1) Licensing \$16,582,678; 2) Permitting \$588,412;  
8 3) Engineering and Design \$3,069,539; 4) Long Lead Procurement advance  
9 payments \$0; 5) Power Block Engineering and Procurement \$0; and  
10 6) Transmission \$0. Schedule P-6 of SDS-7 presents the 2015 Projected costs  
11 in the following categories: 1) Licensing \$11,027,251; 2) Permitting  
12 \$245,684; 3) Engineering and Design \$1,907,788; 4) Long Lead Procurement  
13 \$0; 5) Power Block Engineering and Procurement \$0; and 6) Transmission \$0.  
14 Table 1 of Exhibit SDS-8 provides a summary of the Actual/Estimated 2014  
15 and Projected 2015 Pre-construction costs. The descriptions in the Exhibit  
16 SDS-8 tables are illustrative and do not provide full line item detail.

17 **Q. Please describe the activities included in the Licensing category for the**  
18 **2014 Actual/Estimated costs and the 2015 Projected costs.**

19 A. For the period ending December 31, 2014, Licensing costs are estimated to be  
20 \$16,582,678 as shown on Line 3 of Schedule AE-6 of SDS-7. For the period  
21 ending December 31, 2015, Licensing costs are projected to be \$11,027,251  
22 as shown on Line 3 of Schedule P-6 of SDS-7. Table 2 of Exhibit SDS-8  
23 provides a detailed breakdown of the Licensing subcategory costs.

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2       Licensing costs consist primarily of FPL employee and contractor labor and  
3       specialty consulting services necessary to support the various license and  
4       permit applications required by the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project. The license  
5       and permit applications contain project specific information, assessments and  
6       studies requested by various regulatory authorities to support the reviews  
7       leading to decisions on the technical, environmental and social acceptability  
8       of the project. Other licensing activities include costs associated with the  
9       SCA, USACE permits and delegated programs such as Prevention of  
10      Significant Deterioration and UIC. In 2014 and 2015 these costs will  
11      increasingly be related to the NRC COLA and USACE 404(b) permit  
12      processes, as the state Site Certification is concluding. A portion of the 2014  
13      and 2015 expenditures will be used to pursue lesser approvals, and maintain  
14      compliance with those approvals received. Licensing and Permitting costs are  
15      developed in accordance with budget and accounting guidelines and policies.  
16      Some activities are common between applications, and therefore offer  
17      opportunities to coordinate efforts and manage costs. Further, these cost  
18      estimates were compared to FPL's extensive experience with the development  
19      and permitting of new generation projects in Florida and found to be  
20      reasonable.

21   **Q.   What are the major differences between the 2014 Actual/Estimated**  
22   **values and those projected in the May 1, 2013 filing for the Licensing**  
23   **category?**



1 A. The Actual/Estimated values for the Licensing category in 2014 are higher  
2 than the amount projected for 2014 in 2013. Primarily, the increase is based  
3 on the extension of the SCA process into 2014, the extension of the  
4 Everglades National Park Land Exchange process into 2014 and the additional  
5 technical responses required by the NRC in the seismic, geological and  
6 geotechnical engineering areas.

7 **Q. Please describe the activities in the Permitting category for the 2014**  
8 **Actual/Estimated costs and the 2015 Projected costs.**

9 A. For the period ending December 31, 2014, Permitting costs are estimated to be  
10 \$588,412 as shown on Line 4 of Schedule AE-6 of SDS-7. For the period  
11 ending December 31, 2015, Permitting costs are projected to be \$245,684 as  
12 shown on Line 4 of Schedule P-6 of SDS-7. Table 3 of Exhibit SDS-8  
13 provides a detailed breakdown of the Permitting subcategory costs, including  
14 a description of items included within each category. Permitting costs include  
15 costs for the Development team, in-house legal support, and resources to  
16 conduct necessary outreach educating stakeholders about the project.

17 **Q. What are the major differences between the 2014 Actual/Estimated**  
18 **values and those projected in the May 1, 2013 filing for the Permitting**  
19 **category?**

20 A. The difference is driven by a reduction in labor costs in this category and a  
21 reduction in contingency in this category, based on anticipated completion of  
22 the state Site Certification process.

1 **Q. Please describe the activities in the Engineering and Design category for**  
2 **the 2014 Actual/Estimated costs and the 2015 Projected costs.**

3 A. The Engineering and Design activities performed in 2014 and 2015 are  
4 primarily related to supporting the permitting effort for the UIC well system.  
5 For the period ending December 31, 2014, Engineering and Design costs are  
6 estimated to be \$3,069,539 as shown on Line 5 of Schedule AE-6 of SDS-7.  
7 For the period ending December 31, 2015, Engineering and Design costs  
8 associated with preliminary engineering activities are projected to be  
9 \$1,907,788 as shown on Line 5 of Schedule P-6 of SDS-7. Table 4 of Exhibit  
10 SDS-8 provides a detailed breakdown of the Engineering and Design  
11 subcategory costs, including a description of items included within each  
12 category.

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14 Costs for participation in industry groups include the Electric Power Research  
15 Institute Advanced Nuclear Technology working group (with annual fees of  
16 \$275,000) and the DCWG (no external charge to participate in this group).  
17 The fee for participation in APOG is expected to be approximately \$2 million  
18 in 2014 and \$1 million in 2015. These costs are necessary to obtain the  
19 benefits of membership described earlier in this testimony.

20 **Q. What are the major differences between the 2014 Actual/Estimated**  
21 **values and those projected in the May 1, 2013 filing for the Engineering**  
22 **and Design category?**

1 A. The major difference is a carryover of costs that were not incurred in 2013 on  
2 the UIC exploratory well. Costs associated with completing the UIC injection  
3 test were incurred in early 2014, with minimal costs remaining in the year.

4 **Q. Please describe the activities in the Long Lead Procurement category for**  
5 **the 2014 Actual/Estimated costs and the 2015 Projected costs.**

6 A. For the period ending December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015, Long Lead  
7 Procurement costs are projected to be \$0 as shown on Line 6 of Schedule AE-  
8 6 of SDS-7 and line 6 of Schedule P-6 of SDS-7. Future Long Lead  
9 Procurement costs are anticipated to be included in the Power Block  
10 Engineering and Procurement cost category.

11 **Q. Please describe the activities in the Power Block Engineering and**  
12 **Procurement category for the 2014 Actual/Estimated costs and the 2015**  
13 **Projected costs.**

14 A. For the period ending December 31, 2014, Power Block Engineering and  
15 Procurement costs are estimated to be \$0 as shown on Line 7 of Schedule AE-  
16 6 of SDS-7. For the period ending December 31, 2015, Power Block  
17 Engineering and Procurement costs are projected to be \$0 as shown on Line 7  
18 of Schedule P-6 of SDS-7.

19 **Q. Please describe the activities in the Transmission category for the 2014**  
20 **Actual/Estimated costs and the 2015 Projected costs.**

21 A. For the period ending December 31, 2014, Transmission expenditures are  
22 estimated to be \$0 as shown on Line 25 of Schedule AE-6 of SDS-7. For the

1 period ending December 31, 2015, Transmission expenditures are projected to  
2 be \$0 as shown on Line 25 of Schedule P-6 of SDS-7.

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4 All 2014 and 2015 costs associated with Transmission planning are related to  
5 the licensing and permitting activities, and therefore are appropriately  
6 included in those categories, described above.

7 **Q. Are FPL's Actual/Estimated 2014 and Projected 2015 Turkey Point 6 & 7**  
8 **costs reasonable?**

9 A. Yes. FPL's 2014 and 2015 expenditures are reasonable and necessary to  
10 obtain the licenses and permits which will allow FPL to carefully and  
11 methodically create the opportunity for additional reliable, cost-effective and  
12 fuel diverse nuclear generation to benefit FPL customers. FPL uses a robust  
13 system of project controls, systems, and practices to obtain a high level of  
14 control over the expenditures incurred and projected. Together, these support  
15 a finding that FPL's Actual/Estimated 2014 and Projected 2015 expenditures  
16 are reasonable.

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

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**  
**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF NILS J. DIAZ**  
**DOCKET NO. 140009-EI**  
**March 3, 2014**

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

A. My name is Nils J. Diaz. My business address is 2508 Sunset Way, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, 33706.

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

A. I am the Managing Director of The ND2 Group (ND2). ND2 is a consulting group with a strong focus on nuclear energy matters. ND2 presently provides advice for clients in the areas of nuclear power deployment and licensing, high level radioactive waste issues, and advanced security systems development.

**Q. Please describe your other industry experience and affiliations.**

A. I presently hold policy advising and lead consulting positions in government and industry, board memberships in private institutions. I recently chaired the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Presidential Task Force on Response to Japan Nuclear Power Plant Events. I previously served as the Chairman of the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) from 2003 to 2006, after serving as a Commissioner of the NRC from 1996 to 2003. Prior to my appointment to the NRC, I was the Director of the Innovative Nuclear Space Power and Propulsion Institute for the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization of

1 the U.S. Department of Defense, and Professor of Nuclear Engineering Sciences  
2 at the University of Florida. I have also consulted on nuclear energy and energy  
3 policy development for private industries in the United States and abroad, as well  
4 as the U.S. Government and other governments. I have testified as an expert  
5 witness to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives on multiple occasions  
6 over the last 30 years. I also served as a Commissioner on Florida's Energy and  
7 Climate Commission from 2008 to 2010. Additional details on my background  
8 and experience are provided in my resume, which is attached as Exhibit NJD-1.

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

10 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibit NJD-1 - Summary Resume of Nils J. Diaz, PhD.

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

12 A. The purpose of my testimony is to review the prudence of Florida Power & Light  
13 Company's (FPL's) continued pursuit of a Combined Operating License (COL)  
14 for the Turkey Point Nuclear Units 6 and 7 (Turkey Point 6 & 7) project in 2013  
15 in light of certain nuclear industry and regulatory considerations.

16 **Q. How have you prepared for your review of FPL's approach to the licensing  
17 of Turkey Point 6 & 7?**

18 A. I have been well-informed of FPL's Combined Operating License Application  
19 (COLA) for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project since participating in the Need  
20 Determination proceedings for Turkey Point 6 & 7 and subsequent Nuclear Power  
21 Plant Cost Recovery proceedings. I am knowledgeable regarding the  
22 Westinghouse AP 1000 new nuclear plant design referenced by FPL in its COLA,  
23 having worked on the certification of that design when I was on the NRC, and

1 afterwards. I have also reviewed FPL's project approach, as described in detail in  
2 the Direct Testimony of Steven Scroggs, FPL's Senior Director for Project  
3 Development for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project, filed with the Commission prior  
4 to 2014 and on this date. I have also discussed FPL's approach and certain  
5 licensing-related issues with Mr. Scroggs and other key project personnel.  
6 Finally, I am familiar with past and ongoing NRC reviews of other COL  
7 applications.

8 **Q. Was FPL's approach to the continued pursuit of a COL for the Turkey Point**  
9 **6 & 7 project in 2013 prudent?**

10 A. Yes. Based on my review, the decisions and management approaches used by  
11 FPL during 2013 were prudent and consistent with a reasonable strategy for  
12 pursuing the licensing of the proposed Turkey Point 6 & 7 project.

13 **Q. Is it feasible for FPL to receive a COL to pursue construction and operation**  
14 **of Turkey Point 6 & 7?**

15 A. Yes. In fact, I am confident that FPL will receive a COL license upon satisfaction  
16 of NRC requirements for public health and safety, the environment and the  
17 common defense and security.

18 **Q. Please comment on the NRC regulatory reviews and requirements**  
19 **addressing the Fukushima events, as they relate to the feasibility of licensing**  
20 **Turkey Point 6 & 7 and the prudence of FPL's approach.**

21 A. The NRC has continued to evaluate and act on the lessons learned from the March  
22 2011 nuclear events in Japan. The implementation of the most important  
23 recommendations (Tier 1 and Tier 2) of the NRC's Near Term Task Force

1 (NTTF) on Fukushima has advanced satisfactorily, and key beyond-design-basis  
2 issues have been addressed. These include seismic, flooding, station blackout and  
3 fuel pool instrumentation.

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5 Presently, the recommended NTTF actions with the highest priorities have been  
6 enacted into requirements by orders and rulemakings, and information gathered  
7 from licensees regarding site-specific issues. For example, in May 2013, the  
8 NRC staff issued the final Implementation of Regulatory Guide 1.221 on Design-  
9 Basis Hurricane, which is applicable to the COL for Turkey Point 6 & 7.  
10 Moreover, on December 6, 2013, the Staff issued its recommendations to the  
11 Commission for the disposition of Recommendation 1 of the NTTF in December  
12 2013. This encompassing recommendation proposed establishing a “logical,  
13 systematic, and coherent regulatory framework for adequate protection that  
14 appropriately balances defense-in-depth and risk considerations.” This previously  
15 open-ended regulatory issue, with potential significant impact on licensees, has  
16 now been presented for Commission resolution with a coherent set of  
17 improvement activities to categorize design-basis events and requirements in a  
18 forward-looking manner, to establish Commission expectations for defense-in-  
19 depth via a policy statement, and to clarify the role of voluntary initiatives in  
20 NRC regulatory process. The Turkey Point 6 & 7 team is mindful of these issues  
21 for future action, if necessary.

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1 As I have testified in the past, I do not anticipate that the events at Fukushima will  
2 have a significant impact on the ability to obtain a license for, or to ultimately  
3 construct and operate, Turkey Point 6 & 7. With respect to new reactors, the  
4 NRC has recognized the significant safety enhancements already inherent in  
5 reactors with passive safety systems, such as the AP 1000 reactor selected for the  
6 Turkey Point 6 & 7 project. The NRC has stated that “all of the current COL and  
7 design certification applicants are addressing new seismic and flooding  
8 requirements adequately in the context of updated NRC guidance.” The NRC  
9 staff also concluded that “[b]y nature of their passive design and inherent 72-hour  
10 coping capability for core, containment and spent fuel cooling with no operator  
11 action required, the . . . AP 1000 design [has] many of the design features and  
12 attributes necessary to address the Task Force recommendations.” It is apparent  
13 that the certified AP 1000 reactor referenced in the Turkey Point 6 & 7 COLA is  
14 likely to satisfy the majority of the post-Fukushima changes under consideration  
15 by the NRC. Those regulatory changes affecting the FPL COL are mostly  
16 established and should be well-incorporated into the final safety review prior to  
17 issuance of the license.

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19 With respect to Turkey Point 6 & 7 specifically, the NRC continued during 2013  
20 to use its Request for Additional Information (RAI) process to gather requisite  
21 information about the proposed project, including seismic, geophysical and  
22 environmental issues. FPL proactively engaged NRC staff with frequent

1 communications and participation in public meetings to ensure Staff had the  
2 information they needed to continue making progress in its review.

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4 In my opinion, it was prudent for FPL during 2013 to continue to pursue a COL  
5 referencing the AP 1000 Design Certification and to engage NRC staff in the  
6 manner described above.

7 **Q. Please comment on the status of the NRC's waste confidence rule as it relates  
8 to the feasibility of licensing Turkey Point 6 & 7.**

9 A. The NRC is scheduled to complete the Generic Environmental Report and  
10 Rulemaking for the remanded Waste Confidence Rule by about October 2014.  
11 Expert opinions indicate that the published preliminary report should be in  
12 compliance with the Court requirements. In a related important matter, connected  
13 also to the Fukushima issues in 2013, the Staff "concluded that the continued  
14 operation of nuclear power plants with high-density loadings in their SFPs [spent  
15 fuel pools] does not challenge the NRC's safety goals or related QHOs  
16 [quantitative health objectives]." This specific conclusion regarding spent fuel  
17 storage is also applicable to the Turkey Point COLA. The NRC will take final  
18 action on pending applications when the NRC issues its revised rulemaking. The  
19 progress on the Waste Confidence Rule in 2013 supports the feasibility of FPL's  
20 Turkey Point 6 & 7 COL issuance.

21 **Q. Are there other NRC regulatory issues that FPL is monitoring?**

1 A. Yes. The issue of the finality of standard design certifications, like the AP1000  
2 Design Certification referenced in FPL's COLA, and its relationship to changes  
3 during construction is being monitored by FPL.

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5 FPL applied for a COL that references the Design Certification of the AP1000, as  
6 established by Appendix D to 10 CFR Part 52. The advantage of this approach is  
7 that the issues resolved during the design certification rulemaking are precluded  
8 from reconsideration at the combined license stage.

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10 Because standardization remains a key objective of the NRC regulatory  
11 framework, significant efforts have been made to minimize changes to design  
12 certifications, often referred to as the "design finality considerations" established  
13 by 10 CFR Part 52.63. The finality considerations protect the licensee from  
14 potential design changes that are not necessary to assure adequate protection of  
15 the public health and safety. At the same time, finality considerations impose  
16 certain restrictions on changes that an applicant for a COL and a licensee might  
17 want to make to the certified design.

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19 Design changes that are generic in nature, such as those impacting the industry  
20 following the NRC's post-Fukushima orders and rulemaking, are handled by  
21 Westinghouse through the Design Center Working Group. Such changes result in  
22 revisions to the certified safety design. However, there are also differences  
23 between the certified safety design and the detailed design used for plant

1 construction at a particular site. As a result, 10 CFR Part 52 provides a process by  
2 which applicants may seek design changes as part of the licensing process on a  
3 site-specific basis. Applicants must therefore consider performing detailed design  
4 for the construction of a certified design, prior to and after the issuance of a COL,  
5 to help avoid delays during plant construction. All of the support engineering and  
6 analysis work that may be necessary to clarify the detailed design for construction  
7 and its conformance with the design certification, or the evaluation of the need for  
8 changes or license amendments, is not only necessary from a licensing  
9 perspective, but also contributes to the decision-making necessary for  
10 construction.

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

12 **A. Yes.**

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**  
**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF TERRY O. JONES**  
**DOCKET NO. 140009-EI**  
**March 3, 2014**

**Q. Please state your name.**

A. My name is Terry O. Jones.

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

A. In 2013, I was employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) as Vice President, Nuclear Power Uprate. I am now retired from FPL.

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

A. I was appointed Vice President, Nuclear Power Uprate on August 1, 2009. I was responsible for the management and execution of the Extended Power Uprate (“EPU” or “Uprate”) Project through its completion in 2013. I provided executive leadership, governance, and oversight to ensure the safe and reliable implementation of the EPU Project for the four FPL nuclear units. In that role, I reported directly to the Chief Nuclear Officer.

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

A. I joined FPL in 1987 in the Nuclear Operations Department at Turkey Point. Since then, my positions at FPL have included Vice President, Operations, Midwest Region; Vice President, Nuclear Plant Support; Vice President, Special Projects; Vice President, Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant; Plant General Manager; Maintenance Manager; Operations Manager and Operations Supervisor. Prior to my employment at FPL, I worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority at the

1 Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant and served in the US Nuclear Navy. I hold a  
2 Bachelors of Science degree and an MBA from the University of Miami.

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

4 A. My testimony presents and explains the EPU Project and key management  
5 decisions, project activities, and costs incurred in 2013. I also describe the  
6 procedures, processes, and controls that ensured FPL's EPU Project expenditures  
7 were reasonable and the result of prudent decision making, and the careful  
8 engineering based processes employed by FPL to ensure that it included in its  
9 Nuclear Cost Recovery (NCR) request only nuclear Uprate Project costs that were  
10 "separate and apart" from other costs, such as those for base rate nuclear  
11 operations and maintenance or capital projects that are unrelated to the nuclear  
12 Uprate Project.

13 **Q. What is the current status of the EPU Project?**

14 A. The EPU Project is complete. The project met its goal of providing about 400  
15 megawatts (MWe) of fuel diverse generation for FPL's customers by 2012, and  
16 exceeded that goal by providing a total of 522 MWe in 2013. Exhibit TOJ-2  
17 shows a high-level EPU Project timeline.

18 **Q. Has the EPU Project been evaluated by others in the energy industry?**

19 A. Yes. The EPU Project has been recognized by the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI),  
20 Power Engineering magazine, and Platts Global Energy.

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22 On March 21, 2013, the NEI notified NextEra Energy, Inc. that the Nuclear Fleet  
23 EPU Project Team received a 2013 Top Industry Practice (TIP) Award. This is a  
24 considerable honor for the thousands of people who have worked hard on the  
25 project here in Florida, because the TIP Awards Program recognizes the very best

1 and most innovative work in the nuclear industry. Project aspects evaluated for the  
2 TIP award include nuclear safety, cost saving impact, innovation, productivity, and  
3 transferability of these various processes to other projects.

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5 Additionally, the FPL EPU Project received the 2013 Project of the Year - Best  
6 Nuclear Project award from Power Engineering magazine. In determining which  
7 project should receive this award, Power Engineering magazine considers how the  
8 project was technologically groundbreaking or innovative, how the project  
9 impacted the community in which it resides, and what the logistical hurdles were  
10 that project developers had to overcome when constructing the project. According  
11 to the award announcement, "FPL has demonstrated that these massive plant  
12 upgrades are not only major feats of engineering and construction but also  
13 economically practical."

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15 Finally, the FPL EPU Project was named a finalist in the Platts Global Energy  
16 Award in the construction category, Premier Project Award for Construction. The  
17 judging criteria considered project challenges, financial results, innovation,  
18 operational excellence, safety, and project scope.

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20 Exhibit TOJ-3 summarizes the NEI, Power Engineering magazine, and Platts  
21 awards.

22 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

23 A. FPL successfully completed the EPU Project that was approved in 2008 to meet  
24 customer needs for additional generation in the 2012-2013 timeframe. FPL was  
25 commissioned to deliver 399 MWe (net of co-owners' shares) by the end of the

1 project, and I can report that it has exceeded that goal. In fact, with the completion  
2 of the Turkey Point Unit 4 EPU outage in April of 2013, the project has added a  
3 total of 522 MWe for the benefit of FPL's customers, which is nearly 31% more  
4 than what was anticipated during the 2007 need filing. The uprate work completed  
5 at Turkey Point Unit 4 during 2013 is producing 21% more power than FPL  
6 initially projected the unit would deliver. This additional nuclear generation from  
7 the EPU Project is providing significant and quantifiable benefits for customers  
8 without expanding the footprint of FPL's existing nuclear power plant sites and  
9 without burning natural gas or foreign oil or emitting greenhouse gasses.

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11 The EPU Project was an enormous effort requiring the employment of thousands  
12 of workers. During the final EPU outage in 2013 – the last of nine – there was an  
13 average of over 1,600 workers daily assigned to the EPU outage activities for the  
14 108 outage days. The EPU workforce over the life of the project is shown on  
15 Exhibit TOJ-4. Because FPL was able to incorporate lessons learned from prior  
16 outages, the Turkey Point Unit 4 EPU outage was completed 15% faster and at a  
17 19% lower cost than the Unit 3 outage. In addition to the successful completion of  
18 implementation work at Turkey Point, FPL completed thousands of project  
19 closeout activities at St. Lucie and Turkey Point, including completion of final  
20 adjustments to components and systems, finalization of engineering documents,  
21 and site restoration, to name a few. In total, the EPU Project required about 2.5  
22 million man hours of work during 2013. FPL prudently incurred approximately  
23 \$250 million of EPU construction costs during 2013, which is about \$10 million  
24 less than the estimate of \$260 million presented in my May 2013 testimony.

25 **Q. How are customers benefiting from the EPU Project?**



1     A.    When the project was completed in 2013, the total increase of electrical output as a  
2           result of the EPU Project was 522 MWe for FPL's customers.  Among other  
3           benefits, this increase in nuclear power output: (i) enhances system reliability and  
4           integrity by diversifying FPL's fuel mix; (ii) provides energy and baseload  
5           capacity to FPL's customers without greenhouse gas emissions; (iii) provides  
6           significant fuel cost and environmental compliance cost savings; and (iv) provides  
7           increased capacity to help maintain balance between generation and load in  
8           Southeastern Florida.  Specifically, the EPU Project:

- 9           • Provides estimated fossil fuel cost savings for FPL's customers of more  
10           than \$100 million in the first full year of operation;
- 11          • Provides estimated fossil fuel cost savings for FPL's customers of about  
12           \$3.2 billion over the life of the plants;
- 13          • Increases FPL's nuclear generating capacity by about 18%;
- 14          • Reduces FPL's reliance on natural gas by about 3% beginning in the first  
15           full year of operation, providing an important hedge against volatile natural  
16           gas prices;
- 17          • Adds to Florida's energy security because the uprated units do not depend  
18           on fuel delivery through Florida's only two natural gas transmission  
19           pipelines;
- 20          • Provides a total amount of energy that is equivalent to the usage of  
21           approximately 332,000 residential customer households each year;
- 22          • Reduces annual fossil fuel usage by the equivalent of almost 7 million  
23           barrels of oil or 44 million mmBTU of natural gas annually;
- 24          • Reduces CO2 emissions generated in making electricity to serve FPL's  
25           customers by 34 million tons over the life of the plants; and

- 1           • Enhances grid stability and electric service reliability by producing more  
2           electricity closer to where more electricity is used – in Southeast Florida.

3           These benefits are also presented in Exhibit TOJ-5.

4           **Q. Now that the EPU Project is complete, has FPL quantified the customer**  
5           **benefits resulting from the NCR process?**

6           A. Yes. FPL's EPU investment in Florida's energy infrastructure and economy has  
7           been made possible by the legislature's policy to support investment in nuclear  
8           projects, set forth in the NCR statute, and the Commission's careful  
9           implementation of that policy through the NCR rule. The project would not have  
10          been performed without that clear Florida policy direction and support. Florida's  
11          NCR process permits recovery of carrying costs, not construction costs, through  
12          the clause. Exhibit TOJ-6 (page 1) shows FPL's recovery amount compared to its  
13          investment.

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15          Now that the EPU Project is complete, and final costs are known, FPL has  
16          calculated the cost savings for customers due to the NCR process. Because  
17          carrying charges have been collected during project construction, FPL's customers  
18          will save more than \$300 million dollars (nominal) compared to rates under the  
19          Allowance for Funds Used During Construction approach that otherwise would  
20          apply. These customer savings are presented in Exhibit TOJ-6 (page 2).

21          **Q. Please describe how the remainder of your testimony is organized.**

22          A. My testimony includes the following sections:

- 23                 1. Project Summary  
24                 2. 2013 Project Activities  
25                 3. Project Management Internal Controls

- 1           4. Procurement Processes and Controls
- 2           5. Internal/External Audits and Reviews
- 3           6. "Separate and Apart" Considerations
- 4           7. 2013 Construction Costs

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

8   **Q. Please describe the EPU Project.**

9   A. The EPU Project increased FPL’s nuclear generating capacity from its four  
10 existing nuclear units by fitting the units with higher capacity and more efficient  
11 turbines, generators, heat exchangers, transformers, and other necessary equipment  
12 to accommodate increased steam flow that results from increased reactor power.  
13 This involved the modification or outright replacement of a large number of  
14 components and support structures within FPL’s operating nuclear power plants.  
15 Photographs of examples of the EPU work at Turkey Point Unit 4 in 2013 are  
16 attached as Exhibit TOJ-7, which also includes pictures of completed EPU systems  
17 operating in the uprated conditions. Each replacement/modification was  
18 considered a project in and of itself which was integrated into the EPU  
19 implementation work scope. For some major modifications, permanent plant  
20 equipment had to be removed in order to have the necessary access to perform  
21 modifications and was then reinstalled as part of the construction process.

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23 Because the project modified FPL’s operating nuclear plants, it was a much  
24 different and more challenging construction project than constructing a new  
25 combined cycle generating unit at a greenfield site or a modernization project in

1           which the existing generating unit is removed from the site before the new  
2           generating unit is installed. All of the work was successfully completed on  
3           existing nuclear plants while at all times maintaining strict nuclear operations  
4           safety. FPL performed almost all of the modifications during the units' planned  
5           refueling outages. Performing the uprate work during the planned refueling  
6           outages minimized the amount of time that these low fuel-cost generators were off  
7           line.

8           **Q. Please expand on the final benefit you listed, the enhancement of grid stability  
9           and electric service reliability.**

10          A. The EPU Project contributes to grid stability by producing power where it is  
11          consumed. Growth in electrical load in the Southeast area within FPL's service  
12          territory means that FPL must either add new generation to that area or rely on  
13          transmission lines to import the needed energy. Adding locally-sited generation  
14          contributes to grid stability and is more reliable than transmission lines that cover  
15          long distances and are susceptible to interferences from storms or other issues  
16          beyond FPL's control that could result in outages. When generation is sited closer  
17          to where it is consumed, fewer people will be affected if storms take out  
18          transmission lines. Additionally, the increased generation close to the load reduces  
19          system transmission line losses, meaning, more power is available for customers to  
20          use. The EPU Project's impact on the Southeast area is presented in Exhibit TOJ-  
21          8.

22          **Q. When did customers begin receiving the additional output from FPL's  
23          nuclear units?**

24          A. FPL customers began benefitting from an additional 31 MWe from St. Lucie Unit  
25          2 in 2011, by virtue of the installation of a more efficient low pressure turbine

1 generator rotor. About 365 MWe additional output from the EPU Project was  
2 realized as each of three units returned to service in 2012, resulting in  
3 approximately 400 MWe being provided by the end of 2012. At the completion of  
4 the final EPU outage, the total EPU electrical output for FPL's customers was 522  
5 MWe. (The total output for all Florida residents was 545 MWe.) Exhibit TOJ-9,  
6 EPU Project Electrical Output Status, demonstrates the timing of the additional  
7 output that has been realized.

8 **Q. Did FPL include industry best practices into the work that was performed for**  
9 **the EPU Project?**

10 A. Yes. For example, the FPL project team members participated in nuclear industry  
11 working groups organized by the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations and the  
12 Nuclear Energy Institute and benefited from lessons learned at other plants. This  
13 was supplemented with direct engagement with our industry peers through  
14 benchmarking trips to other nuclear sites to incorporate best practices. These  
15 sources helped ensure project decisions were supported by the best information  
16 currently available. The project benefited from the experience of previous unit  
17 outages where other project work was performed and lessons learned for future  
18 Uprate Project modification implementation activities. Additionally, other utility  
19 professionals visited FPL's sites to learn from FPL's best practices.

20 **Q. Please describe the nuclear and industrial safety performance of the EPU**  
21 **Project.**

22 A. Nuclear and industrial safety was central to everything FPL did on the EPU  
23 Project. Nuclear safety was successfully ensured at every step. FPL, its  
24 employees and its contractors did not take for granted FPL's safety record on the  
25 EPU Project. The project's 2013 Federal Occupational Safety and Health

1 Administration, Recordable Incident Rate was 0.16 which is significantly less than  
2 the industry-wide injury rates of 3.7 for Construction and 2.8 for utilities as  
3 reported by the US Bureau of Labor Statics, US Department of Labor, November  
4 2013. Excellent project safety is one of the factors considered by utility and  
5 construction industry professionals to be a hallmark of strong project management.

## 6 7 **2013 PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

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9 **Q. What key activities occurred in 2013 in execution of the EPU Project?**

10 A. Key activities that occurred in 2013 included:

- 11 • Continuous intensive management of vendors, suppliers, and contractors;
- 12 • Completion of Engineering Design Modifications;
- 13 • The successful completion of the ninth and final EPU outage in April of  
14 2013, adding approximately 126 MWe; and
- 15 • The successful completion of demobilization, site restoration, project  
16 closeout, and turnover activities at the St. Lucie and Turkey Point plants.

17 **Q. Please describe the engineering design modification activities in 2013.**

18 A. The engineering design modification process was the process by which the detailed  
19 modification packages were prepared. Calculations were performed, construction  
20 drawings were issued, general installation instructions were provided, and high  
21 level testing requirements were identified. In 2013, design engineering  
22 modification activities were primarily to support implementation of the already  
23 approved modifications during the final EPU outage. Approximately 140,000  
24 engineering man hours were expended during the 2013 portion of the Turkey Point  
25 Unit 4 EPU outage.

1     **Q. Please discuss the EPU implementation work that was successfully completed**  
2     **in 2013.**

3     A. The final EPU outage was successfully completed in April 2013, with an increased  
4     capacity of approximately 126 MWe of additional nuclear power for FPL's  
5     customers. The Turkey Point Unit 4 implementation work in 2013, including the  
6     engineering design work described above, required the following:

- 7             • An augmented staff of approximately 3,000 additional people at its peak in  
8             January;
- 9             • Thousands of individually planned, scheduled, and monitored activities  
10            supporting approximately 3,300 work packages; and
- 11            • About 2 million man hours of work.

12     It also involved 1,435 large bore pipe welds, 2,040 small bore pipe welds, 4,651  
13     feet of electric wiring conduit, 38,443 feet of electrical cable, and 4,712 electrical  
14     terminations. An illustration of the component replacements and modifications for  
15     Turkey Point Unit 4 is attached as Exhibit TOJ-10. Exhibit TOJ-11, EPU Project  
16     Work Activities List, includes a listing of the EPU implementation work activities  
17     at Turkey Point.

18     **Q. Were EPU systems placed into service in 2013?**

19     A. Yes. Exhibit TOJ-12 lists the EPU Project systems and components that were  
20     placed into service and included in the 2013 base rate filing.

21     **Q. Did FPL experience engineering design scope growth and construction**  
22     **complexities associated with the EPU work on Turkey Point Unit 4 in 2013?**

23     A. Yes. Some challenges were experienced in the planning and execution of the  
24     many major modifications; however, not nearly to the extent experienced on the  
25     other units in 2012. FPL utilized the experience gained at St. Lucie and Turkey

1 Point Unit 3 to enhance the Turkey Point Unit 4 outage engineering designs, work  
2 packages, and planning and scheduling. This work was performed in advance of  
3 the Turkey Point Unit 4 outage. As a result, the Turkey Point Unit 4 EPU  
4 implementation outage was completed in less time and at a lower cost than the  
5 Turkey Point Unit 3 EPU implementation outage. The Turkey Point Unit 4 outage  
6 was completed 15% faster and at a 19% lower cost than the Turkey Point Unit 3  
7 EPU outage.

8 **Q. Did FPL perform EPU Project close out activities in 2013?**

9 A. Yes. FPL performed thousands of EPU closeout activities in 2013. The activities  
10 included the following:

- 11 • Completion of final adjustments to components and systems, including  
12 adjustments to process instrumentation loops to optimize performance and  
13 enhancements to the spent fuel pool handling machines;
- 14 • Completion and testing of control room simulator modifications;
- 15 • Finalization of engineering documents to as built conditions, update of  
16 plant drawings, and work order closeout for engineering changes;
- 17 • Final Safety Analysis and design basis documentation updates;
- 18 • Evaluation of preventive maintenance requirements for new and modified  
19 components and development of preventive maintenance work orders;
- 20 • Post-EPU Project restoration of the plant areas used by EPU personnel to  
21 pre-EPU conditions which included storage areas, workshops, and labor  
22 assembly areas, and removal of temporary cranes, lighting, and machinery  
23 used to support the EPU Project;
- 24 • Project staffing reductions to meet project closeout needs;
- 25 • Demobilization of vendors in accordance with project closeout plans;



- 1           • Verification and validation of spare parts;
- 2           • Closeout of contracts;
- 3           • Completion of procedure and simulator updates; and
- 4           • Systematic turnover to each unit’s staff.

5           The 2013 EPU Project closeout activities at St. Lucie and Turkey Point are  
 6           included in Exhibit TOJ-11.

7           **Q. Please describe FPL’s efforts to manage vendor costs in 2013.**

8           A. FPL diligently managed its vendors to ensure the costs expended for the assigned  
 9           scopes of work were reasonable and appropriate. FPL continued to require that its  
 10          vendors provide detailed schedules and detailed metrics for productivity and  
 11          commodities, and diligently monitored compliance with those metrics. Feedback  
 12          was provided through daily focus meetings with major contractors during outages  
 13          to evaluate earned value and cost performance, daily work plans, and any impacts  
 14          to schedule and cost. Additionally, FPL held project integration meetings with  
 15          major contractors generally weekly to discuss schedule compliance of work  
 16          activities, organization and management issues, and safety issues.

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18                                   **PROJECT MANAGEMENT INTERNAL CONTROLS**

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20          **Q. How was the project planning, execution, contractor oversight, and closeout**  
 21          **described above managed by FPL in 2013?**

22          A. FPL had robust project planning, management, and execution processes in place.  
 23          These efforts were spearheaded by personnel with significant experience in project  
 24          management within the nuclear industry. Additionally, the EPU Project used  
 25          guidelines and Project Instructions to assist project personnel in the performance of

1 their assigned duties. Exhibit TOJ-13, EPU Project Instructions (EPPI) Index as of  
2 December 31, 2013, is provided to illustrate the types of instructions that were  
3 used.

4 **Q. Please describe the EPU Project Management organization during 2013.**

5 A. FPL had a dedicated Nuclear Power Uprate team within the nuclear fleet that was  
6 responsible for monitoring and managing the Uprate Project, schedule, and costs.  
7 In addition to centralized project oversight, there was an EPU Site Implementation  
8 Owner, EPU Site Director, and an EPU organization at each site responsible for  
9 the efficient and effective engineering and implementation of the EPU Project  
10 modifications. This decentralized management structure was appropriate as the  
11 EPU Project completed the implementation phase and/or closeout activities at each  
12 of the sites to better integrate EPU activities with plant operating and outage  
13 activities. Each site organization's manpower size was adjusted as the execution,  
14 power ascension testing, and project close activities were completed.

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16 There was also a separate Nuclear Business Operations (NBO) group that provided  
17 accounting and regulatory oversight for the EPU Project. This organization was  
18 independent of the EPU Project team and reported to the Vice President Nuclear  
19 Finance.

20 **Q. Please describe the role of the NBO group in more detail.**

21 A. NBO's primary responsibilities included:  
22 • Review, approval, and recording of monthly accruals prepared by the Site  
23 Cost Engineers;

- 1 • Conducting monthly detail transaction reviews to ensure that labor costs  
2 recorded to the EPU Project were only for those FPL personnel authorized  
3 to charge time to the EPU Project;
- 4 • Conducting on-going analysis to evaluate project costs to ensure they were  
5 “separate and apart”;
- 6 • Creating monthly variance reports that include cost figures used in the EPU  
7 Monthly Operating Performance Report;
- 8 • Performing analyses of the costs being incurred by the project to ensure that  
9 those costs were appropriately allocated to the correct Internal Order  
10 established for each nuclear unit’s outages;
- 11 • Assisting in the classification of Property Retirement Units;
- 12 • Set up and maintenance of the EPU Project account coding structure;
- 13 • Providing accounting guidance and training to the EPU team;
- 14 • Working closely with FPL’s various corporate accounting departments to  
15 determine which costs related to the EPU Project were capital and which  
16 were O&M;
- 17 • Managing internal and external financial audit requests and ensuring that  
18 any findings and recommendations were dispositioned, as appropriate; and
- 19 • Providing oversight and guidance to the EPU Project team in maintaining  
20 accounting-related project instructions current to ensure compliance with  
21 corporate policies and procedures, and Sarbanes-Oxley processes.

22 **Q. What other schedule and cost monitoring controls were in place during 2013?**

23 A. FPL utilized a variety of mutually reinforcing schedule and cost controls and drew  
24 upon the expertise provided by employees within the project team, employees  
25 within the separate NBO group, and senior nuclear management. Within the

1 organization of the Vice President, Nuclear Power Uprate existed a Controls  
2 Group. The Controls Director provided functional leadership, governance, and  
3 oversight. Each site had a dedicated EPU Project Controls group lead by a Project  
4 Controls Supervisor. The site Project Controls group provided cost and schedule  
5 analyses and associated performance indicators on a routine and forward-looking  
6 basis thus allowing Project Management to make informed decisions. Exhibit  
7 TOJ-14, EPU Project Reports 2013, lists many of the reports that were a direct  
8 result of the information the Controls group provided, analyzed and produced. The  
9 number and types of reports changed appropriately as the project progressed  
10 through the closeout activities to completion.

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12 FPL's efforts to meet the desired completion date of each uprate was tracked  
13 through the use of Primavera P-6 scheduling software, enabling FPL to track the  
14 schedule daily and update the schedule weekly. This allowed Project Management  
15 to monitor and report schedule status on a periodic basis. Updates to the schedule  
16 and scope of the project were made as such changes were approved by  
17 management. FPL's use of this scheduling software system allowed management  
18 to examine the project status at any time as well as request the development and  
19 generation of specialized reports to facilitate informed decision making.

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21 As part of the site Project Controls group, there were several highly experienced  
22 Cost Engineers assigned to monitor, analyze, and report project costs associated  
23 with the Uprate Project. Governed by well established procedures and work  
24 instructions, the Cost Engineer received contractor invoices and forwarded them to  
25 technical representatives to ensure the scope of work had been completed and the

1 deliverables had been accepted. For fixed-price contracts, the Cost Engineer  
2 matched the invoice amount to the contract amount and the deliverable work  
3 received from the subject matter expert, which was then sent to the appropriate  
4 personnel for approval and payment. The Cost Engineer also prepared accruals  
5 and reviewed variance reports monthly for each of the sites, to monitor and  
6 document expenditures and commitments to the approved budget. The Project  
7 Controls group operated in a transparent manner and its accountability was clear in  
8 providing sound analyses based on all available cost and schedule information at  
9 its disposal.

10 **Q. What periodic reviews were conducted in 2013 to ensure that the project and**  
11 **key decisions were appropriately analyzed, reviewed and approved at the**  
12 **appropriate management levels?**

13 A. Regularly scheduled meetings were held to help effectively manage the Uprate  
14 Project and communicate the performance of the project in terms of nuclear and  
15 industrial safety, quality, schedule, and costs. These included the following:

- 16 • Daily meetings to mutually share lessons learned and to coordinate project  
17 activities;
- 18 • Weekly project management, project controls, and risk meetings to review  
19 the status of the schedules and project costs, and to identify areas needing  
20 attention;
- 21 • Periodic meetings with the Chief Nuclear Officer; Vice President, Power  
22 Uprate; Implementation Owners; and other project leaders to review project  
23 progress and work through any identified risks to schedules or costs;
- 24 • When appropriate, FPL Executive Steering Committee presentations on the  
25 status of the project; and

- 1           • Routine Project Meetings involving FPL and individual major vendors to  
2           discuss project schedules and challenges.

3           As mentioned above, the EPU Project continued to produce several reports in  
4           2013. Exhibit TOJ-14 presents the reports generated by the project during 2013  
5           with a brief description, the periodicity, and the intended audience of each report.  
6           Generally, the project reports provided a status of the project, scope changes,  
7           schedule and cost adherence/variance, safety, quality, risks, risk mitigation, and a  
8           path forward as appropriate. The information provided by these reports assisted in  
9           the success of the overall management, closeout, and completion of the EPU  
10          Project. The number and types of reports changed appropriately as the project  
11          progressed through the closeout activities to completion.

12       **Q. Please describe the risk management process used in 2013.**

13       A. FPL's risk management process was governed by project instruction EPPI-340,  
14       EPU Project Risk Management Program. FPL's risk management process was  
15       used to identify and manage potential risks associated with the Uprate Project. A  
16       Project Risk Committee, consisting of site project directors and subject matter  
17       experts, reviewed and evaluated initial cost and schedule projections and any  
18       potential significant variances. This committee enabled senior managers to  
19       critically assess and discuss risks faced by the EPU Project from different  
20       departmental perspectives. The committee also ensured that actions were taken to  
21       mitigate or eliminate identified risks. When an identified risk was evaluated as  
22       high, a risk mitigation action plan was prepared, approved, and executed. The high  
23       risk item was monitored through this process until it was reduced or eliminated.  
24       Additionally, an EPU Project Risk Management report was presented at meetings  
25       with senior management, identifying potential risks by site, unit, priority,

1 probability, cost impact, and the unit or persons responsible for mitigating or  
2 eliminating the risk. These steps ensured continuous, vigilant identification of and  
3 response to potential project risks that could pose an adverse impact on the cost or  
4 schedule performance of the project.

5 **Q. Please describe the risk management process as it applied to operational risk.**

6 A. EPU Project work was performed during normal plant operations and during  
7 planned refueling outages that were adjusted and extended in duration to permit  
8 uprate work to be performed. The amount of work that could be safely performed  
9 during these plant conditions was dependent upon the minimum required systems  
10 or components needed to support the plant operating condition. Extreme care in  
11 the planning, scheduling, and execution of the work activities was required to  
12 ensure the plant was operated in accordance with applicable Nuclear Regulatory  
13 Commission (NRC) regulatory and plant technical specification requirements.  
14 This required proper sequencing of work activities that could be safely performed  
15 during normal plant operations or those that needed to be performed during  
16 planned refueling outages, including work activities that could be safely performed  
17 in parallel and those that needed to be performed in series. This operational risk  
18 management accomplished two major objectives: first was to ensure the equipment  
19 was in a state that makes it safe for workers to perform the work, and second was  
20 to ensure that the plant systems and components were properly maintained as  
21 required for public health and safety. This operational risk management through  
22 the careful planning, scheduling, and execution of work activities added to the  
23 complexity of the implementation phase of the EPU Project.

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## PROCUREMENT PROCESSES AND CONTROLS

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**Q. Please describe the contractor selection and contractor management procedures that applied to the EPU Project in 2013.**

A. The contractor selection procedures that applied to the Uprate Project are found in NEE-PRO-1460, Purchasing Goods and Services-Policy and Definitions and its series of procurement procedures and Nuclear Fleet Guideline BO-AA-102-1008, Procurement Control. Additionally, the EPU Project had previously developed an EPPI, and as explained in the EPPI procedure, the standard approach for the EPU Project in the procurement of materials or services with a value in excess of \$25,000 was to use competitive bidding. However, the use of single source, sole source, and Original Equipment Manufacturer providers was also necessary in certain situations. For example, many of the contracts that were competitively bid and awarded were given work scope additions through the single source procurement process. Typically, it was not in the best business interest of FPL to contract with another vendor when security screening, site specific training, and training in policies, programs, procedures, and work processes were already established for vendors with rates that had previously been determined to be competitive and reasonable. The benefits of this included cost savings in mobilization, security screening, site specific training, site familiarity, and the important aspects of FPL’s expectations for a safety conscious work environment. FPL’s policies required proper documentation of justifications and senior-level management approval of single or sole source procurements.

FPL maintained its focus on the process of documenting and approving single and sole source procurements, to ensure compliance with BO-AA-102-1008 and



1 relevant EPPIs, and to facilitate review by third parties who are not directly  
2 involved in the nuclear procurement process. The single source justification (SSJ)  
3 expectations were included in appropriate project instructions, and all new  
4 applicable personnel assigned to the EPU Project were required to review and  
5 understand the SSJ expectations.

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7 With respect to vendor management, the EPU Project Directors at each site  
8 ensured vendor oversight was provided by the experienced Project Managers, the  
9 Site Technical Representative, and Contract Coordinators. Together, these  
10 representatives provided management direction and coordinated vendor activity  
11 reviews while the vendors were on site. The Contract Coordinators verified the  
12 vendor had met all obligations and determined whether any outstanding  
13 deliverable issues existed using a Contract Compliance Matrix. In addition to  
14 assisting with the development and administration of contracts, Nuclear Sourcing  
15 and Integrated Supply Chain groups completed updates as necessary to a Project  
16 Contract Log and reported the status of contracts to Project Management. EPU  
17 management also held routine meetings with vendors' senior management as  
18 previously discussed.

19 **Q. What was FPL's approach to contracting for the EPU Project?**

20 A. FPL structured its contracts and purchase orders to include specific scope,  
21 deliverables, completion dates, terms of payment, commercial terms and  
22 conditions, reports from the vendor, and work quality specifications. Project  
23 Management had several types of contracts available depending on how well the  
24 scope of work and the risk associated with the work scope could be defined. Fixed  
25 price or lump sum contracts were used where project work scope was well-defined

1 and risk was limited. Project Management used time and material contracts where  
2 project work scope was not well-defined and where there was greater risk to  
3 completing the work scope. In sum, FPL continued to contract in a careful and  
4 strategic manner.

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6 **INTERNAL/EXTERNAL AUDITS AND REVIEWS**

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8 **Q. Were FPL's financial controls and management controls audited?**

9 A. Yes. Several audits or reviews have been conducted to ensure compliance with  
10 applicable project controls.

11 **Q. What external audits or reviews have been conducted to ensure the project  
12 controls were adequate and costs were reasonable?**

13 A. FPSC Staff is conducting two audits related to 2013 EPU activities – a financial  
14 audit and an internal controls audit. The 2013 FPSC Staff financial and internal  
15 controls audits will be provided to the Commission when completed.

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17 Additionally, FPL retained Concentric Energy Advisors, Inc. to conduct a review  
18 of the 2013 EPU Project Management controls. The results of this review are  
19 presented through the testimony of Mr. John Reed, the Chief Executive Officer of  
20 Concentric Energy Advisors. Burns and Roe Enterprises, Inc. (BREI) was also  
21 engaged to review the prudence of FPL's management of the EPU Project  
22 activities in 2013. The results of this review are presented through the testimony  
23 of Mr. Albert Ferrer, Vice President of BREI.

24 **Q. Did Internal Audit conduct an annual review to ensure the project controls  
25 were adequate and costs were reasonable?**

1 A. Yes. Experis performed an audit of 2013 expenses at FPL Internal Audit's  
2 direction. Specifically, the Experis audit focused on ensuring that costs charged to  
3 the EPU Project were for the EPU Project and were recorded in accordance with  
4 FPSC Rule 25-6.0423, and included independent testing of expenses charged to the  
5 EPU Project for the period January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013. The Experis  
6 audit found that the controls over the EPU Project were good.

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8 **“SEPARATE AND APART” CONSIDERATIONS**

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10 **Q. Would any of the EPU costs included in FPL's filing have been incurred if the**  
11 **FPL nuclear generating units were not being uprated?**

12 A. No. The construction costs, associated carrying charges and recoverable O&M  
13 expenses for which FPL is requesting recovery through the Nuclear Cost Recovery  
14 Clause (NCRC) process were caused only by activities necessary for the Uprate  
15 Project, and would not have otherwise been incurred. I note that, as explained in  
16 FPL Witness Grant-Keene's testimony and schedules, only carrying costs,  
17 recoverable O&M expenses, and partial-year revenue requirements for items  
18 placed in service are requested for recovery for the EPU Project, consistent with  
19 the Commission's NCR rule.

20 **Q. Please explain the processes utilized by FPL to ensure that only those costs**  
21 **necessary for the implementation of the Uprate Project were included for**  
22 **NCRC purposes.**

23 A. For the modifications performed, consistent with project instruction EPPI-180,  
24 EPU Nuclear Cost Recovery, FPL conducted engineering analyses to identify  
25 major components that must be modified or replaced in order to enable the units to

1 function safely and reliably in the uprated condition. FPL's 2013 EPU activities,  
2 and their associated costs, were "separate and apart" as required by the NCR  
3 process.

#### 4 5 **2013 CONSTRUCTION COSTS**

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7 **Q. What type of costs did FPL incur for the Uprate Project in 2013?**

8 A. As indicated in Exhibit TOJ-1, True-up (T) Schedule T-6 and T-4, and  
9 summarized on Exhibit TOJ-15, Summary of 2013 EPU Construction Costs, costs  
10 were incurred in the following categories: License Application; Engineering and  
11 Design; Permitting; Project Management; Power Block Engineering, Procurement,  
12 etc.; Non-Power Block Engineering, Procurement, etc.; and Recoverable O&M.  
13 These costs were the direct result of the prudent project management, decision  
14 making, and actions described previously. Each category reflects some variance  
15 against what was estimated earlier in 2013.

16 **Q. Please describe the costs incurred in the License Application category and the**  
17 **variance, if any, from the 2013 actual/estimated costs in this category.**

18 A. Licensing Costs in 2013 consisted primarily of NRC fees and engineering costs for  
19 the NRC review and approval of required revisions to the Alternative Source Term  
20 license amendment and plant technical specifications. FPL underestimated the  
21 cost of these reviews and incurred \$61,271 in this category in 2013, which is  
22 \$188,232 more than the actual/estimated amount of (\$126,960).

23 **Q. Please describe the costs incurred in the Engineering and Design category and**  
24 **the variance, if any, from the 2013 actual/estimated costs in this category.**

1 A. Engineering and Design Costs consisted primarily of costs for FPL personnel in  
2 the FPL engineering organizations at both sites and in the central organization.  
3 The majority was oriented towards management, oversight, and review of the  
4 detail design activities being performed by the EPC contractor and other  
5 contractors. FPL incurred \$11.6 million in this category in 2013, which is about  
6 \$1 million more than the actual/estimated amount. This was primarily attributable  
7 to FPL taking on more work internally to enable a more rapid demobilization of  
8 vendor personnel.

9 **Q. Please describe the costs incurred in the Permitting category and the**  
10 **variance, if any, from the 2013 actual/estimated costs in this category.**

11 A. All permits applicable to the EPU Project were approved in 2011. Accordingly,  
12 there were no costs incurred by the EPU Project in the Permitting category in  
13 2013.

14 **Q. Please describe the costs incurred in the Project Management category and**  
15 **the variance, if any, from the 2013 actual/estimated costs in this category.**

16 A. Project Management costs were related to overall project oversight including  
17 project and construction management, project controls, and regulatory compliance.  
18 These oversight activities were performed by personnel located at both sites, by the  
19 EPU central organization, and by non-EPU organizations such as NBO and New  
20 Nuclear Accounting. FPL incurred \$22.9 million in this category in 2013 which is  
21 \$3.2 million more than the actual/estimated amount. This variance was  
22 attributable to an increase in FPL project management, construction management,  
23 and contract management to enable a more rapid demobilization of vendor  
24 personnel.

1 **Q. Please describe the costs incurred in the Power Block Engineering,**  
2 **Procurement, etc. category and the variance, if any, from the 2013**  
3 **actual/estimated costs in this category.**

4 A. The majority of the costs in this category reflect payments to the EPC vendor and  
5 other vendors for engineering, procurement, and construction resources that  
6 supported the successful completion of the Turkey Point Unit 4 EPU outage and  
7 the continued application of lessons learned in engineering and implementation  
8 efforts in completing the EPU Project. FPL incurred \$170.8 million in this  
9 category in 2013, which is \$32.3 million less than the actual/estimated amount.  
10 The cost variance is the result of effective project management applying the  
11 lessons learned from earlier EPU outages and FPL taking on more work to enable  
12 more rapid vendor demobilization and an effective closeout of 2013.

13 **Q. Please describe the costs incurred in the Non-Power Block Engineering,**  
14 **Procurement, etc. category and the variance, if any, from the 2013**  
15 **actual/estimated costs in this category.**

16 A. Non-Power Block Engineering, Procurement, etc. costs consist primarily of costs  
17 for staff and construction craft for facilities restoration and simulator upgrades  
18 required to reflect the updated conditions. FPL incurred \$822,166 in this category  
19 in 2013. This represents \$471,520 more than the actual/estimated amount. The  
20 variance is primarily attributable to the work scope associated with site facility  
21 restorations to pre-EPU conditions at St. Lucie and Turkey Point Plants, required  
22 simulator upgrades, and project closeout activities.

23 **Q. Please describe the costs incurred as EPU Recoverable O&M.**

24 A. Recoverable O&M expenses in 2013 were \$10.9 million. This represents a  
25 variance of \$1.1 million more than the actual/estimated amount. Consistent with

1 FPL's capitalization policy, these expenditures include non-capitalizable  
2 commodities, incremental staff, and augmented contract staff. Additionally,  
3 modifications that did not meet the capitalization criteria were included in this  
4 category along with O&M EPU equipment inspections and related work, and  
5 obsolete inventory write-offs. The variance is primarily attributable to EPU  
6 equipment inspections and related work.

7 **Q. Please describe the costs incurred in the Transmission category.**

8 A. For the period ending December 31, 2013, there were no EPU Project  
9 Transmission costs. There was a net credit of \$249,371 to the EPU Project  
10 primarily due to salvaging of transmission equipment.

11 **Q. Were FPL's 2013 EPU expenditures prudently incurred?**

12 A. Yes. FPL incurred costs of approximately \$250 million in 2013. FPL's actual  
13 2013 costs were \$10 million less than its previous estimate for the reasons  
14 described above. Implementation of the final EPU outage and the extensive  
15 project closeout process at both sites were all successfully completed in  
16 2013. Through well-qualified, experienced personnel's application of the robust  
17 internal schedule and cost controls, careful vendor oversight, and the ability to  
18 continuously adjust based on lessons learned and the project's evolving needs, FPL  
19 is confident that its 2013 EPU management decisions were well-founded and  
20 prudent. All costs incurred in 2013 were the product of such decisions, were  
21 prudently incurred, and should be approved by the Commission.

22 **Q. Did FPL prepare a true-up of the total project costs?**

23 A. Yes. Exhibit TOJ-1 includes the True-up to Original (TOR) Schedules that 1  
24 sponsor or co-sponsor providing the total EPU Project cost.

25 **Q. Please list the exhibits you are submitting with this testimony.**

1 A. I am sponsoring or co-sponsoring the following exhibits:

- 2 • Exhibit TOJ-1, 2013 EPU T-Schedules and TOR-Schedules, containing
- 3 schedules T-1 through T-7B, TOR-6, TOR-6A, and TOR-7, and TOR-2 to
- 4 be filed in May. Exhibit TOJ-1 contains a table of contents listing the
- 5 schedules that are sponsored and co-sponsored by FPL Witness Grant-
- 6 Keene and myself.
- 7 • Exhibit TOJ-2, EPU Project Timeline
- 8 • Exhibit TOJ-3, EPU Industry Recognition Awards
- 9 • Exhibit TOJ-4, EPU Project Work Force
- 10 • Exhibit TOJ-5, EPU Project Benefits at a Glance for FPL Customers
- 11 • Exhibit TOJ-6, EPU Investment, Recovery, and Customer Savings from
- 12 NCR Process
- 13 • Exhibit TOJ-7, EPU Project Construction and Completion Photos
- 14 • Exhibit TOJ-8, Southeast Florida Reliability Impact
- 15 • Exhibit TOJ-9, EPU Project Electrical Output Status
- 16 • Exhibit TOJ-10, Illustration of Modifications for Turkey Point Unit 4
- 17 • Exhibit TOJ-11, EPU Project Work Activities List
- 18 • Exhibit TOJ-12, EPU Equipment Placed In Service in 2013
- 19 • Exhibit TOJ-13, EPU Project Instructions Index as of December 31, 2013
- 20 • Exhibit TOJ-14, 2013 EPU Project Reports
- 21 • Exhibit TOJ-15, Summary of 2013 EPU Construction Costs

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

23 A. Yes.



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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ALBERT M. FERRER**

**DOCKET NO. 140009-EI**

**March 3, 2014**

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

A. My name is Albert M. Ferrer. My business address is 800 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, New Jersey 07649.

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

A. I am employed by Burns and Roe Enterprises, Inc. (BREI) as Vice President.

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

A. I hold an M.S. in Nuclear Engineering from New York University and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Manhattan College, with honors. I have been a Vice President of BREI since 2005 providing management, executive leadership, and oversight for engineering consulting services performed by BREI.

**Q. Please describe BREI.**

A. BREI is an engineering, procurement, construction, operations, and maintenance company that provides services to private and governmental power industry clients worldwide.

1 BREI provides engineering, design and consulting services to the nuclear,  
2 renewable and fossil power industry. Services provided include owner's  
3 engineer, independent engineering, due diligence, acquisition services, uprate  
4 analyses, life extension studies, engineering, design, procurement services and  
5 construction (EPC) oversight, contract evaluation and EPC project  
6 management.

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8 BREI's nuclear experience includes both some of the earliest U.S. commercial  
9 nuclear power plants and some of the most recent and innovative nuclear  
10 power projects. BREI has been involved in the design of eight commercial  
11 nuclear power plants. Additionally, for the use of the U.S. Department of  
12 Energy (DOE), BREI performed independent due diligence investigations for  
13 new U.S. nuclear plants in support of the DOE's utility loan guarantee project  
14 applications. BREI also participated in supporting the development of three  
15 combined Construction and Operating License Applications for new nuclear  
16 power plants in the southeast U.S.

17 **Q. What was your professional experience prior to BREI?**

18 A. Prior to my employment at BREI, I was Senior Vice President and Managing  
19 Director for Stone and Webster, with responsibility for the firm's Strategic  
20 Management, Markets and Regulatory, and Project Finance Services practices.  
21 During my career at Stone and Webster, I held positions ranging from project  
22 engineer to manager of major EPC power plant projects involving site  
23 feasibility, environmental impact evaluations, conceptual engineering, detailed

1 design, procurement, cost and estimating, construction engineering,  
2 construction management, and start up and testing of a variety of technologies  
3 including coal plants, simple cycle and combined cycle gas plants, nuclear  
4 plants, geothermal plants, and small hydro facilities. As a project engineer or  
5 project manager, I was responsible for cost and scope control, planning,  
6 coordinating, scheduling and supervising engineering activities for various  
7 nuclear projects, as well as managing major subcontractors with large work  
8 forces. I also provided expert testimony at hearings before the Nuclear  
9 Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards  
10 involving the construction permit process for nuclear plants.

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

12 A. The purpose of my testimony is to summarize an independent review  
13 conducted by myself and other BREI senior nuclear power professionals under  
14 my direction regarding Florida Power & Light Company's (FPL) execution of  
15 the Extended Power Uprate (EPU) related activities during 2013. The purpose  
16 of this independent due diligence review was to determine whether FPL's  
17 execution of project activities in 2013 was reasonable and prudent. In  
18 conducting the review, we applied the prudence standard that has been used  
19 by the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission), which is whether  
20 FPL's management actions and decisions were within the range of what a  
21 reasonable utility manager would have done, in light of the conditions and  
22 circumstances which were known, or should have been known, at the time the  
23 decisions were made.

1 **Q. Please describe the major areas of your review.**

2 A. BREI reviewed the following areas:

- 3 • Project Implementation Scheduling and Organization;
- 4 • Close-out Engineering and Design Work Control Process;
- 5 • Outage Execution; and
- 6 • Close-out Execution.

7 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

8 A. Based on the review conducted by the team I lead, FPL's execution of project  
9 activities in 2013 was reasonable and prudent. FPL's EPU project  
10 management exhibited reasonable and prudent oversight of the EPU project,  
11 including oversight of its contractors. Project close-out plans were well  
12 developed, planned EPU work was completed on or close to schedule, and  
13 power output increases exceeded engineering estimates. Overall, FPL's  
14 performance was comparable to, or better than, other large construction  
15 projects.

16 **Q. What is the basis for your conclusions regarding FPL's oversight of the**  
17 **EPU project?**

18 A. My conclusions are based on my personal experience gained over the course  
19 of my career managing major construction projects and large contracted work  
20 forces, as well as my and my team's extensive review of EPU project  
21 documentation and personnel interviews. My team was comprised of senior  
22 level personnel with experience in nuclear power plant engineering, nuclear  
23 plant licensing, nuclear power plant operations and project controls. Our

1 review built upon prior years’ reviews, interviews, and site visits. We  
2 reviewed project policies and procedures, technical reports, letters,  
3 procedures, schedules, cost reports and other project documents. We also  
4 reviewed performance metrics (such as key performance indicators), industrial  
5 safety reports, corrective action reports, and periodic and special reports to  
6 FPL management. In addition, BREI interviewed key EPU project personnel.

7 **Q. Please summarize the conclusions of BREI’s review of the EPU project**  
8 **plan, schedule, and organization.**

9 A. FPL prudently managed the EPU project planning and scheduling in 2013.  
10 BREI reviewed the processes by which EPU project plans and schedules were  
11 developed and revised and determined that FPL used robust project planning  
12 and scheduling tools. Additionally, the EPU organization at FPL was  
13 appropriately structured to manage the project in an efficient and thorough  
14 manner in 2013.

15 **Q. Did BREI review FPL’s plans for project close-out?**

16 A. Yes. FPL had developed EPU project close-out plans for both St. Lucie and  
17 Turkey Point, including a plan for the disposal of spare or unneeded supplies  
18 and equipment. BREI found that the plans addressed the critical elements of a  
19 comprehensive close-out program. The plans established a roadmap to close  
20 the project with reasonable goals and key milestone dates. They considered  
21 lessons learned from other projects and the transition to non-EPU project  
22 status.

1 **Q. Please summarize the conclusions of BREI's review of the execution of**  
2 **the EPU outage at Turkey Point Unit 4 that was completed in 2013.**

3 A. FPL succeeded in completing the uprate of its fourth and final nuclear power  
4 generating unit in 2013, as planned. Based upon our review, FPL prudently  
5 managed the execution of this work. FPL and Bechtel scheduled  
6 subcontractors and associated staff to support the outages and subsequently  
7 demobilize in a controlled manner.

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9 FPL management appropriately maintained a focus on safety during the  
10 execution of the EPU work. FPL also focused on quality and human  
11 performance. Bechtel continued to utilize FPL's corrective action program  
12 and used it to track and trend issues and to implement corrective actions.  
13 Where necessary, resources were added or activities were shifted to others to  
14 assure schedules were met.

15 **Q. Did BREI review FPL's incorporation of lessons learned into its 2013**  
16 **EPU activities?**

17 A. Yes. FPL prudently implemented various cost and time saving lessons learned  
18 from the previous outages and closeout activities at Turkey Point and St.  
19 Lucie, which have proven to be effective and appropriate. Examples include  
20 improvements in the condenser installation sequence, main steam isolation  
21 valve assembly process, and outsourcing the drawing update scope of work.  
22 These enhancements reduced project cost and helped FPL complete its 2013  
23 EPU project activities on schedule and under budget.

1 **Q. Please summarize the conclusions of BREI’s review of project close-out**  
2 **activities.**

3 A. FPL completed thousands of project close-out activities at both St. Lucie and  
4 Turkey Point in 2013, including the methodical demobilization of a large  
5 workforce and systematic turnover of the uprated components to the plant  
6 operating organization. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has high  
7 expectations related to configuration management which includes the update  
8 of final engineering documents, plant drawings, procedures, and other records  
9 related to the safe operation of nuclear units. As part of the 2013 close-out  
10 process, FPL updated over 40,000 drawings, design basis documents,  
11 engineering evaluations, final safety analysis sections, specifications,  
12 calculations, and equipment database changes. Based on our review, FPL’s  
13 close-out activities were performed reasonably and consistent with FPL’s  
14 close-out plans.

15 **Q. Please summarize your conclusions related to FPL’s 2013 EPU project**  
16 **activities.**

17 A. Overall, FPL’s management of the EPU project was as good as, or better than,  
18 the management of other comparable engineering projects. FPL achieved its  
19 objective of completing the EPU project in 2013 by utilizing reliable project  
20 planning techniques, effectively managing various separate contractors and a  
21 large workforce, implementing lessons learned from prior outages in its final  
22 EPU outage, and executing an effective close-out plan.

23

1           The Commission should also be aware that FPL's EPU project won major  
2           nuclear and construction industry awards. The EPU project won the 2013  
3           Nuclear Energy Institute Top Industry Practice Award and the Power  
4           Engineering magazine 2013 Project of the Year – Best Nuclear Project Award,  
5           and was a finalist for the 2013 Platts "Construction Project of the Year"  
6           Award. The significance of these awards is that FPL's performance of the  
7           project was recognized as exemplary in the international nuclear and  
8           construction industries.

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

10  **A.    Yes.**



1                   **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
2                   **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**  
3                   **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JOHN J. REED**  
4                   **DOCKET NO. 140009**  
5                   **March 3, 2014**

7    **Section I: Introduction**

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

9    A.     My name is John J. Reed. My business address is 293 Boston Post Road West,  
10           Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752.

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

12   A.     I am the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Concentric Energy Advisors,  
13           Inc. (“Concentric”).

14   **Q.     Please describe Concentric.**

15   A.     Concentric is an economic advisory and management consulting firm,  
16           headquartered in Marlborough, Massachusetts, which provides consulting  
17           services related to energy industry transactions, energy market analysis, litigation,  
18           and regulatory support.

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

20   A.     I have more than 37 years of experience in the energy industry, having served as  
21           an executive in energy consulting firms, including the position of Co-Chief  
22           Executive Officer of the largest publicly-traded management consulting firm in  
23           the United States and as Chief Economist for the largest gas utility in the United  
24           States. I have provided expert testimony on a wide variety of economic and

1 financial issues related to the energy and utility industry on numerous occasions  
 2 before administrative agencies, utility commissions, courts, arbitration panels and  
 3 elected bodies across North America. I also have provided testimony on behalf  
 4 of FPL in its NCRC proceedings for the last six years. A summary of my  
 5 educational background can be found on Exhibit JJR-1.

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

7 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibits JJR-1 through JJR-4, which are attached to my  
 8 direct testimony.

9	Exhibit JJR-1	Résumé of John J. Reed
10	Exhibit JJR-2	Expert Testimony of John J. Reed
11	Exhibit JJR-3	Index of the EPU Project's Periodic Meetings
12	Exhibit JJR-4	PTN 6 & 7 Project Organization Charts

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

14 A. The purpose of my testimony is to review the benefits of nuclear power and the  
 15 appropriate prudence standard to be applied to Florida Power & Light's ("FPL"  
 16 or the "Company") decision-making processes in this Nuclear Cost Recovery  
 17 Clause ("NCRC") proceeding before the Florida Public Service Commission (the  
 18 "FPSC" or the "Commission"). In addition, I provide a review of the system of  
 19 internal controls used by the Company in 2013 during construction phases of the  
 20 Extended Power Uprate ("EPU") project at the Turkey Point ("PTN") and St.  
 21 Lucie ("PSL") generating stations (together, the "EPU Project"), and in creating  
 22 the opportunity to construct two new nuclear generating units ("PTN 6 & 7" or  
 23 the "New Nuclear Project") at FPL's existing PTN site. Finally, I provide an

1 opinion on whether the EPU and PTN 6 & 7 expenditures for which FPL is  
2 seeking recovery in this proceeding have been prudently incurred.

3 **Q. Please describe your experience with nuclear power plants, and**  
4 **specifically your experience with major construction programs at these**  
5 **plants.**

6 A. My consulting experience with nuclear power plants spans more than 30 years.  
7 My clients have retained me for assignments relating to the construction of  
8 nuclear plants, the purchase, sale and valuation of nuclear plants, power uprates  
9 and major capital improvement projects at nuclear plants, and the  
10 decommissioning of nuclear plants. In addition to my work at FPL's plants, I  
11 have had significant experience with those activities at the following plants:

- 12 • Big Rock Point
- 13 • Callaway
- 14 • Darlington
- 15 • Duane Arnold
- 16 • Fermi
- 17 • Ginna
- 18 • Hope Creek
- 19 • Indian Point
- 20 • Limerick
- 21 • Millstone
- 22 • Monticello
- 23 • Nine Mile Point
- Oyster Creek
- Palisades
- Peach Bottom
- Pilgrim
- Point Beach
- Prairie Island
- Salem
- Seabrook
- Vermont Yankee
- Wolf Creek
- Vogtle

24 I recently have been active on behalf of a number of clients in pre-  
25 construction activities for new nuclear plants across the United States and in  
26 Canada. Preconstruction activities I have supported include state and federal  
27 regulatory processes, raising debt and equity financing for new projects, and  
28 evaluating the costs, schedules and economics of new nuclear facilities. In  
29 addition, I have provided nuclear industry clients with detailed reviews of

1 contracting strategies, cost estimation practices, and construction project  
2 management.

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

4 A. The remainder of my testimony covers six main topic areas. Section II contains  
5 an introduction to the projects and a brief discussion of the benefits of nuclear  
6 power to Florida. Section III describes the appropriate prudence standard that  
7 should be applied in this case, and discusses precedent with respect to the  
8 prudence standard in Florida. In Section IV, I discuss the internal controls,  
9 processes, and procedures that were the focus of Concentric’s review. In Section  
10 V, I discuss Concentric’s assessment of the EPU Project, which added  
11 approximately 522 megawatts electric (“MWe”) of capacity for FPL’s customers  
12 across the existing PSL and PTN units, and which drew to a close at the end of  
13 2013. In Section VI, I present Concentric’s review of the New Nuclear Project.  
14 My conclusions are provided in Section VII. Each of those topics is summarized  
15 below.

16 FPL’s four existing nuclear reactors in Florida have provided, and  
17 continue to provide, substantial benefits to Florida customers. Those benefits  
18 include virtually no air emissions, increased fuel diversity, reduced exposure to  
19 fuel price volatility, fuel cost savings, highly reliable base load capacity, and  
20 efficient land use. Additional nuclear capacity that has been enabled through the  
21 EPU Project and that is being developed in the PTN 6 & 7 Project provides  
22 more of those same benefits to Florida.

23 The rule that governs the Commission’s review of FPL’s nuclear projects  
24 calls for an annual prudence determination. The prudence standard encapsulates

1 three main elements. First, prudence relates to the reasonableness of decisions  
 2 and actions, not costs incurred by a utility. Second, the prudence standard  
 3 includes a presumption of prudence with regard to the utility’s actions. Absent  
 4 evidence to the contrary, a utility is assumed to have acted prudently. Third, the  
 5 prudence standard excludes the use of hindsight. Thus, the prudence of a  
 6 utility’s actions must be evaluated on the basis of information that was known or  
 7 could have been known at the time the decision was made.

8 Finally, Concentric has reviewed the processes and procedures that were  
 9 used to manage and implement the EPU and PTN 6 & 7 projects in 2013. That  
 10 review has focused on the Company’s internal controls that are in place to  
 11 provide assurance that the Company meets its strategic, financial, and regulatory  
 12 objectives related to the projects. Our review is premised on a framework  
 13 developed by Concentric when advising potential investors in new nuclear  
 14 development projects and our recent regulatory experience.

15 **Q. What are your conclusions with regard to the costs at issue in this**  
 16 **proceeding?**

17 A. Concentric has concluded that all of the 2013 costs for which FPL is seeking  
 18 recovery have been prudently incurred.

19

20 **Section II: Introduction to the Projects and Benefits of Nuclear Power to Florida**

21 **Q. Please provide a brief introduction to FPL’s EPU Project.**

22 A. FPL recently completed the EPU Project at PSL and PTN. The EPU Project  
 23 modified and upgraded specific components at all four operating units at PSL  
 24 and PTN in order to increase the maximum power level at which the two

1 stations can operate. In total, the EPU Project increased the nuclear generating  
2 capacity of PSL and PTN by 522 MWe for FPL's customers, which is 123 MWe  
3 greater than the original plan of 399 MWe for the EPU Project.

4 **Q. Please generally describe PTN 6 & 7.**

5 A. The PTN 6 & 7 Project remains focused on obtaining the licenses and permits  
6 that will provide FPL and its customers the option to construct two nuclear units  
7 at the existing PTN site. Specifically, through PTN 6 & 7, FPL continues to  
8 create the opportunity to construct approximately 2,200 MWe of new nuclear  
9 capacity. The Company's project management strategy remains focused on  
10 preserving flexibility and maintaining periodic hold points and off-ramps during  
11 which PTN 6 & 7's progress can be delayed for further analysis or progressed to  
12 more advanced stages of development. At each major hold point a decision on  
13 whether to move forward with development will be made based on the project's  
14 ability to achieve a balance of high value to customers and decreased exposure to  
15 risk. Once the project has obtained all relevant permits and its Construction and  
16 Operating License ("COL") from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC"),  
17 the option to construct will last for a period of at least 20 years.

18 **Q. Has nuclear power benefited FPL customers?**

19 A. Yes it has. Nuclear power continues to play a crucial role in FPL's power  
20 generating fleet. The four reactors at FPL's existing PSL and PTN sites have  
21 been in operation for an average of over 37 years. Throughout almost four  
22 decades, these units have provided numerous and substantial benefits to Florida  
23 customers by reliably producing carbon-free energy, enhancing fuel diversity and  
24 insulating customers from commodity price spikes.

1 **Q. Is it prudent to continue the development of additional nuclear capacity in**  
2 **Florida?**

3 A. Yes. It is prudent to continue the development of additional nuclear capacity in  
4 Florida to the degree that the capacity can be developed on an economic basis  
5 over its full life-cycle.

6 **Q. What are the advantages of using nuclear power as a base load energy**  
7 **source?**

8 A. One of the greatest advantages to additional nuclear power is that it has virtually  
9 no carbon dioxide emissions. Unlike alternative, carbon-intensive base load  
10 sources in Florida, nuclear energy does not burn fossil fuels and, therefore, emits  
11 no greenhouse gases (“GHG”). Based on FPL’s 2012 generation data and the  
12 Environmental Protection Agency’s (“EPA”) eGrid tool, the four nuclear units  
13 FPL operates in Florida currently avoid between seven and eight million tons of  
14 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year compared to an average natural gas-fired, combined cycle  
15 generating station.<sup>1</sup> The magnitude of avoided emissions is even greater when  
16 compared to other carbon-based fuels (*e.g.*, oil, coal) assuming each fuel is used  
17 to produce the same amount of energy.

18 In addition to its environmental benefits, nuclear power provides a vital  
19 source of diversification to the electric generation mix. In recent years, Florida  
20 has become increasingly dependent on natural gas as a fuel source for electric  
21 generating facilities. According to the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council’s  
22 2013 Load and Resource Plan, natural gas generated more net energy for load in  
23 2012 than all other fuels combined in Florida. By 2022, natural gas generation  
24 could approach 58.8%.<sup>2</sup> In order to mitigate the incremental dependence on

1 natural gas, utilities in the state should continue to develop alternatively-fueled  
2 facilities. This will help limit the state's exposure to natural gas price spikes and  
3 potential supply disruptions.

4 **Q. How does the current price of natural gas compare with recent trends in**  
5 **natural gas prices?**

6 A. Although the price of natural gas is currently on the low end of what we have  
7 observed in recent years, it is naturally subject to price changes. From 2002-2008  
8 spot natural gas prices at Henry Hub rose from approximately \$2.50 to over  
9 \$14.00 per million British Thermal Units ("MMBtu")<sup>3</sup> before falling to current  
10 levels in response to new supply discoveries and advances in technologies used  
11 to recover gas from shale formations. The price of natural gas at the Henry Hub,  
12 a common trading location, fell to approximately \$2 per MMBtu in July 2012 but  
13 has since increased to approximately \$4 per MMBtu. While even the current  
14 wholesale price of natural gas remains below historical levels, it is important to  
15 consider the long-term outlook when evaluating the benefits of resource diversity  
16 over the anticipated 60-year life-span of a nuclear facility.

17 **Q. What factors could affect the market for natural gas?**

18 A. There are a number of factors that could have a significant impact on the market  
19 for natural gas, including the export of natural gas in the form of liquefied  
20 natural gas ("LNG"). There are a number of LNG export facilities at various  
21 stages of permitting and development in North America. These export terminals  
22 are being developed to serve the considerable demand for natural gas from  
23 markets outside the country. If and when the terminals enter service, the volume  
24 of gas flowing through them could significantly affect the domestic market for



1 gas both as a source of home heating and for power generation and industrial  
2 use.

3 It is conceivable that incremental demand from export terminals can be  
4 met by increases in the development of natural gas resources in the shale  
5 formations throughout the United States. However, at this early stage we are  
6 already seeing changes in the flow of gas along major interstate pipelines, which  
7 could affect the regional market for natural gas. Natural gas to serve Florida  
8 currently comes largely from resources in Texas and the Gulf of Mexico, but is  
9 expected to come from resources in the Marcellus Shale in the near future as  
10 additional infrastructure to bring gas resources to the state come online.

11 **Q. How does resource diversity benefit customers in Florida?**

12 A. Resource diversification provides numerous benefits to Florida residents by  
13 mitigating exposure to any single fuel source. This concept, as explained in  
14 modern portfolio theory, is based on the idea that a group of diverse assets may  
15 collectively lower the risks relative to holding any individual asset or type of  
16 asset. Diversification of fuel sources—through added nuclear power and  
17 additional renewables—insulates consumers from commodity price fluctuations  
18 and reduces the risk profile of Florida’s electric generation mix.

19 Diversification through pursuit of the option to construct new base load  
20 alternatives to natural gas is particularly important in the wake of decisions to  
21 permanently retire nuclear facilities and to halt development of new nuclear units  
22 outside of FPL’s system.

23 **Q. Is it appropriate for the Commission to continue to allow recovery of**  
24 **costs, including carrying costs, through the annual NCRC process?**

1 A. Yes. It is appropriate to allow for cost recovery through the annual NCRC  
2 process given the magnitude of the potential benefits of additional nuclear  
3 capacity. The NCRC is important for both the Company and its customers. It  
4 provides FPL's debt and equity investors with some measure of assurance  
5 concerning cost recovery if their investments are used to prudently incur costs.  
6 In addition, by permitting recovery of carrying costs associated with  
7 construction, the NCRC eliminates the effect of compound interest on the total  
8 project costs, which will reduce customer bills when the facilities are fully  
9 implemented.

10 **Q. Are there benefits of nuclear power other than those that quantitatively**  
11 **affect the price of electricity?**

12 A. Yes. One benefit of nuclear generation that is often overlooked is its relatively  
13 small footprint compared to other clean, emissions-free technologies. Nuclear  
14 power plants require less land, and thus limit the degree of forest clearing,  
15 wetlands encroachments, and other environmental impacts associated with siting  
16 a generating facility.

17

18 **Section III: The Prudence Standard**

19 **Q. Please generally describe the prudence standard as you understand it.**

20 A. The prudence standard is captured by three key features. First, prudence relates  
21 to actions and decisions. Costs themselves are neither prudent nor imprudent.  
22 It is the decision or action that must be reviewed and assessed, not simply  
23 whether the costs are above or below expectations. The second feature is a  
24 presumption of prudence, which is often referred to as a rebuttable presumption.

1 The burden of showing that a decision is outside of the reasonable bounds falls,  
2 at least initially, on the party challenging the utility's actions. The final feature is  
3 the total exclusion of hindsight. A utility's decisions must be judged based upon  
4 what was known or knowable at the time the decision was made by the utility.

5 **Q. What test for prudence has been adopted by the Commission?**

6 A. The Commission has prohibited the use of hindsight when reviewing utility  
7 management decisions and has instead chosen to strictly follow the standard I  
8 described above. In 2013, the Commission reaffirmed this approach, referring to  
9 its "longstanding practice" (Order No. PSC-13-0493-FOF-EI):

10 [T]he standard for determining prudence is consideration of what  
11 a reasonable utility manager would have done, in light of the  
12 conditions and circumstances which were known, or should have  
13 been known, at the time the decision was made.

14 As the Commission notes in the Order in last year's NCRC proceeding, this  
15 same standard has been applied consistently since 2007.

16

17 **Section IV: Framework of Internal Controls Review**

18 **Q. What is meant by the term "internal control" and what does it intend to**  
19 **achieve?**

20 A. Internal control is a process used by organizations to provide a reasonable  
21 assurance of the effectiveness of operations, the reliability of financial reporting,  
22 and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Internal controls inform  
23 decision-making by tracking the organization's performance relative to its various  
24 objectives. Internal control is a process that responds to the dynamic nature of  
25 organizations and projects over time. Finally, internal control can provide only  
26 reasonable assurance. Expectations of absolute assurance cannot be achieved.

1 **Q. Please describe the framework Concentric used to review the Company's**  
2 **system of internal control as implemented by the EPU Project and PTN 6**  
3 **& 7 in 2013.**

4 **A.** As in prior years, Concentric focused on six elements of the Company's internal  
5 controls:

- 6 • Defined corporate procedures;
- 7 • Written project execution plans;
- 8 • Involvement of key internal stakeholders;
- 9 • Reporting and oversight requirements;
- 10 • Corrective action mechanisms; and
- 11 • Reliance on a viable technology.

12 Each of these elements was reviewed for the following five processes:

- 13 • Project estimating and budgeting processes;
- 14 • Project schedule development and management processes;
- 15 • Contract management and administration processes;
- 16 • Internal oversight mechanisms; and
- 17 • External oversight mechanisms.

18 Concentric's work in this proceeding is additive to our work reviewing the  
19 projects in prior years. In other words, Concentric's review of the EPU Project's  
20 and PTN 6 & 7's 2013 activities incorporates the information and understanding  
21 of the projects gained during Concentric's reviews of FPL's activities from 2008  
22 through 2013.

1 **Q. Please describe how Concentric performed this review.**

2 A. Concentric’s review was performed over the period from December 2013 to  
3 February 2014. We began by reviewing the Company’s policies, procedures and  
4 instructions with particular emphasis placed on those policies, procedures or  
5 instructions that may have been revised since the time of Concentric’s previous  
6 review. In addition, Concentric reviewed the current project organizational  
7 structures and key project milestones that were achieved in 2013. Concentric  
8 then reviewed other documents and conducted in-person interviews of more  
9 than 20 FPL personnel to make certain the EPU Project’s and PTN 6 & 7’s  
10 policies, procedures and instructions were known by the project teams, were  
11 being implemented by the projects and have resulted in prudent decisions based  
12 on the information that was available at the time of each decision.

13 Concentric’s interviews included representatives from each of the  
14 following functional areas:

- 15 • Project Management;
- 16 • Project Controls;
- 17 • Integrated Supply Chain Management (“ISC”);
- 18 • Employee Concerns Program;
- 19 • Quality Assurance/Quality Control (“QA/QC”);
- 20 • Internal Audit;
- 21 • Transmission;
- 22 • Environmental Services; and
- 23 • Licensing and Permitting.

1 **Q. Please describe why you believe it is important for FPL to have defined**  
2 **corporate procedures in place throughout the development of the projects.**

3 A. Defined corporate procedures are critical to any project development process as  
4 they detail the methodology with which the project will be completed and make  
5 certain that business processes are consistently applied to the project. To be  
6 effective, these procedures should be: (1) documented with sufficient detail to  
7 allow project teams to implement the procedures; (2) clear enough to allow  
8 project teams to easily comprehend the procedures; and (3) revisited and revised  
9 as the project evolves and as lessons are learned. It is also important to assess  
10 whether the procedures are known by the project teams and adopted into the  
11 Company's culture, including a process that allows employees to openly  
12 challenge and seek to improve the existing procedures and to incorporate lessons  
13 learned from other projects into the Company's procedures. Within the EPU  
14 Project and PTN 6 & 7, the Project Controls staff is primarily responsible for  
15 ensuring the Company's corporate procedures are applied consistently by the  
16 various FPL and contractor staff members who are working on the projects.  
17 However, it is acknowledged that this is a shared responsibility held by all project  
18 team members, including the project managers.

19 **Q. Please explain the importance of written project execution plans.**

20 A. Written project execution plans are necessary to prudently develop a project.  
21 These plans lay out the resource needs of the project, the scope of the project,  
22 key project milestones or activities and the objectives of the project. These  
23 documents are critical as they provide a "roadmap" for completing the project as  
24 well as a "yardstick" by which overall performance can be monitored and

1 managed. It is also important for the project sponsor to require its large-value  
2 contract vendors to provide similar execution plans. Such plans allow the project  
3 sponsor to accurately monitor the performance of these vendors and make  
4 certain at an early stage of the project that each vendor's approach to achieving  
5 key project milestones is consistent with the project sponsor's needs. These  
6 project plans must be updated to reflect changes to the project scope and  
7 schedule as warranted by project developments.

8 **Q. Why is it important that key internal stakeholders are involved in the**  
9 **project development process?**

10 A. One of the most challenging aspects of prudently developing a large project is  
11 the ability to balance the needs of all stakeholders, including various Company  
12 representatives and the Company's customers. This balance is necessary to make  
13 certain that the maximum value of the project is realized. By including these  
14 stakeholders in a transparent project development process and by continuing to  
15 engage stakeholders throughout the execution of the project, key project  
16 sponsors will be better positioned to deliver on high-value projects.

17 **Q. Why is it important to have established reporting and oversight**  
18 **requirements?**

19 A. Effective internal and external communications enable an organization to meet  
20 its key objectives, and allow employees to effectively discharge their  
21 responsibilities. By having an established reporting structure and periodic  
22 reporting requirements, the project sponsor's senior management will be well-  
23 informed of the status of the project's various activities. Reporting requirements  
24 give senior management the information it needs to use its background and

1 previous experience to prudently direct the many facets of the project. In  
2 addition, established reporting requirements ensure that senior management is  
3 fully aware of the activities of the respective project teams so management can  
4 effectively control the overall project risks. In the case of the EPU Project and  
5 PTN 6 & 7, this level of project administration by senior management is prudent  
6 considering the large expenditures required to complete the projects and the  
7 potential impact of the projects on the Company overall.

8 In order to be considered robust, these reporting requirements should be  
9 frequent and periodic (*i.e.*, established daily, weekly and monthly reporting  
10 requirements) and should include varying levels of detail based on the frequency  
11 of the report. The need for timely and effective project reporting is well  
12 recognized in the industry. A field guide for construction managers notes:

13 Cost and time control information must be timely with little delay  
14 between field work and management review of performance.  
15 This timely information gives the project manager a chance to  
16 evaluate alternatives and take corrective action while an  
17 opportunity still exists to rectify the problem areas.<sup>4</sup>

18 **Q. What is the purpose of corrective action mechanisms and why are they**  
19 **important to ensure the Company is prudently incurring costs?**

20 A. A corrective action mechanism is a defined process whereby a learning culture is  
21 implemented and nurtured throughout an organization to help eliminate  
22 concerns that can interfere with the successful completion of the project.  
23 Corrective action mechanisms help identify the root cause of issues, such as an  
24 activity that is trending behind schedule, and provide the opportunity to adopt  
25 mechanisms that mitigate and correct the negative impact from these issues. A  
26 robust corrective action mechanism assigns responsibility for implementing the



1 corrective actions and a means by which these activities are managed. In  
2 addition, a corrective action mechanism educates the project team in such a  
3 manner as to ensure project risks are prudently managed in the future.

4 **Q. Are there any other elements of the Company's internal controls included**  
5 **in your review?**

6 A. No. There were no other elements of the Company's internal controls included  
7 in my review.

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9 **Section V: EPU Project Activities in 2013**

10 **Q. How is this section of your testimony organized?**

11 A. This section describes my review of the five key processes (*i.e.*, project estimating  
12 and budgeting, project schedule development and management, contract  
13 management and administration, internal oversight mechanisms, and external  
14 oversight mechanisms), described above, as they related to the EPU Project in  
15 2013.

16 **Q. As a preliminary matter, what did your review lead you to conclude with**  
17 **regard to the prudence of FPL's actions in 2013 as they related to the EPU**  
18 **Project?**

19 A. FPL's decision making and management actions as they related to the costs for  
20 which FPL is seeking recovery for the EPU Project in 2013 were prudent, and it  
21 is thus my opinion that FPL's 2013 expenditures on the EPU Project were  
22 prudently incurred. The Company's decisions and actions in 2013 included  
23 management of the final EPU implementation outage at PTN Unit 4, which  
24 included incorporation of lessons learned from earlier outages, and execution of

1 the necessary closeout activities at PSL and PTN to ensure the continued safe  
2 and reliable operation of FPL's nuclear facilities. The result of FPL's oversight  
3 of the EPU Project in 2013 was that all activities necessary to close out the  
4 project were performed, and the EPU Project was completed.<sup>5</sup>

5 **Q. What period of time did your review of the EPU Project encompass?**

6 A. Concentric's review of the EPU Project was for the period January 1, 2013  
7 through December 31, 2013. Concentric's review of this time period relied upon  
8 data that was provided to Concentric in the period from December 2013 to  
9 February 2014.

10 **Q. What were the main phases of the EPU Project, and in which phase was**  
11 **FPL in 2013?**

12 A. The EPU Project consisted of four overlapping phases: (1) the Engineering  
13 Analysis Phase; (2) the Long Lead Equipment Procurement Phase; (3) the  
14 Engineering Design Modification Phase; and (4) the Implementation Phase.  
15 Following the implementation of nuclear upgrades, nuclear plant operators must  
16 also undertake activities to close out construction projects before those projects  
17 can be considered completed and to ensure continued safe operations.

18 The Engineering Analysis, Long Lead Equipment Procurement, and the  
19 Engineering Design Modification Phases were completed prior to 2013. In the  
20 Implementation Phase, the final EPU implementation outage at PTN Unit 4,  
21 which began in 2012, was completed. In addition, FPL performed the closeout  
22 activities necessary to complete the EPU Project. The activities undertaken in  
23 2013 are further described in the testimony of FPL Witness Jones.

1 **Q. As of the end of 2013, what activities remain in the EPU Project?**

2 A. No activities remain in the EPU Project as of the end of 2013. The majority of  
3 closeout activities at PSL and PTN were completed in 2013 while the remaining  
4 activities were transferred from the EPU Project organization to the respective  
5 plant organizations for completion in 2014.

6 **Q. How was the EPU Project organized in 2013?**

7 A. At the beginning of 2013, there remained in place much of the same EPU  
8 organizational structure at PTN as the Company had in 2012 in order to oversee  
9 the final implementation outage at that plant. That structure included an EPU  
10 Site Director at PTN to oversee construction, project controls, licensing,  
11 procurement, and other critical functions, as well as an EPU Implementation  
12 Owner at FPL's headquarters in Juno Beach. In addition to the Implementation  
13 Owner, there remained a centralized core project management team in Juno  
14 Beach providing oversight of the EPU Project from FPL's headquarters, as well  
15 as a Quality Assurance ("QA") Manager, whose function necessarily acted  
16 separately from the core team to maintain independence when assessing the EPU  
17 Project. After the completion of the PTN outage, project staffing began to ramp  
18 down according to FPL's staffing plan.

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20 *Project Estimating and Budgeting Processes*

21 **Q. Please describe the mechanisms utilized to track the project's budgets and  
22 cost estimate in 2013.**

23 A. Several budget and cost reporting mechanisms continued to be used in 2013 to  
24 ensure that key decisions related to the EPU Project were prudent and made at

1 the appropriate level of FPL's management structure. Those reporting  
2 mechanisms included presentations and status calls as well as periodic reports  
3 that allowed the Company to leverage the experience of its executive team.  
4 Those reports included the Monthly Operating Performance Report that  
5 categorized the overall performance of the EPU Project as either on budget,  
6 budget-challenged, or out of budget. Each site also continued to produce  
7 monthly cash flow reports in 2013 that contained monthly actual capital  
8 expenditures as compared to the budget, and explanations of any increases or  
9 decreases. Those reports were reviewed and discussed during formal project  
10 management meetings.

11 As the Implementation Phase of the EPU Project was completed, certain  
12 meetings and reports were no longer necessary, and thus were no longer  
13 undertaken by FPL, while other meetings and reports were added to track  
14 closeout activities to completion. A list of the EPU Project's periodic meetings  
15 can be found in Exhibit JJR-3, and a list of the reports used to monitor the EPU  
16 Project's cost performance can be found in the testimony of FPL Witness Jones  
17 as Exhibit TOJ-14.

18 **Q. In 2013, how did the EPU Project track and identify risks to the project's**  
19 **budgets and cost estimate?**

20 A. Through the end of the Implementation Phase, the EPU Project continued to  
21 use a risk matrix, referred to as the "Risk Register," to track challenges to the  
22 current budgets and cost estimate and to provide a brief explanation of the  
23 reasons for the challenges. According to EPPI-340, "EPU Project Risk  
24 Management Program," the risk identification process covered identification,

1 assessment and analysis, handling strategy, risk management, categorization,  
2 reporting, and mitigation. The Company defined risks as issues that affect  
3 nuclear quality, environment, project cost, schedule, safety, security, legal, plant  
4 operations, regulatory, and reputation.

5 **Q. What steps did FPL take to control the costs of the EPU Project in 2013?**

6 A. FPL continued to work closely with its vendors to focus them on productivity,  
7 safety, and performance. The Company also monitored its EPU Project closeout  
8 activities to keep those activities on budget. In addition, in 2012, the Company  
9 had sought and obtained concessions from vendors that worked on the EPU  
10 Project, including reductions in labor rates and daily living allowances, as well as  
11 the elimination of the EPC vendor's (*i.e.*, Bechtel's) incentive fee. Those  
12 negotiations resulted in additional concessions by the vendors in 2013. Lastly,  
13 FPL incorporated lessons learned both in 2013 and throughout the EPU Project  
14 to improve the project as it progressed, and to prevent recurrence of emergent  
15 issues. In 2013, that incorporation of lessons learned was evidenced by the  
16 reduced cost and schedule that was required to complete the final PTN Unit 4  
17 implementation outage as compared to the final PTN Unit 3 implementation  
18 outage, following similar results at PSL Units 1 and 2.

19 **Q. Did Concentric review the process by which the EPU Project team made  
20 certain that each plant modification or component replacement is  
21 necessary for the completion of the EPU Project?**

22 A. Yes, Concentric reviewed the process by which FPL made certain that the costs  
23 being charged to the EPU Project in 2013 were separate and apart from the  
24 normal maintenance and operations of PSL and PTN, and, therefore eligible for

1 recovery under the NCRC. That process was previously reviewed and approved  
2 by the Commission.<sup>6</sup>

3 **Q. Did the EPU Project perform an analysis of its cost effectiveness in 2013?**

4 A. No. While FPL performed a review and update to its cost estimate in 2013 in  
5 adherence with FPL procedure EPPI-302, “Nonbinding Cost Estimate Range,”  
6 no further feasibility analysis was necessary due to the completion of the project.  
7 In terms of the nonbinding costs estimate, FPL updated its cost estimate for  
8 direct EPU Project costs from a range of \$2.96 billion to \$3.15 billion to a point  
9 estimate of approximately \$3.40 billion, which reflected changes based on the  
10 final EPU implementation outages.

11 **Q. What is your conclusion with regard to the EPU Project’s processes used  
12 to track cost performance in 2013?**

13 A. My conclusion is that the EPU Project continued to use a robust set of policies  
14 and procedures to track and control cost performance, and that those policies  
15 and procedures were appropriate for the final year of implementation and  
16 closeout.

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18 *Project Schedule Development and Management Process*

19 **Q. How did the EPU Project team monitor its schedule performance in 2013?**

20 A. In 2013, the EPU Project team continued to utilize daily, weekly, bi-weekly,  
21 monthly, and quarterly conference calls and meetings. Presentations and reports  
22 were developed to facilitate many of these conference calls and meetings.  
23 Exhibit JJR-3 provides a listing of the meetings used in 2013 to monitor the EPU  
24 Project’s schedule performance, and a list of the reports used to monitor the

1 EPU Project's schedule performance can be found in the testimony of FPL  
2 Witness Jones as Exhibit TOJ-14.

3 **Q. With the EPU Project moving into the closeout stage, what reports did**  
4 **FPL use to track closeout activities?**

5 A. FPL developed closeout plans for both sites that provided a roadmap for  
6 closeout activities. Those plans described the "end state" that the Company  
7 sought to achieve with regard to each site, along with the necessary activities to  
8 reach that goal. Importantly, the closeout plans included lessons learned from  
9 NextEra's nuclear fleet, along with PTN and PSL's response to those lessons.

10 With the completion of the implementation outages, FPL also continued  
11 to use a project closeout dashboard report and closeout metrics package that it  
12 created in 2012 to track project closeout activities such as engineering change  
13 package closeouts, procedure revisions, training material revisions, and purchase  
14 order and contract closeouts. Those reports were reviewed approximately  
15 weekly.

16 **Q. Did the EPU Project use any other methods to monitor schedule**  
17 **performance in 2013?**

18 A. Yes. FPL continued to use an industry standard software package known as  
19 Primavera P6 Professional Project Management to review the project schedule  
20 based on approved updates on an almost real-time basis.

21 **Q. What status reports did the EPU Project's key vendors provide to the**  
22 **Company?**

23 A. In addition to monitoring the EPU Project team's efforts, the Company also  
24 required that status reports be provided by its key vendors in 2013. Specifically,

1 the vendors were responsible for providing daily, weekly, and monthly progress  
2 reports regarding their schedule. During the final implementation outage at PTN  
3 Unit 4, vendors were required to provide status updates on a daily basis. As  
4 vendors demobilized from the project sites after the Implementation Phase, their  
5 reporting to FPL was no longer necessary.

6 **Q. How did the EPU Project track and identify risks to the project schedule?**

7 A. In 2013, the EPU Project continued to use the same Risk Register, described  
8 earlier, to track challenges to the current schedule and to provide a brief  
9 explanation of the reasons for the challenges. Bechtel, the EPC contractor, also  
10 provided FPL with a “Trend Log” to track risks to the schedule. The Trend Log  
11 was integrated into the Risk Register.

12 **Q. Was the project schedule altered in 2013?**

13 A. No, the overall EPU Project implementation schedule was not altered in 2013.  
14 While the final implementation outage at PTN Unit 4 took approximately five  
15 days longer than originally planned, that outage was 15 percent shorter in  
16 duration than the final PTN Unit 3 outage, and the EPU Project was completed  
17 in 2013 as anticipated.

18 **Q. Please describe Concentric’s observations related to the EPU Project’s  
19 schedule development and management in 2013.**

20 A. Concentric observed that FPL had sufficient systems and procedures in place to  
21 allow for appropriate oversight of the project schedule development and  
22 management process. In addition, the Company appropriately integrated new  
23 reporting mechanisms to track and complete the many closeout activities  
24 necessary to complete the EPU Project.



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Contract Management and Administration Processes

**Q. What was the focus of FPL’s contracting activities in 2013 related to the EPU Project?**

A. In 2013, FPL was focused on working with vendors to complete the final implementation outage at PTN Unit 4 and to perform closeout activities, as well as closing out the contracts it had entered into over the course of the EPU Project.

**Q. In 2013, what processes were used to ensure the EPU Project was prudently managing and administering the Company’s procurement functions?**

A. The procurement function continued to be governed by several well-defined policies and procedures in 2013. Those policies continued to be administered through the ISC organization and included a significant breadth and depth of procurement processes, including a stated preference for competitive bidding wherever possible, the proper means for conducting a comprehensive solicitation, initial contract formation, and administration and close out of the contract.

**Q. Were there cases in 2013 when contracts were executed without first having gone through a competitive bidding process?**

A. Yes. While fewer in number in 2013 than in prior years due to the stage of the EPU Project, certain situations called for the use of single source procurement methods. The reasons for that included the fact that there are very few suppliers qualified to handle the vast amount of proprietary technical information relied

1 upon when operating or working on a nuclear plant. Additionally, single  
2 sourcing is appropriate in certain situations that involve leveraging existing  
3 knowledge or expertise or otherwise capitalizing on synergies.

4 **Q. What process did FPL use to close out its EPU contracts at the**  
5 **completion of the project?**

6 A. The contract close out process involved the collaboration of several FPL  
7 departments, including ISC and Project Controls, to perform the necessary  
8 activities to ensure that all requirements of the contract had been met in order  
9 for ISC to mark the contract as closed and completed in FPL's asset  
10 management system. Those activities included verification of receipt of all  
11 deliverables, completion of work, verification that all invoices had been received  
12 and paid, and resolution of outstanding change requests or claims.

13 **Q. What process was used in 2013 to make certain that the Company and its**  
14 **customers received the full value of the various contracts for services and**  
15 **materials?**

16 A. FPL continued to utilize an invoice review process to make certain that the  
17 Company and its customers received the full value of the goods and services  
18 being procured for the EPU Project. That process required a review of each  
19 invoice by key project team members who worked closely with the vendor on the  
20 goods and services for which payment was requested to make certain that the  
21 costs being billed were correct and appropriate. Each invoice review required  
22 approval by certain senior project team members based upon the individual's  
23 corporate approval authority. That tiered oversight structure, including technical  
24 specialists who were most familiar with the contracted work, ensured that the

1 EPU Project's procured goods and services provided their full value to the  
2 Company and its customers.

3 **Q. Does Concentric have any observations and recommendations related to**  
4 **the processes used to manage the EPU Project's procurement functions in**  
5 **2013?**

6 A. Yes. Overall, Concentric noted that the EPU Project's procurement functions  
7 performed quite well in 2013. FPL continued to apply robust procedures to its  
8 purchasing activities, and worked to close out the significant number of contracts  
9 required for the EPU Project.

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11 *Internal Oversight Mechanisms*

12 **Q. What mechanisms exist for internal oversight and review of the EPU**  
13 **Project?**

14 A. There continued to be several mechanisms used to make certain the EPU Project  
15 received adequate oversight in 2013. First, the Company has in place senior  
16 oversight and management committees, including the Board of Directors, the  
17 Nuclear Committee on the Board of Directors, and the Company's Nuclear  
18 Review Board. FPL also had an On-Site Review Group at PTN during the final  
19 implementation outage. Second, the Company's senior management received a  
20 briefing on the EPU Project on a periodic basis while the Company's Chief  
21 Nuclear Officer ("CNO") received regular briefings, including during the  
22 closeout process.

23 The EPU Project was also subject to an annual review by the FPL  
24 Internal Audit Department, and the FPL QA/QC Department was responsible

1 for making certain that the FPL QA program was being implemented by the  
2 EPU Project team. The FPL Employee Concerns Program (“ECP”) provided  
3 FPL employees and contract workers with the ability to confidentially express  
4 concerns related to the EPU Project.

5 Lastly, FPL transferred operational experience from NextEra’s nuclear  
6 fleet to the EPU Project. That internal transfer of knowledge allowed FPL to  
7 benefit from lessons learned within NextEra that resulted in improved efficiency  
8 in the implementation of the EPU Project and during closeout activities.

9 **Q. Please describe the Internal Audit Department and its functions.**

10 A. The internal audit process was a backstop to make certain the EPU Project  
11 complied with the Company’s internal policies and procedures. The Internal  
12 Audit Department did not report to any of the EPU Project team members in  
13 order to protect the Internal Audit Department’s employees’ independence.  
14 Rather, Internal Audit reported administratively to the Senior Vice President of  
15 Internal Audit and Compliance (who reported directly to the Chairman and CEO  
16 of NextEra Energy), and functionally to the Audit Committee of the Board of  
17 Directors.

18 **Q. Did the Internal Audit Department complete any audits in 2013?**

19 A. Yes. FPL’s Internal Audit Department completed several audits in 2013.  
20 Although I have reviewed these, I will not be discussing them in my testimony  
21 because the Company maintains confidentiality with respect to these audits.

1 **Q. Did those audits result in findings that were adverse to FPL's application**  
2 **of its procedures and management of the EPU Project?**

3 A. No. While Internal Audit typically issues findings and recommendations as part  
4 of its audits, the findings and recommendations did not indicate imprudent  
5 management by FPL, and FPL took steps to address those findings to improve  
6 its oversight of the project. As I described above, Internal Audit acted as a  
7 backstop to the EPU's project controls functions, and its investigations and  
8 findings allowed the project to address issues of human performance and, in  
9 some instances, further improve upon its procedures.

10 **Q. Is Internal Audit conducting a review of the EPU Project costs charged in**  
11 **2013?**

12 A. Yes. Costs incurred by the EPU Project in 2013 were reviewed by the  
13 Company's Internal Audit Department. The Department's final report was  
14 issued in February 2014 with no significant findings. Internal Audit performed a  
15 similar review in 2013, which also had no significant findings.

16 **Q. Please describe the FPL QA/QC function and its purpose.**

17 A. In 2013, the FPL QA/QC employees were responsible for implementing the  
18 Company's QA Program that was mandated by the NRC in 10 CFR 50,  
19 Appendix B. The QA/QC function was separate from the EPU Project and  
20 reported to the Company's CNO through the Director of Nuclear Assurance.  
21 Federal regulations define eighteen criteria for an NRC licensee's QA program.  
22 It was the responsibility of the QA/QC employees to ensure that FPL's QA  
23 program met those criteria.

1 **Q. What QA activities related to the EPU Project took place in 2013?**

2 A. The QA/QC function oversaw the completion of the Implementation Phase of  
3 the EPU Project. The QA/QC evaluators were also responsible for reviewing  
4 certain activities by the EPU Project's vendors, both at the EPU Project sites as  
5 well as at certain vendors' manufacturing facilities. Those activities included in-  
6 person reviews of the project vendors' methodologies, qualifications and QA  
7 programs. Finally, the QA/QC evaluators monitored NRC QA activities and  
8 suggested changes to the EPU Project in order to respond to the NRC's findings  
9 at other power uprate projects.

10 **Q. Please describe the FPL ECP and its purpose.**

11 A. The FPL ECP is a confidential process through which employees and  
12 contractors can raise concerns regarding nuclear safety and hostile work  
13 environments, among other issues. ECP has a physical presence at both PSL  
14 and PTN, and ECP coordinators conducted outreach in order to educate  
15 employees and contractors about the existence of the program. ECP personnel  
16 perform investigations of employee concerns as necessary. The ECP does not  
17 advocate on behalf of employees, but rather serves as an impartial reviewer and  
18 investigator of issues in order to bolster a safe work environment.

19 **Q. What internal operational experience did FPL incorporate into the EPU  
20 Project in 2013?**

21 A. In 2013, FPL incorporated operational experience learned from other plants  
22 within NextEra's nuclear fleet in order to effectively perform close out activities  
23 at the facilities. That operational experience was incorporated directly into FPL's  
24 closeout plans for PSL and PTN.

1 **Q. Please provide Concentric’s observations related to the internal oversight**  
2 **and review mechanisms utilized in 2013.**

3 A. FPL had in place the appropriate internal oversight and audit functions to  
4 properly manage and survey the EPU Project, including processes to address  
5 emerging issues and perform closeout activities. Those are important functions  
6 to have within a mega project organization to ensure prudent execution of the  
7 project.

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9 *External Oversight Mechanisms*

10 **Q. What external oversight mechanisms did the Company utilize in 2013 to**  
11 **ensure the EPU Project had adequate internal controls and was prudently**  
12 **incurring costs?**

13 A. As in prior years, there were several external oversight and review mechanisms in  
14 place for the EPU Project. Those oversight and review mechanisms included the  
15 retention of my firm, Concentric, to perform the review described in this  
16 testimony, ongoing contact with the project’s major vendors’ quality oversight  
17 functions, industry contacts, and the FPSC Staff’s financial and internal controls  
18 audits. Additionally, as a publicly-traded company, NextEra Energy must  
19 undergo an annual company-wide audit of its financial and internal controls.

20 **Q. In 2013 did industry contacts provide a form of external oversight and**  
21 **review?**

22 A. Yes. FPL is a member of several industry groups, including the Institute of  
23 Nuclear Power Operations, the World Association of Nuclear Operators, the  
24 Electric Power Research Institute and Nuclear Energy Institute (“NEI”), among

1 others, which provided further guidance about uprate projects. Each of those  
2 groups provided the EPU Project team with access to a wide breadth and depth  
3 of information that was used to enhance the project team's effectiveness.  
4 Additionally, relationships that the EPU Project team members have with their  
5 counterparts at other nuclear power plants around the country allowed the EPU  
6 Project team to benefit from operating and construction experience at other  
7 plants and incorporate that experience into the planning, implementation, and  
8 closeout at PSL and PTN.

9 **Q. Did Concentric have any observations related to external oversight and**  
10 **review of the project in 2013?**

11 A. During its review, Concentric noted that FPL appeared to have taken reasonable  
12 steps to obtain and implement lessons learned from outside sources in 2013.  
13 These lessons learned were vital to the successful execution of the projects.  
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15 **Section VI: PTN 6 & 7 Project Activities in 2013**

16 **Q. How is this section of your testimony organized?**

17 A. This section describes Concentric's review of the five key processes (*i.e.*, project  
18 estimating and budgeting, project schedule development and management,  
19 contract management and administration, internal oversight mechanisms, and  
20 external oversight mechanisms) as they were applied to PTN 6 & 7 in 2013.

21 **Q. As a preliminary matter, what did your review lead you to conclude with**  
22 **regard to the prudence of FPL's actions in 2013 on the PTN 6 & 7 Project?**

23 A. FPL's decision to continue pursuing PTN 6 & 7 in 2013 was prudent and was  
24 expected to be beneficial to customers. In addition, Concentric's review



1 indicates that FPL's management of the PTN 6 & 7 Project over the course of  
2 2013 has resulted in prudently-incurred costs. During 2013, FPL continued its  
3 methodical approach to achieving its licensing goals, which will allow it to  
4 continue to create the option to build new nuclear capacity for the benefit of its  
5 customers.

6 **Q. How was PTN 6 & 7 organized in 2013?**

7 A. Since 2008, few changes have occurred in the PTN 6 & 7 Project organization,  
8 and no changes were made in 2013. The 2013 PTN 6 & 7 organizational  
9 structure is depicted in Exhibit JJR-4. The project continues to be developed  
10 within two separate, but collaborative business units: Project Development and  
11 New Nuclear Projects. While both organizations ultimately report through the  
12 same executive management chain, their objectives are tied to each group's  
13 respective capabilities. That approach allows FPL to ensure the most qualified  
14 group is utilized to accomplish the project's objectives.

15 The Project Development organization was responsible for all aspects of  
16 the project not related to the NRC in 2013, while the New Nuclear Projects  
17 organization remains responsible for submitting and defending the PTN 6 & 7  
18 Construction and Operating License Application ("COLA"). The New Nuclear  
19 Projects organization will also be responsible for the engineering, procurement,  
20 construction, and subsequent start-up of the project if a decision to proceed is  
21 ultimately made.

1 **Q. Were there any changes in executive responsibility for the PTN 6 & 7**  
2 **project in 2013?**

3 A. In March 2013, the New Nuclear Projects and Project Development  
4 organizations were moved from the Engineering and Construction organization  
5 to the Nuclear Division within FPL, which is led by the Company's CNO. This  
6 change was made to reflect the project's current focus on licensing and  
7 development of the option to construct the new units. It is anticipated that the  
8 project will transition back into the Engineering and Construction organization if  
9 and when a decision is made to move beyond the licensing phase of the project.

10 **Q. In 2013, who was responsible for the New Nuclear Projects organization?**

11 A. The CNO was supported directly by a Licensing Director who manages the New  
12 Nuclear Projects organization. The Licensing Director was supported by  
13 multiple Licensing Engineers and Document Control personnel, as well as by a  
14 matrix relationship to other departments within FPL.

15 **Q. Who was responsible for the Project Development organization in 2013?**

16 A. The Project Development organization is led on a day-to-day basis by a Senior  
17 Director of Development who was supported via matrix relationships by a  
18 variety of FPL functional departments.

19 **Q. What internal FPL departments supported the New Nuclear Projects and**  
20 **Project Development organizations in 2013?**

21 A. Both organizations received support from FPL's Juno Environmental Services,  
22 Law Department, and ISC, among others.

1 **Q. Did Concentric have any observations related to the PTN 6 & 7**  
2 **organizational structure in 2013?**

3 A. Yes. Concentric believes the organizational structure appropriately assigned  
4 responsibility to those employees best equipped to respond to the project needs  
5 and properly reflected the project's focus on the licensing and permitting stage  
6 that the project is currently in.

7 **Q. What major milestones were achieved by PTN 6 & 7 in 2013?**

8 A. The main focus of the New Nuclear Project in 2013 was to continue to make  
9 progress with federal and state licensing reviews. To that end, PTN 6 & 7  
10 achieved several important milestones during the year.

11 The project's state Site Certification Application ("SCA") was the subject  
12 of nearly eight weeks of hearings beginning in July, and extending into October.  
13 In early December 2013, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") hearing the case  
14 issued a recommended order, stating that the Siting Board should grant final  
15 certification to FPL for PTN 6 & 7 and approve its proposed eastern and western  
16 transmission lines (*i.e.*, the East Preferred Corridor and West Consensus  
17 Corridor/MDLPA #2). A final order is expected from the Siting Board in  
18 March 2014.

19 At the federal level the project continued to respond to Requests for  
20 Additional Information ("RAIs") from the NRC as that agency's staff reviews  
21 the PTN 6 & 7 COLA. FPL provided responses to the NRC's RAIs regarding  
22 seismic issues, geotechnical engineering, and the alternate site analysis. The  
23 Company also participated in a series of public meetings between April and  
24 November 2013 to discuss the NRC's concerns.

1           In addition, the PTN 6 & 7 project received zoning approval for plant  
2 structures from Miami-Dade County in January 2013.

3 **Q.   Were there changes in 2013 that affect expectations for the timing of future**  
4 **regulatory approvals?**

5 A.   Yes. The project expected to receive an updated licensing review schedule in  
6 2013, but the NRC has not yet issued a revision. Because of the shutdown of the  
7 federal government in the fall of 2013, expectations with respect to the waste  
8 confidence rule, which I discuss in greater detail below, have been extended by at  
9 least one month.

10           In addition, delays with respect to the SCA have resulted in the Site  
11 Certification Board Meeting being moved to March 2014 from December 2013.

12 **Q.   Do challenges facing the NRC affect the PTN 6 & 7 Project?**

13 A.   Yes. The NRC was presented with two significant challenges in 2011 that I have  
14 discussed in prior years and that continue to affect the nuclear industry. In  
15 March 2011, the earthquake near Japan's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Generating  
16 Station prompted the NRC to shift considerable personnel resources to an  
17 emergency task force assigned with ensuring that both existing and proposed  
18 U.S. nuclear facilities are adequately protected from similar seismic events. An  
19 earthquake that struck Virginia only months later caused additional reassignment  
20 of NRC engineering staff members to an assessment of that incident. As a result  
21 of these emergent priorities, members of the teams assigned to review licensing  
22 applications for new nuclear projects were tasked with other assignments,  
23 delaying technical reviews of new nuclear licensing applications. The PTN 6 & 7  
24 Project is not alone in having been affected by those staffing challenges. Exelon,

1 Tennessee Valley Authority, PSEG, and other projects have also received revised  
2 review schedules.

3 In June 2012, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of  
4 Columbia Circuit overturned the NRC's 2010 update to its waste confidence  
5 rule. That update determined that spent fuel could be safely stored at power  
6 plants for 60 years beyond their operation. According to the Court, the NRC  
7 issued a flawed decision as it had not conducted sufficient environmental studies  
8 before approving the revisions. In response to the Court's decision, the NRC  
9 issued an order on August 7, 2012 stating it would wait before approving licenses  
10 for new nuclear plants or renewing licenses of existing facilities until the issue of  
11 how to store radioactive waste is resolved. Though no final decisions will be  
12 made regarding approvals, the underlying process for licensing new and existing  
13 plants continue to progress.

14 In September 2013, the NRC completed the draft generic environmental  
15 impact statement ("GEIS") in support of the proposed waste confidence  
16 rulemaking and submitted it to the EPA. It released the draft to the public for a  
17 comment period intended to last 75 days. However, the federal government  
18 shutdown in October 2013 forced the NRC to furlough 3,600 of its 3,900  
19 employees. While essential personnel remained available for safety inspections  
20 and emergencies, the NRC suspended all nonemergency reactor-licensing,  
21 including postponing several public meetings concerning the draft GEIS. The  
22 comment period was subsequently extended from its initial close date of  
23 November 27, 2013 to December 20, 2013. The NRC currently expects to  
24 deliver the final GEIS and rule by October 2014.

1 **Q. Please describe what decisions related to PTN 6 & 7 were made in 2013.**

2 A. Key decisions made in 2013 involved the state and federal licensing efforts. In  
3 order to support the geotechnical documentation of features of the PTN 6 & 7  
4 in responses to the NRC's RAIs, FPL engaged Rizzo and Associates ("Rizzo"), a  
5 highly-respected geotechnical engineering firm. FPL engaged Rizzo because of  
6 the vendor's significant contributions to the geotechnical analyses that have been  
7 conducted at other new nuclear development sites.

8 On the state level, FPL made a number of key decisions regarding  
9 stipulation agreements with stakeholders in the SCA process. By working closely  
10 with other parties, FPL was able to reach agreements that limited the scope of  
11 the SCA hearings, preventing an even more protracted schedule.

12 As it has in years past, FPL determined in 2013 that continuing to extend  
13 PTN 6 & 7's reservation agreement with Westinghouse for reactor vessel head  
14 ultra-heavy forgings presented the best value to customers. Constraints with  
15 regard to ultra-heavy forgings have loosened considerably in recent years, and  
16 FPL has continued to maintain flexibility with regard to the agreement by  
17 regularly extending the terms while the Company evaluates the risks and benefits  
18 of maintaining the reservation.

19 Lastly, due to ongoing uncertainty with the timing of the NRC's license  
20 review process for PTN 6 & 7, FPL has made plans to reevaluate its execution  
21 schedule for the units after the NRC publishes a new review schedule.

1 **Q. Was PTN 6 & 7 deemed feasible by the Company during the period of**  
2 **your review?**

3 A. Yes. In the second fiscal quarter of 2013, the Company performed a feasibility  
4 analysis regarding PTN 6 & 7, concluding that the project continued to be  
5 feasible in five of the seven scenarios of fuel and environmental compliance  
6 costs considered. FPL revisits its feasibility analysis on an annual basis in  
7 accordance with NCRC requirements.

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9 *Project Estimating and Budgeting Processes*

10 **Q. Please describe how the project budgets were developed for PTN 6 & 7 in**  
11 **2013.**

12 A. As in prior years, the PTN 6 & 7 budgets were developed based on feedback  
13 from each department supporting the New Nuclear Project. Those budgets  
14 included a bottom-up analysis that assessed the resource needs of each  
15 department during the year. A 15% contingency adjustment was applied to each  
16 request for undefined scope or project uncertainties that could not be predicted  
17 at the beginning of the year.

18 **Q. Was the process used by PTN 6 & 7 to develop its budgets consistent with**  
19 **the Company's policies and procedures?**

20 A. Yes, the process utilized by PTN 6 & 7 to develop its 2013 budgets was  
21 consistent with FPL's corporate procedures, which outline the process to be  
22 used by each business unit when developing annual budgets.

23 No changes were made to the procedures that govern the development  
24 of project budgets during 2013.

1 **Q. What mechanisms did the PTN 6 & 7 Project team use to monitor budget**  
2 **performance in 2013?**

3 A. The PTN 6 & 7 Project team used numerous reports to manage budget  
4 performance. Those reports are more fully described by FPL Witness Scroggs in  
5 Exhibit SDS-4. Throughout the year, on a monthly basis, the PTN 6 & 7 Project  
6 Management team received several reports detailing budget variances by  
7 department, with explanations of the variances. Those reports included a  
8 description of all costs expended in the current month and quarter as well as  
9 year-to-date and total cumulative spending. In addition, the PTN 6 & 7 Project  
10 team published quarterly “Due Diligence” reports for the Company’s senior  
11 executives. Further, project management presented a status update to FPL’s  
12 senior management on a monthly basis. Those presentations included a  
13 description and explanation of any budget variances or significant project  
14 challenges.

15 **Q. Are those reporting mechanisms consistent with the PTN 6 & 7 Project**  
16 **Execution Plan?**

17 A. Yes. Reporting mechanisms in place throughout 2013 were consistent with the  
18 PTN 6 & 7 Project Execution Plan, which was last revised in March 2010.

19 **Q. Within the PTN 6 & 7 Project team, who was responsible for tracking and**  
20 **reporting project expenditures?**

21 A. Responsibility for tracking and reporting project expenditures was held by the  
22 PTN 6 & 7 Project Controls Manager, who worked with a Senior Financial  
23 Analyst to review and approve significant vendor invoices, and to track the  
24 project’s expenditures relative to PTN 6 & 7’s annual budget. The processes in



1 place for approving invoices and tracking project expenditures are contained in  
2 formal procedures used by the PTN 6 & 7 Project team. These procedures are  
3 reviewed regularly, and are updated as changes become necessary.

4 **Q. Did Concentric have observations related to the PTN 6 & 7 budget**  
5 **processes?**

6 A. Concentric found that in 2013 the PTN 6 & 7 Project team acted prudently  
7 when developing its annual budget and in tracking its performance relative to the  
8 annual budget. As in years past, the PTN 6 & 7 Project team developed a series  
9 of reports that track budget performance on a cumulative and periodic basis,  
10 along with a process for describing variances in actual expenditures relative to  
11 the budget. The PTN 6 & 7 budget processes continue to include a variety of  
12 mechanisms that ensure that the project's management and the Company's  
13 senior management are well informed of the project's performance.

14 **Q. What are your observations regarding the Company's Quarterly Risk**  
15 **Assessments?**

16 A. The Quarterly Risk Assessments, which contain an assessment of key issues in  
17 six areas (*i.e.*, NRC License, Army Corps of Engineers Section 404b and Section  
18 10 Permits, State Site Certification, Underground Injection Control Permit,  
19 Miami Dade County Zoning and Land Use, and Development Agreements),  
20 along with FPL's mitigation strategy, continue to be important tools to assist the  
21 Company in analyzing, monitoring, and mitigating risks. The Quarterly Risk  
22 Assessments also provide the Company with another method of tracking trends  
23 in key issues facing the project, as well as the potential impacts to  
24 implementation, cost, and schedule.

1           The Quarterly Risk Assessments are one of the methods by which FPL's  
2 senior leadership is apprised of the PTN 6 & 7 Project's status. The assessments  
3 are, therefore, very important to clearly communicate all risks and the full suite  
4 of mitigation strategies being considered for the project.

5 **Q. Has FPL developed a cost estimate that is sufficiently detailed for the**  
6 **current phase of the project?**

7 A. Yes. FPL's cost estimate is currently indicative in nature and will need to be  
8 much more definitive before FPL commits to the construction phase of the  
9 project. The Company plans to obtain a more definitive cost estimate as the  
10 project progresses beyond the licensing phase.

11 **Q. Did FPL review its overnight cost estimate for the PTN 6 & 7 Project?**

12 A. Yes. FPL regularly evaluates whether design changes incorporated by  
13 Westinghouse in response to the Fukushima incident or for other reasons are  
14 likely to materially affect FPL's cost estimate for PTN 6 & 7.

15           After conducting a review of cost trends among other AP1000 projects,  
16 FPL determined that no change in its cost estimate is warranted at this time.  
17 Concentric understands that the Company plans to continue monitoring cost  
18 trends among the other utilities pursuing new nuclear units, and FPL will work  
19 with them and its contractors to update cost estimates in the future, as  
20 appropriate.

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1 Project Schedule Development and Management Processes

2 **Q. Please describe how the PTN 6 & 7 Project team produced and managed**  
3 **the PTN 6 & 7 schedule in 2013.**

4 A. The initial PTN 6 & 7 Project schedule was developed earlier in PTN 6 & 7's life  
5 cycle. This schedule continues to be refined and managed using an industry  
6 standard software package developed by Primavera Systems, Inc., which I  
7 described in the context of the EPU Project's schedule development.

8 As I discussed above, state and federal review schedules continue to  
9 evolve. When a revised schedule from the NRC becomes available, FPL will  
10 evaluate the effect that any schedule adjustments may have on the project  
11 timeline, including the assessment of whether early construction phases can be  
12 further condensed to capture lost time from extended regulatory reviews.

13 The PTN 6 & 7 project schedule is currently managed by the New  
14 Nuclear Projects and Project Development organization leaders. If and when  
15 the project moves beyond the licensing phase, responsibility for the PTN 6 & 7  
16 schedule will transition to the Project Controls organization.

17 **Q. What procedures or project instructions existed in 2013 to govern the**  
18 **development and refinement of the PTN 6 & 7 schedule?**

19 A. New Nuclear Project - Project Instruction 100 continues to govern the  
20 development, refinement and configuration of the project schedule. No  
21 substantive changes were made to this project instruction in 2013, although the  
22 Company expects to revisit this document in 2014.

1 **Q. What mechanisms were in place to ensure that the PTN 6 & 7 Project**  
2 **team prudently managed its schedule performance?**

3 A. The PTN 6 & 7 Project team proactively monitored and managed its schedule  
4 performance on a weekly and monthly basis. In addition, the PTN 6 & 7 Project  
5 team has incorporated similar reporting requirements into its contracts with key  
6 vendors, such as Bechtel, requiring them to submit monthly progress reports  
7 detailing their progress to date, including any projected delays.

8 **Q. Did Concentric have any observations related to how the PTN 6 & 7**  
9 **Project team managed and reported its schedule performance in 2013?**

10 A. Yes. Concentric believes PTN 6 & 7 has taken appropriate steps to prudently  
11 manage and report on its schedule performance, which include keeping executive  
12 management informed on the project's progress against its schedule plans.

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14 *Contract Management and Administration Processes*

15 **Q. Did PTN 6 & 7 require the use of outside vendors in 2013?**

16 A. Yes. In order to avoid the need to recruit, train and retain the significant number  
17 of employees required to obtain a COL and Site Certification, to complete other  
18 project activities, and to respond to interrogatories from federal, state, and local  
19 agencies, FPL continued to use a number of outside vendors in 2013. Those  
20 vendors were utilized to provide ongoing post-submittal support, among other  
21 tasks. As has been the case in years past, FPL's use of outside vendors and  
22 contractors is consistent with standard practices in the new nuclear industry.

1 **Q. How did the PTN 6 & 7 Project team make certain that it was prudently**  
2 **managing and administering its procurement processes?**

3 A. FPL has a number of corporate procedures related to the procurement function.  
4 In addition, ISC, which has overall responsibility for managing FPL's commercial  
5 interactions with vendors, produced a desktop Procurement Process Manual that  
6 provides more detailed instructions for implementing the corporate procedures,  
7 while also containing nuclear-specific procurement procedures. The corporate  
8 procedures, along with the Procurement Process Manual, are sufficiently detailed  
9 to ensure that ISC prudently manages the procurement activities that must take  
10 place to support an endeavor such as PTN 6 & 7. Additionally, those procedures  
11 clearly state a preference for competitive bidding except in instances where no  
12 other supplier can be identified, in cases of emergencies, or when a compelling  
13 business reason not to seek competitive bids exists.

14 **Q. Were any procedures used by the ISC team revised in 2013?**

15 A. In 2013, no changes were made to procedures governing contractor oversight  
16 and management. However, one change was made to procedures related to  
17 contractor selection. The instructions outlining the use of pre-determined  
18 sources were revised to require approval from an ISC Vice President or a higher  
19 level in the project organization.

20 **Q. Did Concentric review examples of how these processes were**  
21 **implemented throughout 2013?**

22 A. Yes. Concentric reviewed information related to new contracts, purchase orders  
23 and change orders issued for the PTN 6 & 7 Project that involved at least  
24 \$100,000. Relative to prior years, PTN 6 & 7 entered into comparatively few

1 new contracts in 2013, executing only four such contracts during the year. Of  
2 these, all four were single-sourced.

3 **Q. What processes were in place to ensure that PTN 6 & 7 received the full**  
4 **value for the goods and services that were procured in 2013 and that**  
5 **appropriate charges were invoiced to the project?**

6 A. In order to ensure that the Company and its customers received the full value of  
7 the goods and services that were procured, the PTN 6 & 7 project directors and  
8 their staffs were responsible for reviewing each invoice received from the major  
9 PTN 6 & 7 Project vendors. To perform that review, the Business Manager's  
10 staff received the invoices from each of the project's vendors. Upon receipt, an  
11 Invoice Review/Verification Form that detailed which technical or functional  
12 representative was responsible for reviewing each section of the invoice was  
13 attached to the invoice. That form and the respective invoice were then sent to  
14 each reviewer to verify that the appropriate charges were included in the invoice  
15 and that the work product met PTN 6 & 7's needs and contractual provisions  
16 prior to payment. When discrepancies were identified, FPL sought a credit on a  
17 future invoice or deducted the amount from the current invoice depending on  
18 discussions with the vendor. Similar processes are utilized by the FPL  
19 departments that support PTN 6 & 7.

20 **Q. Does Concentric have any observations related to FPL's management of**  
21 **the contract management and administration processes?**

22 A. Yes. Concentric found that FPL managed the contract management and  
23 administration process according to its corporate procedures and guidelines in  
24 2013.

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Internal Oversight Mechanisms

**Q. What internal reporting mechanisms were used to inform the Company’s senior management of PTN 6 & 7’s status and key decisions?**

A. As I discuss above, the PTN 6 & 7 Project team continued to use a number of periodic reports in 2013 to inform the project management team and the Company’s executive management of progress with PTN 6 & 7. Those reports are described in greater detail in the direct testimony of FPL Witness Scroggs and are used to make certain that the costs PTN 6 & 7 is incurring are the result of prudent decision-making processes. Those reports included monthly reports that detailed key budget and schedule performance.

**Q. What other internal oversight and review mechanisms exist for the New Nuclear Project?**

A. PTN 6 & 7 is subject to FPL’s corporate procedures, but prior to March 2013 had been developed outside of the FPL Nuclear Division. Therefore, PTN 6 & 7 had not been automatically subject to the Nuclear Division’s policies. To address this condition, and to remain in compliance with the NRC’s QA requirements, the FPL QA/QC department developed a procedure, QI-2-NNP-01, that identifies which FPL Nuclear Division polices are applicable to PTN 6 & 7. QA/QC staff created a regular update schedule to revise and update this procedure in order to adapt to the dynamic nature of the project. As of March 2013 PTN 6 & 7 became a part of the Nuclear Division, and continued to follow the applicable policies identified by Procedure QI-2-NNP-01.

1           Additionally, there were two active internal oversight and review  
2 mechanisms for PTN 6 & 7: the FPL Internal Audit Department and the FPL  
3 QA/QC department.

4 **Q. Please describe the FPL Internal Audit Department and its function.**

5 A. FPL's Internal Audit Department, described earlier in the context of the EPU  
6 project, performs regular audits of PTN 6 & 7, not only focusing on the  
7 eligibility of the costs being recorded to the NCRC for recovery from customers,  
8 but also considering internal controls as part of its procedures, and commenting  
9 to PTN 6 & 7 if it finds areas for improvement. Each year, the FPL Internal  
10 Audit Department performs an audit of PTN 6 & 7 to test whether charges  
11 billed to the project are appropriate and that those charges are being accounted  
12 for correctly. Very often, findings are resolved during the course of the audit,  
13 and any unresolved items are tracked within a database to make sure they are  
14 completed on schedule.

15           Costs incurred by the New Nuclear Project in 2013 are currently being  
16 reviewed by the Company's Internal Audit Department. As of January 2014, a  
17 final report was expected to be issued by Internal Audit in April 2014.

18 **Q. Did the Internal Audit Group have any adverse findings related to PTN 6  
19 & 7 in 2013?**

20 A. No, it did not.

21 **Q. Please describe the FPL QA/QC function and its purpose.**

22 A. The FPL QA/QC function has a similar mandate with regard to PTN 6 & 7 as it  
23 does for the EPU Project, which was discussed earlier in my testimony.



1 **Q. Were any QA/QC issues found in 2013?**

2 A. The QA/QC function performed several surveillance audits of vendors working  
3 on the PTN 6 & 7 project, and produced minor findings in its surveillance of one  
4 vendor in July 2013. These concerns were quickly addressed to the satisfaction  
5 of the QA/QC team.

6 **Q. Does the Company maintain other internal oversight and review  
7 mechanisms for PTN 6 & 7?**

8 A. Yes. The Company maintains other internal oversight mechanisms that are  
9 available to help ensure that PTN 6 & 7 is prudently incurring costs. The first of  
10 those mechanisms is the FPL Corporate Risk Committee. This committee  
11 consists of FPL director-level and other senior employees, and is charged with  
12 ensuring that the project appropriately considers risks when making key project  
13 decisions. That committee is available to the project when necessary as an  
14 additional oversight tool.

15 **Q. Did Concentric have any observations related to PTN 6 & 7's internal  
16 oversight mechanisms?**

17 A. Yes. Concentric has found that FPL's internal oversight mechanisms were  
18 prudently and appropriately applied in 2013.

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20 *External Oversight Mechanisms*

21 **Q. What external review mechanisms were used by the PTN 6 & 7 Project  
22 team in 2013 to ensure the Company is prudently incurring costs?**

23 A. PTN 6 & 7 and FPL have been subject to several external reviews. These  
24 reviews are utilized to make certain industry best practices are incorporated into

1 PTN 6 & 7 and to improve overall project and senior management performance.  
2 These reviews include Concentric's review of the Company's activities and  
3 project controls and the FPSC Staff's financial and internal controls audits.  
4 Those reviews are in addition to NextEra Energy's company-wide audit of its  
5 financial and internal controls, discussed earlier.

6 **Q. Are there other external information sources relied upon by the PTN 6 & 7**  
7 **Project team?**

8 A. Yes. In 2013, FPL maintained membership in several industry groups that relate  
9 to the development of new nuclear projects. Those groups include APOG (the  
10 AP1000 owners group), the Electric Power Research Institute, and NEI, among  
11 others. Each of those groups provides the PTN 6 & 7 Project team with access  
12 to a breadth and depth of information that can be used to enhance the PTN 6 &  
13 7 Project team's effectiveness.

14 **Q. Did Concentric have any observations related to the external oversight**  
15 **mechanisms utilized by FPL in 2013?**

16 A. Based on Concentric's review to date, Concentric believes the PTN 6 & 7  
17 Project team is proactively seeking to incorporate best practices into the  
18 management of PTN 6 & 7. That is being achieved by retaining outside experts  
19 to review and comment on certain aspects of the project and by soliciting  
20 external information sources that can provide useful guidance to the project  
21 team.

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## 23 **Section VII: Conclusions**

24 **Q. Please summarize your conclusions.**

1 A. It is my conclusion that FPL's decision making and management actions as they  
2 related to the costs for which FPL is seeking recovery for the EPU Project and  
3 PTN 6 & 7 in 2013 were prudent, and it is thus my opinion that FPL's 2013  
4 expenditures on the EPU Project and PTN 6 & 7 were prudently incurred.  
5 FPL's decision making and management actions as they related to the EPU  
6 Project in 2013 included: management of the final implementation outage at  
7 PTN Unit 4, incorporation of lessons learned from earlier outages into the  
8 implementation of the final outage, execution of closeout activities at PSL and  
9 PTN, incorporation of lessons learned from NextEra's nuclear fleet into the  
10 closeout phase, demobilization of vendors, and de-staffing of the EPU Project  
11 organization. For PTN 6 & 7, FPL continued its methodical approach to  
12 achieving its licensing goals, which will allow it to continue to create the option  
13 to build new nuclear capacity for the benefit of its customers. As a consequence,  
14 it is my opinion that FPL's 2013 expenditures on the EPU Project and PTN 6 &  
15 7 were prudently incurred.

16 It is important to note that for over three decades nuclear power has  
17 provided a number of substantial benefits to utility customers in Florida. Those  
18 benefits include electric generation with virtually no GHG emissions, fuel cost  
19 savings, fuel diversity, reduced exposure to fuel price volatility and efficient land  
20 use. As a result, it is prudent for FPL to develop additional nuclear capacity for  
21 its customers. FPL has carefully managed the EPU Project, and the Company  
22 continues to develop PTN 6 & 7 through capable project managers and directors  
23 that are guided by detailed company procedures and appropriate management  
24 oversight.

1 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

2 A. Yes, it does.

## 1 Endnotes:

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14 2014 but these activities were transferred from the EPU organization to the  
15 appropriate plant organization.
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JGK-1	Page 1	Line 25, Column (B)	Change "\$104,370,552" to "\$104,340,279"
JGK-1	Page 1	Line 27, Column (B)	Change "\$137,415,613" to "\$137,385,340"

Note that these corrections affect other lines/columns (i.e., subtotals and totals) of this exhibit. The result of these corrections is a \$30,273 decrease in the Total TP 6 & 7 and Uprate Project in (Over)/Under Recovery amount.

<u>EXHIBIT #</u>	<u>PAGE #</u>	<u>LINE #</u>	
JGK-3	Page 1	Line 41(Jan-Dec)	Change "\$1,180,959" to "\$1,181,045"
JGK-3	Page 1	Line 41(Total)	Change "\$14,171,510" to "\$14,172,534"

Note that these corrections affect other lines/columns (i.e., subtotals and totals) on this exhibit. The result of this correction is a \$1,025 increase in Total Base Rate Revenue Requirements including Post In Service Costs and Adjustments.

<u>EXHIBIT #</u>	<u>PAGE #</u>	<u>LINE #</u>	
JGK-2	Page 1	Line 95	Delete footnote (a)

<u>EXHIBIT #</u>	<u>PAGE #</u>	<u>LINE #</u>	
JGK-5	Page 1	Line 7, Column (M)	Change "\$345,072" to "\$344,869"
JGK-5	Page 1	Line 9, Column (M)	Change "\$577,972" to "\$577,632"
JGK-5	Page 1	Line 30, Column (M)	Change "\$1,882,126,106" to "\$1,882,125,564"
JGK-5	Page 1	Line 7, Column (N)	Change "\$11,095" to "\$10,893"
JGK-5	Page 1	Line 9, Column (N)	Change "\$2,544" to "\$2,204"
JGK-5	Page 1	Line 30, Column (N)	Change "\$100,424,526" to "\$100,423,984"

<u>EXHIBIT #</u>	<u>PAGE #</u>	<u>LINE #</u>	
JGK-6	Page 1	Line 8, Column (G)	Change "\$367,860" to "\$525,209"
JGK-6	Page 1	Line 26, Column (G)	Change "\$631,621" to "\$768,715"
JGK-6	Page 1	Line 34, Column (G)	Change "\$63,278" to "\$61,718"

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**  
**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JENNIFER GRANT-KEENE**  
**DOCKET NO. 140009-EI**

**March 3, 2014**

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

A. My name is Jennifer Grant-Keene. My business address is 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, FL 33408.

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

A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL or the Company) as the New Nuclear Accounting Project Manager.

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

A. I am responsible for the accounting related to the new nuclear projects, which include Turkey Point 6 & 7 (TP 6 & 7 or New Nuclear) and the Extended Power Uprate Project at Turkey Point and St. Lucie Nuclear Plants (EPU or Uprate Project). I ensure that the costs expended and projected for these projects are accurately reflected in the Nuclear Cost Recovery Filing Requirements (NFR) Schedules. In addition, I am responsible for ensuring that the Company’s assets associated with these projects are appropriately recorded and reflected in FPL’s financial statements.

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

I graduated from Concordia University, Montreal, Canada with a Bachelor of Arts in 1978 and Rutgers University, New Jersey in 1984 with a Masters of Business Administration degree, with a Concentration in Accounting. That same year, I was

1 employed by Peat Marwick Mitchell & Company, in Short Hills, New Jersey.  
2 Between 1990 and 2000, I lectured in the Accounting Departments of North Carolina  
3 Central University, Durham, North Carolina and Lynn University, Boca Raton,  
4 Florida. Since 2001 and prior to joining FPL, I have held various Corporate  
5 Accounting positions in the state of Florida. In 2009, I joined FPL as an Accounting  
6 Manager responsible for Fossil and Nuclear Fuel Accounting, Storm Accounting and  
7 Reporting and Analysis for the Property Accounting Group. In January 2014, I  
8 assumed the role of New Nuclear Accounting Project Manager. I am a Certified  
9 Public Accountant (CPA) licensed in the State of New Jersey and a member of the  
10 American Institute of CPAs.

11 **Q. Are you sponsoring or co-sponsoring any Exhibits in this case?**

12 A. Yes, I am sponsoring the following Exhibits for the TP 6 & 7 and EPU projects:

- 13 • Exhibit JGK-1, Final True-Up of 2013 Revenue Requirements, details the  
14 components of the 2013 TP 6 & 7 and EPU revenue requirements reflected in the  
15 NFR True-Up (T) Schedules by project, by year and by category of costs being  
16 recovered.
- 17 • Exhibit JGK-2, Turkey Point 6 & 7 2013 Site Selection and Pre-construction Costs  
18 and Uprate 2013 Construction Costs, details the total company costs and  
19 jurisdictional costs by project and by cost category.
- 20 • Exhibit JGK-3, 2013 Base Rate Revenue Requirements, details the 2013 Actual  
21 revenue requirements for the Uprate Project plant modifications placed into service.

- 1           • Exhibit JGK-4, 2013 Incremental Labor Guidelines, flowcharts the process used to  
2           determine incremental payroll costs chargeable to the TP 6 & 7 and EPU projects for  
3           2013.
- 4           • Exhibit JGK-5, St. Lucie and Turkey Point Uprate Project 13 Month Average of  
5           Incremental 2012 Plant Placed into Service, shows the incremental Actual 2012  
6           plant placed into service including 2013 costs.
- 7           • Exhibit JGK-6, St. Lucie and Turkey Point Uprate Project Actual Net Book Value  
8           of Retirements, Removal Cost and Salvage for Plant Placed into Service in 2012,  
9           shows the calculation of the difference between FPL's 2012 Actual Net Book Value  
10          of Retirements, Removal Cost and Salvage updated for 2013 post in service costs  
11          and the amount recovered in base rates in 2013, as filed in Docket No 120244-EI.

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13          Additionally, I sponsor and co-sponsor some of the NFR Schedules included in  
14          exhibits sponsored by FPL Witnesses Scroggs and Jones as described below:

- 15          • Exhibit SDS-1, T-Schedules 2013 Turkey Point 6 & 7 Site Selection and Pre-  
16          construction Costs, consists of the 2013 TP 6 & 7 Site Selection NFR Schedules T-1  
17          and T-3A and the 2013 TP 6 & 7 Pre-construction NFR Schedules T-1 through T-  
18          7B. SDS-1 contains a table of contents which lists the T-Schedules sponsored and  
19          co-sponsored by FPL Witness Scroggs and by me, respectively.
- 20          • Exhibit TOJ-1, 2013 EPU T-Schedules and TOR-Schedules, consist of 2013 T-  
21          Schedules and applicable True-Up to Original (TOR) Schedules, now that the  
22          project is complete. The 2013 T-Schedules, consist of the 2013 Uprate Project T-  
23          Schedules T-1 through T-7B. The TOR-Schedules consist of TOR-6, TOR-6A, and

1 TOR-7. The NFR Schedules contain a table of contents listing the schedules that  
2 are sponsored and co-sponsored by FPL Witness Jones and by me, respectively.

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

4 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present the final true-up calculation of the 2013  
5 revenue requirements. I provide an overview of the components of the revenue  
6 requirements included in FPL's filing and demonstrate that the filing complies with  
7 FPSC Rule No. 25-6.0423, Nuclear or Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Power  
8 Plant Cost Recovery (Nuclear Cost Recovery or NCR) Rule. I also explain how  
9 carrying costs are provided for under the NCR Rule, describe the base rate revenue  
10 requirements included for recovery in the NFR Schedules, and discuss the accounting  
11 controls FPL relies upon to ensure only appropriate costs are charged to the TP 6 & 7  
12 and EPU projects.

13 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

14 A. FPL is requesting the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC or Commission)  
15 approve as prudent its 2013 costs and the resulting overrecovery of revenue  
16 requirements of \$3,366,682 which will reduce the CCRC charge to customers in 2015.  
17 As shown in my Exhibit JGK-1, these revenue requirements are comprised of the  
18 difference between \$137,415,613 Actual revenue requirements versus \$140,782,295  
19 Actual/Estimated revenue requirements. My testimony includes the exhibits and NFR  
20 Schedules needed to support the true-up of the 2013 Actual costs and revenue  
21 requirements.

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1 FPL is complying with the NCR Rule and has in place robust and comprehensive  
2 corporate and overlapping business unit controls for incurring and validating costs and  
3 recording transactions associated with FPL’s TP 6 & 7 and EPU projects. I describe  
4 these controls and outline the documentation, assessment and auditing process for  
5 these overlapping control activities.

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7 **NUCLEAR COST RECOVERY RULE**

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9 **Q. Please describe the Commission’s Nuclear Cost Recovery Rule and the NFR**  
10 **Schedules.**

11 A. The Nuclear Cost Recovery Rule applies to FPL’s TP 6 & 7 and EPU projects. In  
12 compliance with the NCR Rule, FPL is recovering the costs and carrying costs for TP  
13 6 & 7 on an annual basis as the work is being performed for the licensing and  
14 permitting activities described by FPL Witness Scroggs. Only the carrying charges on  
15 the construction balance, recoverable O&M, and the base rate revenue requirements  
16 for the year plant is placed into service is recovered for the EPU Project.

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18 FPL does not recover its capital investment until systems or components are placed  
19 into service, and even then, such base rate recovery does not reimburse FPL  
20 immediately. Rather, the substantial sums FPL expended during construction to  
21 purchase equipment, pay vendors, etc., will be recovered over the lives of the  
22 operating units.

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1 The NFR Schedules provide an overview of nuclear power plant projects and a  
2 roadmap to the detailed project costs. The NFR Schedules consist of T-Schedules,  
3 Actual/Estimated (AE) Schedules, Projected (P) Schedules, and TOR-Schedules. The  
4 T-Schedules provide the final true-up for the prior year.

5 **Q. Please describe the NFR Schedules you are filing in this docket.**

6 A. FPL is filing for the TP 6 & 7 and EPU projects the 2013 T-Schedules, consistent with  
7 the requirements of the NCR Rule, to provide an overview of the financial and  
8 construction aspects of its nuclear power plant projects, outline the categories of costs  
9 represented, and provide the calculation of detailed project revenue requirements.  
10 FPL completed the EPU Project in 2013; therefore FPL is also filing for the EPU  
11 Project the following final TOR-Schedules: TOR-6, TOR-6A, and TOR-7. These  
12 TOR-Schedules follow the format of the T-Schedules, but also detail the actual to date  
13 project cost as follows:

- 14 • TOR-6 – Provides the Actual expenditures through 2013 by major tasks performed  
15 for the EPU Project.
- 16 • TOR-6A – Provides a description of the major tasks performed by construction  
17 category for the year filed.
- 18 • TOR-7 – Reflects initial project milestones in term of costs, budget levels, initiation  
19 dates, and completion dates as well as all revised milestones and reasons for each  
20 revision.

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22 **TP 6 & 7 2013 TRUE-UP**

23 **Site Selection**

1 **Q. Is FPL filing any NFR Schedules related to TP 6 & 7 Site Selection costs?**

2 A. Yes. FPL is filing the NFR Schedules T-1 and T-3A described in FPL Witness  
3 Scroggs's testimony for TP 6 & 7 Site Selection costs.

4 **Q. What are FPL's 2013 Actual TP 6 & 7 Site Selection costs compared to the**  
5 **previous Actual/Estimated costs?**

6 A. FPL's TP 6 & 7 Site Selection costs ceased with the filing of its need petition on  
7 October 16, 2007. All recoveries of Site Selection costs and resulting true-ups have  
8 been reflected in prior Nuclear Cost Recovery filings. Accordingly, the true-up of  
9 costs and resulting revenue requirements each equal zero.

10 **Q. What are FPL's 2013 TP 6 & 7 Site Selection Actual carrying charges compared**  
11 **to the previous Actual/Estimated carrying charges and any resulting**  
12 **over/underrecovery?**

13 A. The calculation of FPL's 2013 Actual TP 6 & 7 Site Selection carrying charges on the  
14 deferred tax asset are \$170,485 as shown in Exhibit SDS-1, NFR Schedule T-3A.  
15 FPL's previous Actual/Estimated carrying costs on the deferred tax asset were  
16 \$170,485. The deferred tax asset is created by the recovery of Site Selection costs and  
17 the payment of income taxes before a deduction for the costs is allowed for income tax  
18 purposes. Since FPL no longer incurs Site Selection costs other than the return on the  
19 deferred tax asset, there is no true-up of 2013 costs needed.

20 **Pre-construction**

21 **Q. Is FPL filing any NFR Schedules related to 2013 TP 6 & 7 Pre-construction**  
22 **costs?**

1 A. Yes. FPL is filing NFR Schedules T-1 through T-7B as described in FPL Witness  
2 Scroggs's testimony for the final true-up of TP 6 & 7 Pre-construction costs.

3 **Q. What revenue requirement amount is FPL requesting to reflect the final true-up**  
4 **of its 2013 TP 6 & 7 Pre-construction costs?**

5 A. FPL is requesting to include in its 2015 Capacity Cost Recovery Clause (CCRC)  
6 charge an overrecovery of \$463,650 in revenue requirements, which represents an  
7 overrecovery of Pre-construction costs of \$539,308, and an underrecovery of carrying  
8 charges of \$75,659 as shown on Exhibit JGK-1 and in the calculations in Exhibit  
9 SDS-1, NFR Schedules T-2 and T-3A. The overrecovery of \$463,650 will reduce the  
10 CCRC charge paid by customers when the CCRC is reset for 2015.

11 **Q. What are FPL's 2013 actual TP 6 & 7 Pre-construction costs compared to 2013**  
12 **Actual/Estimated costs and any resulting over/underrecoveries?**

13 A. FPL's actual TP 6 & 7 Pre-construction costs for the period January through  
14 December 2013 are \$28,728,488, (\$28,209,654 on a jurisdictional basis, net of  
15 participants) as presented in FPL Witness Scroggs's testimony and provided on SDS-  
16 1, NFR Schedule T-6. FPL's Actual/Estimated 2013 Pre-construction costs were  
17 \$29,277,715 (\$28,748,963 on a jurisdictional basis, net of participants). The result is  
18 an overrecovery of Pre-construction revenue requirements of \$539,308.

19 **Q. What are FPL's 2013 actual TP 6 & 7 Pre-construction carrying charges**  
20 **compared to 2013 Actual/Estimated carrying charges and any resulting**  
21 **over/underrecoveries?**

22 A. FPL's 2013 Actual TP 6 & 7 Pre-construction carrying charges are \$4,664,921. FPL's  
23 previous Actual/Estimated carrying charges were \$4,589,263, resulting in an



1 underrecovery of revenue requirements of \$75,659. The calculations of the carrying  
2 charges can be found in Exhibit SDS-1, NFR Schedules T-2 and T-3A.

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4 **EPU PROJECT 2013 TRUE-UP**

5 **Q. Is FPL filing any NFR Schedules related to its 2013 EPU Project costs?**

6 A. Yes, FPL is filing NFR Schedules T-1 through T-7B as described in FPL Witness  
7 Jones's testimony for the final true-up of 2013 EPU Project costs as shown in Exhibit  
8 TOJ-1, as well as the TOR-Schedules summarized above.

9 **Q. What revenue requirement amount is FPL requesting to reflect the final true-up  
10 of its 2013 EPU Project costs?**

11 A. FPL is requesting to include an overrecovery of \$2,903,032 in revenue requirements,  
12 which represents an overrecovery of carrying costs of \$327,823, an underrecovery of  
13 O&M and interest costs of \$987,864, and an overrecovery of base rate revenue  
14 requirements and carrying costs of \$3,563,073, as shown on Exhibit JGK-1.

15 **Q. What are FPL's 2013 Actual EPU Project construction costs used as the basis for  
16 the calculation of carrying charges?**

17 A. FPL's actual 2013 EPU Project Generation and Transmission construction costs, for  
18 the calculation of carrying costs, are \$146,821,183, (total company) as shown on my  
19 Exhibit JGK-2. These construction expenditures are also presented in FPL Witness  
20 Jones's testimony and shown on Exhibit TOJ-1, NFR Schedule T-6. The portion of  
21 this total for which the St. Lucie Unit 2 participants are responsible is deducted from  
22 actual construction costs and the retail jurisdictional separation factor is applied to the

1 remainder. This results in jurisdictional, net of participants, EPU Project Generation  
2 and Transmission construction costs of \$144,081,119.

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4 For the calculation of actual carrying charges, further adjustments are made to present  
5 the construction costs on a cash basis (i.e., excluding accruals and pension and welfare  
6 benefit credits) and results in the construction costs of \$175,307,949 as shown on  
7 Exhibit TOJ-1, NFR Schedule T-3 for the calculation of carrying charges. These  
8 adjustments are necessary in order to comply with the Commission's practice  
9 regarding Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC) accruals.

10 **Q. What are FPL's EPU Project 2013 Actual carrying charges compared to the**  
11 **previous Actual/Estimated carrying charges?**

12 A. The EPU Project actual carrying charges on construction expenditures and on the  
13 deferred tax liability are \$19,867,885, as shown in my Exhibit JGK-1 and detailed in  
14 NFR Schedules T-3 and T-3A in Exhibit TOJ-1. FPL's previous Actual/Estimated  
15 2013 EPU Project carrying charges were \$20,195,708 as filed in Docket No. 130009-  
16 EI. As a result of the final true-up of 2013 carrying charges in this filing, there is an  
17 overrecovery of \$327,823 in 2014. Carrying charges on base rate revenue  
18 requirements are discussed later in my testimony.

19 **Q. What are FPL's EPU Project 2013 Actual recoverable O&M costs compared to**  
20 **its previous Actual/Estimated O&M costs?**

21 A. FPL's EPU Project 2013 actual recoverable O&M costs including interest are  
22 \$10,872,736 (\$10,599,758 jurisdictional, net of participants), the calculation of which  
23 can be found in Exhibit TOJ-1, NFR Schedule T-4. FPL's previous Actual/Estimated

1 2013 EPU Project recoverable O&M including interest was \$9,790,510  
2 (\$9,611,895 jurisdictional, net of participants). As shown in NFR Schedule T-4,  
3 over/underrecoveries of recoverable O&M accrue interest at the AA Financial 30-day  
4 rate posted on the Federal Reserve website. As a result of the final true-up of 2013  
5 EPU Project recoverable O&M including interest, there is an underrecovery of  
6 \$987,864 jurisdictional, net of participants in 2014.

7 **Q. Please describe the calculation of base rate revenue requirements.**

8 A. As described in Order No. PSC-08-0749-FOF-EI in Docket No. 080009-EI, FPL  
9 “shall be allowed to recover through the NCRC associated revenue requirements for a  
10 phase or portion of a system placed into commercial service during a projected  
11 recovery period. The revenue requirement shall be removed from the Nuclear Cost  
12 Recovery Clause (NCRC) at the end of the period. Any difference in recoverable  
13 costs due to timing (projected versus actual placement in service) shall be reconciled  
14 through the true-up provision.”

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16 In accordance with FPL accounting policies, effective in the month each transfer to  
17 Plant In-Service was made, FPL transferred the related costs from Construction Work  
18 in Progress (CWIP) to Plant In-Service. For plant placed into service less than  
19 \$10 million, carrying charges were calculated for half a month and base rate revenue  
20 requirements were calculated for half a month. For plant placed into service greater  
21 than \$10 million, carrying charges and base rate revenue requirements were  
22 calculated to the day the plant was placed into service. Subsequent to the month the  
23 plant was placed into service, carrying charges ceased and the 2013 base rate revenue

1 requirements related to the plant placed into service was included for recovery  
2 through the NCRC. Included in the base rate revenue requirement is any non-  
3 incremental labor related to the EPU Project. FPL's 2013 actual transfers to Plant In-  
4 Service, including non-incremental labor, are shown in Exhibit JGK-3, with details in  
5 Exhibit TOJ-1, Appendix B.

6 **Q. What is the total of 2013 base rate revenue requirements and related plant**  
7 **placed into service?**

8 A. EPU Project actual base rate revenue requirements for plant placed into service in  
9 2013 is \$72,810,925 as shown in Exhibit JGK-1, JGK-3 and calculation details in  
10 Exhibit TOJ-1, Appendix B. FPL's previous Actual/Estimated 2013 base rate revenue  
11 requirements were \$75,864,917. As a result of the true-up of actual 2013 EPU Project  
12 base rate revenue requirements there is an overrecovery of \$3,053,992 as shown on  
13 my Exhibit JGK-1. The actual transfers to Plant In-Service related to these revenue  
14 requirements were \$759,365,907 (\$744,236,151 jurisdictional, net of participants) as  
15 shown in Exhibit TOJ-1, Appendix B. The carrying charges on the  
16 over/underrecoveries of the base rate revenue requirements compared to prior  
17 Actual/Estimated over/underrecoveries are shown in Exhibit TOJ-1, Appendix C.

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19 The rate of return used to calculate the base rate revenue requirements is the rate of  
20 return in the most current monthly earnings surveillance reports filed with the  
21 Commission at the time the EPU Project modifications are placed into service. This is  
22 in accordance with the requirements of the Nuclear Cost Recovery Rule No. 25-  
23 6.0423 Section 8(d).

1 **Q. What are the major components of FPL's actual base rate revenue requirements**  
2 **of \$72,810,925 in 2013 and overrecovery of \$3,053,992 for the EPU Project as**  
3 **shown in Exhibit JGK-1?**

4 A. The 2013 base rate revenue requirements include revenue requirements on 2013 Plant  
5 In-Service in the amount of \$57,311,467 and the 2013 Post in Service Costs related to  
6 2012 Incremental Plant In-Service of \$14,171,510.

7 **Q. Please explain the revenue requirements associated with the 2013 Plant In-**  
8 **Service.**

9 A. FPL's actual transfers to Plant In-Service in 2013 totaled \$701,354,489 (\$688,496,674  
10 jurisdictional, net of participants) and results in \$57,311,467 in revenue requirements  
11 as shown on TOJ-1, Appendix B and in JGK-3. The Actual/Estimated transfers to  
12 Plant In-Service were \$724,180,413 (\$710,917,362 jurisdictional, net of participants)  
13 and resulted in \$59,743,716 in revenue requirements as shown in Appendix B in  
14 Docket No. 130009-EI. The true-up of 2013 plant placed into service in this filing  
15 resulted in an overrecovery of \$2,432,249 on revenue requirements. Appendix B  
16 provides the details of the plant placed into service.

17 **Q. Please explain the 2013 revenue requirements associated with the 2013 Post in**  
18 **Service Costs Related to 2012 Incremental Plant In-Service.**

19 A. FPL included in its 2012 true-up filed in March 2013 in Docket No. 130009-EI,  
20 Actual costs of \$1,999,281,325 for 2012 plant placed into service as shown in my  
21 Exhibit JGK-5, Column E. In FPL's Actual/Estimated filing in Docket No. 130009-  
22 EI, Actual/Estimated 2013 post in service costs of \$20,514,671 (\$18,334,654  
23 jurisdictional, net of participants) related to 2012 Plant In-Service were included, and

1 resulted in total 2012 plant placed in service of \$2,019,795,996 as shown on Exhibit  
2 WP-7 filed in Docket No. 130009-EI. FPL then compared the total Actual/Estimated  
3 2012 Plant In-Service (including A/E 2013 Post in Service costs) of \$2,019,795,996 to  
4 the 2012 Plant In-Service in FPL's 2012 Base Rate Increase of \$1,886,772,814, filed  
5 October 2012 in Docket No. 120244-EI. The difference of \$133,023,182 represented  
6 FPL's Actual/Estimated 2012 Incremental Plant In-Service (including A/E 2013 Post  
7 in Service costs) and resulted in Actual/Estimated Base Rate Revenue Requirements  
8 of \$13,825,845 as shown in Appendix B filed in Docket No. 130009-EI.

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10 In this docket, as shown in my Exhibit JGK-5, FPL again utilized the 2012 Plant In-  
11 Service of \$1,999,281,325 but included \$26,479,025 (\$24,797,592 jurisdictional, net  
12 of participants) of Actual 2013 post in service costs related to 2012 Plant In-Service as  
13 well as an adjustment to salvage of \$502,521 (\$493,487 jurisdictional, net of  
14 participants), for a total of 2012 Plant In-Service including 2013 post in service costs  
15 of \$2,026,262,870. When compared to 2012 Plant In-Service as filed in FPL's 2012  
16 Base Rate Increase, Docket No. 120244-EI, the true-up of 2012 Incremental Plant In-  
17 Service (including Actual 2013 post in service costs) is \$139,490,056 (\$132,263,799  
18 jurisdictional, net of participants). The resulting true-up of Base Rate Revenue  
19 Requirements based on a 13-month average rate base of \$100,424,526 is \$14,171,510  
20 as shown in my Exhibit JGK-5 and Exhibit TOJ-1, Appendix B. This results in an  
21 underrecovery of revenue requirements of \$345,665 as shown in Exhibit TOJ-1,  
22 Appendix B.

1 **Q. What are the carrying charges on the over/underrecovery of base rate revenue**  
2 **requirements?**

3 A. Actual carrying charges of \$1,091,984 are shown in my Exhibit JGK-1 and detailed  
4 in Exhibit TOJ-1, Appendix C. FPL's previous Actual/Estimated carrying charges  
5 were \$1,601,064 as filed in its May 2013 filing, Docket No. 130009-EI. As a result  
6 of the final true-up of 2013 carrying charges in this filing, there is an overrecovery of  
7 \$509,080.

8 **Q. How much has FPL included in its 2013 costs for Net Book Value of Retirements,**  
9 **Removal and Salvage?**

10 A. In 2013 FPL recognized Net Book Value (NBV) of Retirements of \$26,281,522,  
11 Removal Costs of \$7,991,242 and Salvage credits of \$3,059,556, totaling \$31,213,208  
12 as shown in JGK-2.

13 **Q. What accounting and regulatory treatment is provided for costs that would have**  
14 **been incurred regardless of the EPU Project?**

15 A. Costs that would have been incurred regardless of the EPU Project are not included in  
16 FPL's NCRC calculations. Such expenditures that are not "separate and apart" EPU  
17 Project expenditures are accounted for under the normal process for O&M and capital  
18 expenditures. Capital expenditures accrued AFUDC while in CWIP until the system  
19 or component was placed into service. Only costs incurred for activities necessary for  
20 the EPU Project are charged to the EPU Project internal orders and included as  
21 recoverable O&M or as construction costs used in the calculation of carrying charges  
22 in the NFR Schedules. This method ensures that FPL only receives recovery of the  
23 appropriate recoverable O&M or carrying charge return under the Nuclear Cost

1 Recovery Rule. As explained by Witness Jones, FPL employs a rigorous,  
2 engineering-based process to segregate costs that are “separate and apart” from those  
3 that would have been incurred absent the EPU Project, so that only the appropriate  
4 costs are reflected in the NCRC request.

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### ACCOUNTING CONTROLS

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**Q. Please describe the accounting controls FPL relied upon to ensure proper cost recording and reporting for these projects in 2013.**

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A. FPL relied on its comprehensive corporate and overlapping business unit controls for recording and reporting transactions associated with any of its capital projects including the TP 6 & 7 and EPU projects. These comprehensive and overlapping controls included:

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- FPL’s Accounting Policies and Procedures;

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- Financial systems and related controls including FPL’s general ledger (SAP) and construction asset tracking system (PowerPlant);

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- FPL’s annual budgeting and planning process;

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- Reporting and monitoring of plan costs to actual costs incurred; and

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- Business Unit specific controls and processes.

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The project controls are discussed in the 2014 testimonies of FPL Witnesses Scroggs and Jones.

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**Q. Were these controls documented, assessed and audited and/or tested?**

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A. Yes. The FPL corporate accounting policies and procedures were documented and published on the Company’s internal website, Employee Web. In addition, accounting

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1 management provided formal representation as to the continued compliance with those  
2 policies and procedures each year. Sarbanes-Oxley processes were identified,  
3 documented, tested and maintained, including specific processes for planning and  
4 executing capital internal orders, as well as acquiring and developing fixed assets.  
5 Certain key financial processes were tested during the Company's annual test cycle.  
6 The Company's external auditor, Deloitte & Touché, LLP (Deloitte), conducts an  
7 annual audit, which includes assessing the Company's internal controls over financial  
8 reporting and testing of general computer controls.

9 **Q. Describe the responsibilities and accounting controls of the New Nuclear**  
10 **Accounting Project Group in 2013.**

11 A. The primary responsibility of the New Nuclear Accounting Project Group was to  
12 provide financial accounting guidance for the recovery of costs under the Nuclear Cost  
13 Recovery Rule. Additional responsibilities included the preparation and maintenance  
14 of the NFR Schedules and, on a monthly basis, ensuring the costs included in the NFR  
15 Schedules are recorded in the financial records of the Company and reconciled to the  
16 NFR Schedules. The TP 6 & 7 and EPU projects utilized unique internal orders to  
17 capture costs directly related to these projects. After ensuring accurate costs were  
18 recorded, adjustments were made to reflect participants' credits, the jurisdictionalized  
19 costs, and other adjustments required in the NFR Schedules. Monthly journal entries  
20 were prepared to reflect the effects of the recovery of these costs and monthly  
21 reconciliations of the project general ledger accounts were performed. The resulting  
22 NFR Schedules are included in FPL's Nuclear Cost Recovery filings and described in  
23 testimony.

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2 The New Nuclear Accounting Project Group worked closely with the Nuclear  
3 Business Unit, Engineering, Construction & Corporate Services Division (ECCS), and  
4 the Transmission Business Unit to ensure proper accounting for costs related to the  
5 projects.

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7 **TP 6 & 7 SPECIFIC ACCOUNTING CONTROLS**

8 **Q. Describe the role of ECCS related to TP 6 & 7 in 2013.**

9 A. A Project Controls Group reported through the Vice President of ECCS and provided  
10 structural leadership, governance and oversight for the project. On a monthly basis,  
11 the group completed a thorough review of costs ensuring accuracy of the charges  
12 posted to the project. Additionally, Project Controls prepared monthly variance  
13 reports, identifying variances against budgeted information. Team members and  
14 project management reviewed monthly budget variances against the projected  
15 forecast. The Project Controls Group included a Manager of Cost and Performance  
16 with Accounting and Real Estate degrees who had been working in ECCS since 2011.  
17 His previous experience includes over seven years with Deloitte & Touché, LLP  
18 specializing in energy industry auditing. A Director of Construction with 30 years of  
19 experience at FPL and nine years with the Engineering and Construction Department  
20 oversaw the Project Controls Group. Staff with business, finance and accounting  
21 degrees and nuclear and construction experience supported the Project Controls  
22 leadership team.

1 **Q. Describe the ECCS accounting controls which ensured costs were appropriately**  
2 **charged to TP 6 & 7.**

3 A. When a potential goods or services expenditure greater than \$10,000 was identified,  
4 project personnel routed the relevant information detailing the need, justification,  
5 estimated cost and documentation for the request to the Project Controls Group for  
6 review. Upon verification of the documentation and availability of budgeted  
7 resources, the Project Controls Group electronically advised the requestor of the  
8 appropriate internal order and cost element for charging. The requestor then created a  
9 “shopping cart” in the Integrated Supply Chain (ISC) module of SAP, attaching the  
10 aforementioned documentation including the electronic notification from the Project  
11 Controls Group. This information was sent electronically through the shopping cart  
12 system to the ISC agent of the functional area who verified the appropriate  
13 documentation was attached to the shopping cart. Upon verification, a Purchase Order  
14 (PO) was initiated by the ISC agent and forwarded with the attachments to the  
15 applicable Director for review to ensure the expenditure was appropriate and relevant  
16 to the project. If the Director was in agreement with the expenditure, he electronically  
17 approved the PO and a notification was sent to the issuing ISC agent. The ISC agent  
18 then electronically issued to the vendor a PO available for charging, copying the  
19 original requestor, the Project Controls Group and the approving Director. After the  
20 goods were received or services rendered, an invoice was received either by the  
21 functional area or by Project Controls, it was reviewed, and if determined to be  
22 appropriate, approved based on FPL approval authorization amounts. Approved  
23 invoices were then forwarded to the Invoice Processor and upon verification of the

1       approvals and account coding the invoice was entered into the SAP system for  
2       processing and payment to the vendor.

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4       Currently, Bechtel Power Corporation is the vendor with the greatest single proportion  
5       of costs and is handling the Combined Operating License Application (COLA) and  
6       supporting the site certification application. The invoices from this and other vendors,  
7       which can be quite voluminous, were received in hard copy or electronically by the  
8       Project Controls Group. The invoices were routed to the appropriate business unit  
9       contacts to assess, review and approve where appropriate. After the invoice was  
10      reviewed by the functional area, the Project Controls Analyst ensured all parties had  
11      appropriately approved the invoice prior to payment. The invoices were also reviewed  
12      for compliance with the PO and/or contract and differences with vendors were resolved  
13      prior to payment. The remaining invoices related to charges incurred by support  
14      groups such as Transmission and Environmental Services.

15   **Q. Describe the review and reporting performed by ECCS Project Controls related**  
16   **to TP 6 & 7.**

17   A. The Project Controls organization was responsible for preparing, analyzing and clearly  
18   and concisely explaining variances against planned budgets for current month, year-to-  
19   date and year end. Project Controls conferred monthly with team members and project  
20   management to review and understand existing and projected budget variances. Project  
21   Controls provided the resulting expenditures to Accounting for inclusion in the NFR  
22   Schedules.

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1                                   **EPU PROJECT SPECIFIC ACCOUNTING CONTROLS**

2                                   **Nuclear Business Unit Accounting Controls**

3   **Q.    Describe the oversight role of the Nuclear Business Operations (NBO) Group**  
4       **related to the EPU Project in 2013.**

5    A.   The NBO Group was independent of the EPU Project Team and provided oversight of  
6       the costs charged to the EPU Project. The NBO Group was primarily responsible for  
7       the internal order maintenance function, reviewing payroll to ensure only appropriate  
8       payroll was charged to the EPU Project, determining appropriate accounting for costs,  
9       consulting with the Property Accounting Group when necessary, providing accounting  
10      guidance and training to the EPU Project team, assisting with internal and external  
11      audit-related matters, reviewing project projections and producing monthly variance  
12      reports.

13 **Q.    Describe the accounting controls which ensured costs were appropriately**  
14 **incurred and tracked for the EPU Project in 2013.**

15 A.   The NBO Group accounted for the activities necessary to perform the EPU Project at  
16      the four nuclear units, Turkey Point Units 3 and 4 and St. Lucie Units 1 and 2. Costs  
17      associated with the work performed on components defined as property retirement  
18      units were transferred from CWIP to Plant In-Service at the end of each outage or  
19      when they became used and useful. In order to facilitate this process, a separate work  
20      breakdown structure was set up for each unit along with capital internal orders to  
21      capture costs related to each EPU outage. Additional internal orders were set up, as  
22      necessary, to capture costs associated with plant placed into service at times other than  
23      during the outages.

1 **Q. Describe the accounting controls which ensured costs were appropriately**  
2 **charged to the EPU Project.**

3 A. Invoices were routed to the St. Lucie or Turkey Point site Project Controls analyst, as  
4 appropriate. The analyst checked the invoices for accuracy and for agreement to the  
5 PO terms and conditions. Once the invoice had been appropriately verified, the  
6 analyst recorded invoice information on an Invoice Tracking Log. The Invoice  
7 Approval/Route List was then routed for verification of receipt of goods/services and  
8 all required approvals. Before payment could be made on any invoice greater than  
9 \$1 million, the approval of the Vice President, Nuclear Power Uprate was required.  
10 Before payment could be made on any invoice greater than \$5 million, the approval of  
11 the Executive Vice President & Chief Nuclear Officer or his designee was required.  
12 Once all necessary approvals had been obtained, the Project Controls Analyst  
13 processed the invoice for payment in NAMS (Nuclear Asset Management System)  
14 against the respective PO. Extended Power Uprate Project Instruction Number EPPI-  
15 230, *Project Invoice*, detailed the flow of the invoice through the approval, receipt and  
16 payment process at the sites and established responsibilities at each stage of the  
17 process.

18 **Q. Describe the review performed by the EPU Project Controls team and the NBO**  
19 **Group related to the EPU Project.**

20 A. General ledger detail transactions were monitored by the EPU Project Controls team  
21 and NBO to ensure that costs charged to the EPU Project were appropriate and were  
22 accurately classified as capital or O&M. Site cost engineers performed reviews to  
23 ensure invoices were accurately coded to the appropriate internal order. NBO

1 reviewed internal labor costs to ensure that only appropriate payroll was charged to the  
2 EPU Project. In addition, all steps in this process were subject to internal and external  
3 audits and reviews.

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5 The Project Engineers and NBO worked together closely to make sure the costs were  
6 appropriate and were accurately classified as capital or O&M. Construction Leads  
7 performed reviews to ensure invoices were accurately coded to the appropriate internal  
8 order.

9 **Q. Describe the reporting performed by the EPU Project Controls team and the**  
10 **NBO Group related to the EPU Project.**

11 A. The Uprate Project Controls Director, along with the EPU Project Controls team at  
12 each site, recorded schedule changes, project delays, and project costs. The Uprate  
13 Project Controls Director, along with the EPU Project Controls team, supported risk  
14 management and contract administration.

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16 The NBO Group drafted monthly variance reports that compared actual expenditures  
17 incurred to the originally estimated budget and reported year end forecast estimates.  
18 The draft reports were sent to the St. Lucie and Turkey Point EPU Project Controls  
19 team responsible for providing variance explanations and forecast updates to NBO.  
20 The reports were reviewed by the EPU Project Controls supervisors and management  
21 prior to the submission to NBO. NBO reviewed the variance explanations and  
22 forecast numbers for reasonableness and accuracy prior to compilation and inclusion  
23 in the Nuclear Business Unit corporate monthly variance report submitted to the

1 Corporate Budget Group. NBO was also responsible for reviewing numbers reported  
2 to the FPL Executive Steering Committee to ensure consistency with corporate  
3 variance reports and for providing the Accounting Department with project amounts  
4 for inclusion in the NFR Schedules.

#### 5 **Transmission Business Unit Accounting Controls**

6 **Q. Describe the role of the Transmission Business Unit related to the EPU Project.**

7 A. The Transmission Business Unit incurred expenditures related to the EPU Project in  
8 order to perform substation and transmission line engineering, procurement, and  
9 construction on specific internal orders assigned to projects which resulted from  
10 transmission interconnection and integration studies performed by FPL Transmission  
11 Planning. The Transmission Business Unit Cost and Performance team ensured costs  
12 were appropriately incurred and charged to the EPU Project. The Transmission  
13 Business Unit reviewed payroll to ensure only appropriate payroll was charged to the  
14 EPU Project, determined appropriate accounting for costs, consulted with the Property  
15 Accounting Group when necessary, provided accounting guidance and training to the  
16 EPU Project team, assisted with internal and external audit-related matters, reviewed  
17 project projections, and produced monthly variance reports. Transmission related  
18 work for the EPU Project was also accounted for by internal order based on the scope  
19 of work and was placed into service when the respective work was used and useful.

20 **Q. Describe the Transmission Business Unit accounting controls which ensured costs  
21 were appropriately incurred and tracked for the EPU Project.**

22 A. The Transmission Business Unit identified the transmission activities necessary to  
23 support the increased electrical output of the EPU Project. In order to facilitate this



1 process and identify appropriate activities, two separate work breakdown structures  
2 were set up with appropriate sub activities and multiple internal orders. Purchase  
3 Orders were handled by ISC via the shopping cart process. A shopping cart PO  
4 request was routed from the originator to all approvers required based on the dollar  
5 amount of the PO. The PO Requisitioning Group determined the required approvals  
6 based on the business unit's PO approval limits, and routed the request as required.  
7 Once all required approvals were secured, the PO was created.

8 **Q. Describe the Transmission Business Unit accounting controls which ensured costs**  
9 **were appropriately charged to the EPU Project.**

10 A. Invoices were routed to the Transmission Project Controls Administrator  
11 (Administrator). The Administrator checked the invoices for accuracy and for  
12 agreement to the PO terms and conditions. Once the invoice was appropriately  
13 verified, the Administrator recorded invoice information on the Cost Control Tracking  
14 sheet and routed the invoice for all required approvals. Invoices found to contain any  
15 inaccuracies were returned to the requestor for revisions. Any invoice greater than  
16 \$1 million required the approval of the Business Unit Vice President. Any invoice  
17 greater than \$5 million required the approval of the FPL President before payment was  
18 made. Once all necessary approvals were obtained, the Administrator processed the  
19 invoice for payment in SAP against the respective PO.

20 **Q. Describe the additional reviews performed by the Transmission Business Unit**  
21 **related to the EPU Project.**

22 A. The Cost & Performance Analyst updated the Turkey Point and St. Lucie EPU Project  
23 Cost reports on a monthly basis for actual costs incurred. The Turkey Point and St.

1 Lucie EPU Project Cost reports were then reviewed by the assigned Project Managers  
2 and administrators who worked closely together to ensure that all costs were  
3 appropriately charged to the EPU Project and were accurately classified as either  
4 Capital or O&M. Construction Leaders also performed reviews to ensure all invoices  
5 were accurately assigned and coded to the appropriate internal order for the EPU  
6 Project. Any discrepancies identified as a result of these reviews were resolved at this  
7 time. The assigned Project Manager then updated the individual internal order  
8 forecasts, if warranted.

9 **Q. Describe the reporting performed by the Transmission Business Unit related to**  
10 **the EPU Project.**

11 A. The Transmission Cost & Performance Group drafted monthly variance reports that  
12 compare actual expenditures incurred to the originally estimated budget and reported  
13 year end forecast estimates. These Corporate monthly variance reports were reviewed  
14 by the assigned Project Manager for reasonableness and accuracy and the final was  
15 then submitted to the Corporate Budget Group.

#### 17 **ADDITIONAL NEW NUCLEAR AND EPU PROJECT**

#### 18 **ACCOUNTING OVERSIGHT**

19 **Q. Were there any additional controls relied upon for these projects and the related**  
20 **reporting in 2013?**

21 A. Yes. The Company had previously issued specific guidelines for charging costs to the  
22 project internal orders. These guidelines emphasized the need for particular care in  
23 charging only incremental labor to the project internal orders included for Nuclear

1 Cost Recovery and ensured consistent application of the Company's capitalization  
2 policy. These guidelines described the process for the exclusion of non-incremental  
3 labor from current NCRC recovery while providing full capitalization of all  
4 appropriate labor costs through the implementation of separate project capital internal  
5 orders that will be included in future non-NCRC base rate recoveries. Exhibit JGK-4  
6 provides a flowchart depicting this process for 2013.

7 **Q. Did the guidelines for charging costs to the project internal orders change from**  
8 **2012 to 2013?**

9 A. No. However, as a result of FPL's most recent rate case in Docket No. 120015-EI, the  
10 Company reset the basis upon which incremental employee labor is established in  
11 determining which employees are clause-recoverable. Therefore, starting in 2013,  
12 personnel previously determined non-incremental became incremental.

13 **Q. What is the purpose of the annual internal audits conducted by FPL on the TP 6**  
14 **& 7 and EPU projects?**

15 A. The Company continues to undergo annual project related internal audits. The  
16 objective of these audits is to test the propriety of expenses charged to the NCRC to  
17 ensure they are recoverable project expenses and to ensure compliance with the NCR  
18 Rule. Any potential process improvements identified during the audits are  
19 communicated to management to further enhance internal controls. The audit of the  
20 2013 costs related to the TP 6 & 7 Project is currently underway and is expected to be  
21 completed in the second quarter of 2014. The audit of the 2013 costs related to the  
22 EPU Project was issued in February 2014 and found that the EPU Project controls  
23 were good. These audits provide assurance that the internal controls surrounding

1 transactions and processes are well established, maintained and communicated to  
2 employees, and provide additional assurance that the financial and operating  
3 information generated within the Company is accurate and reliable.

4 **Q. Please comment on the overall level of control and oversight of the NCRC**  
5 **process.**

6 A. The ongoing cycles of cost collection, aggregation, analysis and review which lead to  
7 the filing of NFR Schedules provide for a level of detailed review that is  
8 unprecedented. For example, in the preparation of the NFR Schedules, transactional  
9 expenditures are projected by activity and an immediate review of projection to actual,  
10 in many cases at the transactional level, is conducted. The nature of the data  
11 collection and aggregation process, along with the calculation of carrying charges and  
12 construction period interest, provides an increased level of detailed review. The  
13 requirements of the NCR Rule have, by design, significantly increased the review and  
14 transparency of the costs.

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

16 A. Yes.

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**ERRATA SHEET**

**MAY 1, 2014 TESTIMONY OF JENNIFER GRANT-KEENE**

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Page 14	Line 2	Change "\$914,670" to "\$911,804"
Page 14	Line 6	Change "\$425,131" to "\$427,998"
Page 14	Line 11	Insert after O&M "and refund of certain warranty claims"

Page 14	Line 11	Change "\$279" to "\$1,187,084"
Page 14	Line 18	Change "underrecovery" to "overrecovery"
Page 14	Line 19	Change "\$776" to "\$1,186,029"
Page 15	Line 2	Change "\$5,687,438" to "\$5,706,829"
Page 15	Line 4	Change "\$783,511" to "\$796,243"
Page 15	Line 9	Change "\$36,542" to "\$36,672"
Page 15	Line 9	Change "\$83,888" to "\$27,161"
Page 15	Line 10	Change "\$83,888" to "\$27,161"
Page 15	Line 11	Change "\$120,429" to "\$64,101"
Page 15	Line 12	Insert after Salvage "and an overrecovery of \$267 of carrying charges related to the refund of warranty claims"
Page 15	Line 14	Change "\$1,172,676" to "\$879,794"
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Page 16	Line 5	Change "\$228,131" to "\$233,220"
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## MAY 1, 2014 EXHIBITS OF JENNIFER GRANT-KEENE

### EXHIBIT JGK-7

See Revised Exhibit JGK-7, Attached

This revised exhibit reflects the total impact of all errata items on FPL's 2015 revenue requirements, a \$1,428,129 decrease.

### EXHIBIT JGK-8

<u>EXHIBIT #</u>	<u>PAGE #</u>	<u>LINE #</u>	
JGK-8	Page 1	Line 5, Column (E)	Change "\$721,816,831" to "\$721,796,230"
JGK-8	Page 1	Line 5, Column (F)	Change "\$687,219,284" to "\$687,199,671"
JGK-8	Page 1	Line 5, Column (G)	Change "\$6,061,128" to

JGK-8	Page 1	Line 5, Column (H)	Change “(\$6,081,729)” Change “(\$5,770,611)” to “(\$5,790,224)”
JGK-8	Page 1	Line 5, Column (J)	Change “\$679,398,729” to “\$679,379,338”
JGK-8	Page 1	Line 5, Column (K)	Change “(\$5,704,941)” to “(\$5,724,332)”
JGK-8	Page 1	Line 19	Change “(\$777,159)” to “(\$779,959)”
JGK-8	Page 1	Line 24, Column (E)	Change “\$511,780,480” to “\$511,776,630”
JGK-8	Page 1	Line 24, Column (F)	Change “\$502,579,931” to “\$502,576,150”
JGK-8	Page 1	Line 24, Column (G)	Change “(\$18,411)” to “(\$22,261)”
JGK-8	Page 1	Line 24, Column (H)	Change “(\$18,080)” to “(\$21,861)”

Note that these corrections affect other lines/columns (i.e., subtotals and totals) of this exhibit.

#### **EXHIBIT JGK-9**

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JGK-9	Page 1	Line 6, Column (G)	Change “(\$2,628,707)” to “(\$2,930,842)”
JGK-9	Page 1	Insert after Line 33, Internal Order number P00000000761	
JGK-9	Page 1	Insert after Line 35, Internal Order number P00000000763	
JGK-9	Page 1	Line 34, Column (G)	Change “\$707,172” to “\$570,078”
JGK-9	Page 1	Line 62, Total	Change “\$8,875,444” to “\$8,582,562”
JGK-9	Page 1	Line 64, Total	Change “\$1,172,676” to “\$879,794”
JGK-9	Page 1	Line 62, Salvage	Change “\$1,924,218” to “\$1,631,336”

Note that these corrections affect other lines/columns (i.e., subtotals and totals) of this exhibit. The result of these corrections is a \$595,017 decrease in the Total 2012 & 2013 NBV of Retirements, Removal & Salvage.

#### **Exhibit JGK-11**

##### See Attached Exhibit JGK-11 Revised for Errata

The Revised Exhibit JGK-11 reflects the \$1,428,129 decrease to FPL’s requested 2015 revenue requirements.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**  
**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JENNIFER GRANT-KEENE**  
**DOCKET NO. 140009-EI**  
**May 1, 2014**

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

A. My name is Jennifer Grant-Keene. My business address is 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, FL 33408.

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

A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL or the Company) as New Nuclear Accounting Project Manager.

**Q. Have you previously filed testimony in this docket?**

A. Yes.

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

A. The purpose of my testimony is to present the calculation of the \$15,715,991 revenue requirements that FPL is requesting to recover through the Capacity Cost Recovery Clause (CCRC) in 2015. These revenue requirements are summarized in my Exhibit JGK-7 and shown in FPL’s Nuclear Filing Requirement Schedules (NFRs) filed in this docket. Included in these revenue requirements is FPL’s final true-up from the 2013 True-Up (T) Schedules filed in this docket on March 3, 2014. In addition, I provide an overview of the components of the revenue requirements included in FPL’s filing and



1 demonstrate that the filing complies with the Florida Public Service  
2 Commission (FPSC or Commission) Rule No. 25-6.0423, Nuclear or  
3 Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Power Plant Cost Recovery (Nuclear  
4 Cost Recovery Rule or NCR Rule). I also discuss the accounting controls  
5 FPL relies upon to ensure only appropriate costs are charged to the projects.

6 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

7 A. FPL is requesting to recover \$15,715,991 in revenue requirements in 2015.

8 These revenue requirements are based on:

9 (1) The final true-up of 2013 costs resulting in an overrecovery of \$3,366,682;

10 (2) The Actual/Estimated true-up of 2014 costs resulting in an overrecovery of  
11 \$122,012; and

12 (3) Revenue requirements of \$19,204,685 related to the Projection of 2015  
13 costs.

14 FPL's 2014 Actual/Estimated (AE) and 2015 Projected (P) Schedules comply  
15 with the Nuclear Cost Recovery Rule and reflect information subject to the  
16 robust and comprehensive corporate and overlapping business unit controls  
17 for incurring and validating costs and recording transactions associated with  
18 FPL's Turkey Point 6 & 7 (TP 6 & 7 or New Nuclear) and Extended Power  
19 Uprate (EPU or Uprate) Projects.

20 **Q. Are you sponsoring or co-sponsoring any Exhibits in this case?**

21 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following exhibits:

- 22 • Exhibit JGK-7, 2015 Revenue Requirements, summarizes the revenue  
23 requirements requested to be recovered in 2015. These amounts include

1 the results of the 2013 T NFRs filed in this docket on March 3, 2014, the  
2 2014 AE NFRs, and the 2015 P NFRs . The NFRs detail the components  
3 of cost by project, by year and by category of costs being recovered. For  
4 the TP 6 & 7 Project this includes Site Selection and Pre-construction  
5 costs, and carrying costs on unrecovered balances and on the deferred tax  
6 asset/liability. For the EPU Project, this includes carrying costs on  
7 construction costs and on the deferred tax asset/liability as well as interest  
8 on underrecovered O&M costs. In addition, base rate revenue  
9 requirements, including carrying charges for 2012 and 2013 reductions of  
10 plant placed into service, but not yet included in base rates is also  
11 presented.

- 12 • Exhibit JGK-8, St. Lucie and Turkey Point Uprate Project 13 Month  
13 Average of Reduction in 2012 and 2013 Plant Placed into Service as of  
14 December 31, 2013 shows the calculation of the revenue requirements  
15 related to the difference between FPL's Actual 2012 and 2013 Plant  
16 Placed into Service as filed in FPL's March 3, 2014 filing and the amount  
17 currently being recovered in base rates effective January 2, 2014 as filed  
18 in Docket No 130245-EI.
- 19 • Exhibit JGK-9, St. Lucie and Turkey Point Uprate Project, Actual Net  
20 Book Value of Retirements, Removal Cost & Salvage for Plant Placed  
21 into Service in 2013 shows the calculation of the return on the difference  
22 between FPL's 2013 Actual Net Book Value of Retirements, Removal

1 Cost and Salvage and the amount currently being recovered in base rates  
2 effective January 2, 2014 as filed in Docket No 130245-EI.

3 • Exhibit JGK-10, EPU NFR Schedules, includes certain 2014 AE  
4 Schedules, 2015 P Schedules, and 2015 True-Up to Original (TOR)  
5 Schedules. The EPU TOR-2 Schedule included in JGK-10 is co-  
6 sponsored by FPL Witness Jones.

7 • Exhibit JGK-11, Nuclear Cost Recovery Bill Impact, shows the NCRC  
8 component as a portion of a typical residential customer’s overall bill.

9 I additionally sponsor or co-sponsor some of the NFRs included in Exhibits  
10 sponsored by FPL Witness Scroggs as described below.

11 • Exhibit SDS-7, Turkey Point 6 & 7 Site Selection and Pre-construction  
12 NFR Schedules, consists of 2014 AE Schedules, 2015 P Schedules, and  
13 2015 TOR Schedules. The NFRs contain a table of contents listing the  
14 schedules sponsored and co-sponsored by FPL Witness Scroggs and me,  
15 respectively.

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17 **NUCLEAR FILING REQUIREMENT SCHEDULES**

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19 **Q. Please describe the NFRs you are filing with this testimony.**

20 A. For the TP 6 & 7 Project, FPL is filing its 2014 AE, 2015 P, and 2015 TOR  
21 Schedules consistent with the requirements of the NCR Rule to provide an  
22 overview of the financial and construction aspects of its new nuclear power  
23 plant projects, outline the categories of costs represented, and provide the

1 calculation of detailed project revenue requirements. FPL previously filed its  
2 2013 T Schedules on March 3, 2014 in this docket. My testimony refers to  
3 Exhibits that include the 2014 AE Schedules, 2015 P Schedules, and the 2015  
4 TOR Schedules. The 2015 TOR Schedules provide an updated summary of  
5 the cumulative project costs.

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7 The EPU Project was completed in 2013 and no additional construction or  
8 O&M costs will be incurred in 2014. However, FPL will refund or collect any  
9 over/under recoveries resulting from its 2013 and 2014 true-ups in 2015.  
10 Therefore, FPL is filing 2014 AE, 2015 P and 2015 TOR Schedules, to show  
11 the refund/recovery, along with related carrying charges or interest expense on  
12 any over/under recoveries of carrying charges, base rate revenue requirements  
13 or O&M expenses as a result of the 2013 final true-up filed in this docket.

14 **Q. Does the Nuclear Cost Recovery Rule describe the annual filing**  
15 **requirements that a utility must make in support of its current year**  
16 **expenditures for Commission review and approval?**

17 A. Yes. The Nuclear Cost Recovery Rule states:

18 “1. Each year . . . a utility shall submit, for Commission review and approval,  
19 as part of its cost recovery filings: ...

20 b. True-Up and Projections for Current Year. A utility shall submit for  
21 Commission review and approval its actual/estimated true-up of projected pre-  
22 construction expenditures based on a comparison of current year  
23 actual/estimated expenditures and the previously-filed estimated expenditures

1 for such current year and a description of the pre-construction work projected  
2 to be performed during such year; or, once construction begins, its  
3 actual/estimated true-up of projected carrying costs on construction  
4 expenditures based on a comparison of current year actual/estimated carrying  
5 costs on construction expenditures and the previously filed estimated carrying  
6 costs on construction expenditures for such current year and a description of  
7 the construction work projected to be performed during such year.”

8 **Q. Is FPL complying with these requirements with respect to its 2014**  
9 **Actual/Estimated TP 6 & 7 and EPU Project costs?**

10 A. Yes. FPL has included for the TP 6 & 7 Project the 2014 AE Schedules in  
11 Exhibit SDS-7 for Site Selection and Pre-construction costs. FPL has  
12 included for the EPU Project applicable 2014 AE Schedules in Exhibit JGK-  
13 10 necessary for the true-up of base rate revenue requirements, carrying  
14 charges, and interest on net overrecoveries of prior years' costs.

15 **Q. Does the Nuclear Cost Recovery Rule describe the annual filing**  
16 **requirements that a utility must make for the projected year expenditures**  
17 **for Commission review and approval?**

18 A. Yes. The Nuclear Cost Recovery Rule states:  
19 “1. Each year . . . a utility shall submit, for Commission review and approval,  
20 as part of its cost recovery filings: ...  
21 c. Projected Costs for Subsequent Years. A utility shall submit, for  
22 Commission review and approval, its projected pre-construction expenditures  
23 for the subsequent year and a description of the pre-construction work

1 projected to be performed during such year; or, once construction begins, its  
2 projected construction expenditures for the subsequent year and a description  
3 of the construction work projected to be performed during such year.”

4 **Q. Is FPL complying with these requirements with respect to its 2015**  
5 **Projected TP 6 & 7 Project and EPU Project costs?**

6 A. Yes. FPL has included for the TP 6 & 7 Project the 2015 P Schedules in  
7 Exhibit SDS-7 for Site Selection and Pre-construction costs. FPL has  
8 included for the EPU Project applicable 2015 P Schedules in Exhibit JGK-10  
9 to show the refund of net overrecoveries of costs as well as the carrying  
10 charges or interest on the overrecoveries of costs on the final True-up of 2013  
11 costs and on the Actual/Estimated True-up of 2014 costs. My Exhibit JGK-7,  
12 details the true up of 2013 actual costs (as filed on March 3, 2014 in this  
13 docket), and the 2014 Actual/Estimated and 2015 Projected revenue  
14 requirements FPL is filing now and requesting to recover in 2015.

15 **Q. How is FPL providing an update to the original TP 6 & 7 Project and**  
16 **EPU Project costs, respectively?**

17 A. FPL has included for the TP 6 & 7 Project the 2015 TOR Schedules in Exhibit  
18 SDS-7 for Site Selection and Pre-construction costs. FPL has included for the  
19 EPU Project applicable 2015 TOR Schedules in Exhibit JGK-10. The TOR  
20 Schedules follow the format of the T, AE, and P Schedules, but also detail the  
21 actual to date project costs and projected total retail revenue requirements for  
22 the duration of the project based on the best available information prior to this  
23 filing.

- 1           • Schedule TOR-1 - Reflects the jurisdictional amounts used to calculate the  
2           final true-up, Actual/Estimated true-up, projection, deferrals, and  
3           requested recovery amounts for each project included in the NCRC.
- 4           • Schedule TOR-2 - Reports the budgeted and actual costs as compared to  
5           the estimated in-service costs of the power plant as provided in the petition  
6           for need determination or revised estimate if necessary.
- 7           • Schedule TOR-3 - Provides a summary of the actual amounts through  
8           2013 and projected total amounts for the project.
- 9           • Schedule TOR-4 - Provides the annual construction O&M expenditures by  
10          function as reported for all historical years through 2013, for the current  
11          year, and for the projected year.
- 12          • Schedule TOR-6 - Provides the actual expenditures through 2013 and  
13          projected annual expenditures by major tasks performed within Site  
14          Selection and Pre-construction.
- 15          • Schedule TOR-6A - Provides a description of the major tasks performed  
16          within the Site Selection and Pre-construction category for the year filed.
- 17          • Schedule TOR-7 - Reflects initial project milestones in terms of costs,  
18          budget levels, initiation dates, and completion dates as well as all revised  
19          milestones and reasons for each revision.

20   **Q.    What are the sunk costs that FPL is accounting for in the feasibility**  
21   **analysis?**

22   **A.    FPL's sunk costs for the TP 6 & 7 Project are approximately \$228 million as**  
23   **of December 31, 2013.**

1 **Q. Please explain the components of the revenue requirements that FPL is**  
2 **requesting to include for recovery effective January 2, 2015.**

3 A. The total amount FPL is requesting to recover in 2015 is \$15,715,991. This  
4 amount reflects the true-up to 2013 actual costs as filed on March 3, 2014  
5 representing an overrecovery of \$3,366,682, the overrecovery of 2014  
6 Actual/Estimated costs of \$122,012, and the recovery of 2015 Projected costs  
7 of \$19,204,685 as shown on Exhibit JGK-7.

8 **Q. What is the projected 2015 residential customer bill impact based on 2015**  
9 **NCRC revenue requirements?**

10 A. The projected residential customer monthly bill impact for 2015 is \$0.16 per  
11 1,000 kWh. This is a reduction of more than 65% of FPL's currently  
12 authorized nuclear cost recovery amount of \$0.46 per 1,000 kWh. Exhibit  
13 JGK-11 shows the NCRC component in comparison to a typical residential  
14 customer's overall bill.

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16 **TURKEY POINT 6 & 7 PROJECT**

17 **Actual/Estimated Revenue Requirements - 2014**

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19 **Q. What is the revenue requirement amount that FPL is requesting to reflect**  
20 **in the true-up of its 2014 TP 6 & 7 Project costs?**

21 A. FPL is requesting \$1,001,967 in revenue requirements, which represents an  
22 underrecovery of Pre-construction costs of \$2,443,844, and an overrecovery  
23 of carrying costs of \$1,441,877 as shown on Exhibit JGK-7. The



1 overrecovery of carrying costs of \$1,437,032 is attributed to Pre-construction,  
2 while Site Selection accounts for \$4,846. The true-up of 2014 Site Selection  
3 costs pertains to the recovery of carrying costs remaining on the deferred tax  
4 asset for Site Selection as well as a reduction in carrying charges due to the  
5 decrease in the Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC) rate  
6 effective January 1, 2014. FPL Witness Scroggs's Exhibit SDS-7, Schedules  
7 AE-2 and AE-3A, summarize the revenue requirements identified above. This  
8 amount is being requested to be reflected in the CCRC charge paid by  
9 customers when the CCRC is reset in 2015.

10 **Q. What are FPL's 2014 Actual/Estimated TP 6 & 7 Project Pre-**  
11 **construction expenditures compared to costs previously projected and**  
12 **any resulting (over)/under recoveries of costs?**

13 A. FPL's Actual/Estimated TP 6 & 7 Project Pre-construction expenditures for  
14 the period January through December 2014 are \$20,240,628 (\$19,270,470 on  
15 a jurisdictional basis) as presented in FPL Witness Scroggs's testimony and  
16 provided on Exhibit SDS-7, Schedule AE-6. FPL's previous projected 2014  
17 Pre-construction expenditures were \$16,826,626 on a jurisdictional basis. The  
18 result is an underrecovery of Pre-construction revenue requirements of  
19 \$2,443,844.

20 **Q. What are FPL's 2014 actual/estimated TP 6 & 7 Project Pre-construction**  
21 **and Site Selection carrying charges compared to carrying charges**  
22 **previously projected and any resulting (over)/under recoveries of costs?**

1 A. FPL’s 2014 actual/estimated TP 6 & 7 Project Pre-construction carrying  
 2 charges are \$4,886,239. FPL’s previous projected carrying charges were  
 3 \$6,323,270, resulting in an overrecovery of revenue requirements of  
 4 \$1,437,032. The calculations of the carrying charges can be found in Exhibits  
 5 JGK-7 and SDS-7, Schedules AE-2 and AE-3A.

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**Projected Revenue Requirements - 2015**

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9 **Q. What revenue requirement amount is FPL requesting for its 2015**  
 10 **projected TP 6 & 7 Project costs?**

11 A. FPL is requesting recovery of \$19,432,816 in revenue requirements related to  
 12 its projected 2015 TP 6 & 7 Project Site Selection and Pre-construction costs.  
 13 These revenue requirements consist of projected TP 6 & 7 Project Pre-  
 14 construction expenditures of \$13,180,727 (\$12,548,959 on a jurisdictional  
 15 basis) as presented in FPL Witness Scroggs’s testimony and provided in  
 16 Exhibit SDS-7, Schedule P-6, and projected carrying charges of \$6,727,398 as  
 17 shown in Exhibit SDS-7, Schedule P-2 and P-3A. Also included are projected  
 18 TP 6 & 7 Project Site Selection carrying costs of \$156,460 as shown on  
 19 Exhibit JGK-7.

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**TP 6 & 7 Project Summary**

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1 **Q. What is the total amount FPL is requesting to recover in its 2015 NCRC**  
2 **CCRC factor for the TP 6 & 7 Project?**

3 A. FPL is requesting to include \$19,971,133 of revenue requirements in 2015 for  
4 TP 6 & 7 Project of which \$19,819,519 is for Pre-construction costs and  
5 \$151,614 is attributed to carrying costs for Site Selection.

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7 This total amount consists of the true-up of 2013 actual TP 6 & 7 Project Pre-  
8 construction costs and carrying costs of \$463,650 (overrecovery), described in  
9 my March 3, 2014 testimony; the true-up of 2014 Actual/Estimated TP 6 & 7  
10 Project Pre-construction costs and carrying costs of \$1,006,812  
11 (underrecovery); 2015 Pre-construction costs and carrying costs of  
12 \$19,276,356; the 2014 Actual/Estimated Site Selection carrying costs of  
13 \$4,846 (overrecovery); and the 2015 Projected TP 6 & 7 Project Site Selection  
14 carrying costs of \$156,460, as shown on Exhibit JGK-7.

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16 For the reasons stated in FPL Witness Scroggs’s testimony, FPL respectfully  
17 requests that the Commission approve the 2014 Actual/Estimated, and 2015  
18 Projected costs and the resulting Pre-construction and Site Selection carrying  
19 charges as reasonable, and approve the revenue requirements described in my  
20 testimony for recovery in FPL’s 2015 CCRC charge.

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22 **EPU PROJECT**  
23 **Actual/Estimated Revenue Requirements - 2014**

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2 **Q. What are FPL's 2014 Actual/Estimated EPU Project expenditures**  
3 **compared to costs previously projected?**

4 A. FPL completed the EPU Project in 2013 so there were no project expenditures  
5 projected for 2014 and therefore there is no actual/estimated true-up required.

6 **Q. What is the amount that FPL is requesting to reflect as the true-up of its**  
7 **2014 Actual/Estimated EPU Project revenue requirements?**

8 A. FPL's requested true-up of its 2014 revenue requirements for the EPU Project  
9 is an overrecovery of \$1,123,979.

10 **Q. Please describe the components of FPL's 2014 Actual/Estimated EPU**  
11 **true-up.**

12 A. The 2014 Actual/Estimated revenue requirements for the EPU Project are  
13 \$214,768. These revenue requirements are comprised of prior years'  
14 over/under recoveries related to carrying charges, interest on recoverable  
15 O&M, base rate revenue requirements for plant placed into service in 2012  
16 and 2013, and carrying charges on incremental Net Book Value of  
17 Retirements, Removal Costs and Salvage. FPL's previously projected  
18 revenue requirements were \$1,338,746, resulting in an overrecovery of  
19 \$1,123,979. The details of these jurisdictional costs (carrying charges, interest  
20 on recoverable O&M and carrying charges on base rate revenue requirements)  
21 are summarized on Exhibit JGK-7.

22 **Q. Where can the calculation of FPL's EPU Project 2014 Actual/Estimated**  
23 **carrying charges related to prior years be found?**

1 A. The calculation of the EPU Project 2014 Actual/Estimated carrying charges  
2 on prior years' underrecoveries of \$914,670 can be found in Exhibit JGK-7,  
3 Exhibit JGK-10, and Schedule AE-3. FPL's previous Projected 2014 EPU  
4 carrying costs on prior years' underrecoveries were \$1,339,801 as filed in  
5 Docket No. 130009-EI. As a result of the Actual/Estimated true-up of 2014  
6 carrying costs in this filing, there is an overrecovery of \$425,131 in 2014.

7 **Q. What is FPL's EPU Project 2014 Actual/Estimated interest on**  
8 **over/underrecoveries of recoverable O&M and where can this calculation**  
9 **be found?**

10 A. FPL's EPU Project 2014 Actual/Estimated interest on overrecoveries of  
11 recoverable O&M is \$279 jurisdictional, net of participants, and can be found  
12 in Exhibit JGK-7 and Exhibit JGK-10, Schedule AE-4. FPL previously  
13 projected 2014 interest on overrecoveries of recoverable O&M of \$1,055,  
14 jurisdictional, net of participants, as filed in Docket No. 130009-EI. As  
15 explained in Schedule AE-4, over/underrecoveries of recoverable O&M incur  
16 interest at the AA Financial 30-day rate posted on the Federal Reserve  
17 website. As a result of the Actual/Estimated true-up of 2014 EPU Project  
18 interest on underrecoveries of recoverable O&M, there is an underrecovery of  
19 \$776, jurisdictional, net of participants in 2014.

20 **Q. Please explain the revenue requirements and carrying charges associated**  
21 **with the true-up of the 2014 Projected carrying costs as shown on JGK-7.**

22 A. FPL is including in this filing additional true-ups to 2012 and 2013 plant  
23 placed into service subsequent to filing the 2013 Base Rate Increase in Docket

1 No. 130245-EI. Exhibit JGK-8 shows reductions of \$56,960 for 2012 and  
2 \$5,687,438 for 2013 plant placed into service. The reduction in plant placed  
3 into service resulted in an overrecovery of base rate revenue requirements in  
4 the amount of \$783,511 as shown on Exhibit JGK-7 and detailed in Exhibit  
5 JGK-8 and Exhibit JGK-10, Appendix C.

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7 The overrecovered revenue requirements attributed to reduction in plant  
8 placed into service during 2013 accrued carrying charges to be refunded in the  
9 amount of \$36,542 and reduced total carrying charges to a total of \$83,888 as  
10 shown on Exhibit JGK-7 and Appendix C. The remainder of the \$83,888 of  
11 carrying costs is attributed to an underrecovery of \$120,429 of Incremental  
12 Net Book Value of Retirements, Removal Costs & Salvage for which FPL is  
13 requesting recovery. The additional 2012 and 2013 Net Book Value of  
14 Retirements, Removal Costs & Salvage, in the amounts of \$1,172,676 and  
15 \$99,458 respectively, were identified subsequent to filing the 2013 Base Rate  
16 Increase Petition in Docket No. 130245-EI and are shown in Exhibit JGK-10,  
17 Appendix C, and detailed on Exhibit JGK-9.

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19 **Projected Revenue Requirements – 2015**

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21 **Q. Please describe the P Schedules you are filing for 2015 for the EPU**  
22 **Project.**

1 A. FPL is filing P-1, P-3 and P-4 Schedules for 2015 to show the impacts of  
2 refunding its 2013 final true-up and 2014 Actual/Estimated true-up for 2014.

3 **Q. Please describe what each of these P-Schedules includes.**

4 A. The P-1 Schedule summarizes what FPL will refund from Schedules P-3 and  
5 P-4 in 2015 and shows an overrecovery of \$228,131 of revenue requirements.  
6 Exhibit JGK-10, Schedule P-3, presents the calculation of the EPU Project  
7 2015 projected carrying costs on prior years' overrecoveries of \$228,477 as  
8 shown on Exhibit JGK-7. Schedule P-4 shows the EPU Project 2015  
9 projected underrecovery of interest of \$346 on O&M and is shown in Exhibit  
10 JGK-7. As explained in Exhibit JGK-10, Schedule P-4, all over/under  
11 recoveries on recoverable O&M incur interest at the AA Financial 30-day rate  
12 posted on the Federal Reserve Board website.

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#### 14 **EPU Project Summary**

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16 **Q. What is the amount FPL is requesting to refund through the CCRC**  
17 **factor for the EPU Project in 2015?**

18 A. FPL is requesting to refund \$4,255,142 for the EPU Project in 2015. This  
19 amount consists of carrying charges and interest on the true-up of 2013 EPU  
20 Project revenue requirements on overrecovered costs of \$2,903,032 described  
21 in my March 3, 2014 testimony, the true-up of 2014 overrecovered  
22 Actual/Estimated EPU Project revenue requirements of \$1,123,979, and 2015  
23 projected EPU revenue requirements on overrecoveries of costs of \$228,131.

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FPL respectfully requests that the Commission approve FPL's 2014 Actual/Estimated revenue requirements and the resulting refund of revenue requirements as well as the 2015 refund of revenue requirements as reasonable.

### ACCOUNTING CONTROLS

**Q. Please describe the accounting controls that provide you reasonable assurance that the costs included in the filing are correct.**

A. As described more fully in my March 3, 2014 testimony, FPL has a robust system of corporate accounting controls. The Company relies on its comprehensive corporate and overlapping business unit controls for recording and reporting transactions associated with any of its capital projects including the TP 6 & 7 Project and EPU Project. Highlights of the Company's comprehensive and overlapping controls which continue to be utilized in 2014 for the TP 6 & 7 Project include:

- FPL's accounting policies and procedures;
  - Financial systems and related controls including FPL's general ledger and construction asset tracking system;
  - FPL's annual budgeting and planning process;
  - Reporting and monitoring of planned costs to actual costs incurred;
- and



- 1           • Business unit specific controls and processes.

2   **Q. Are these controls documented, assessed, audited and/or tested on an**  
3   **ongoing basis?**

4   A. Yes. The FPL corporate accounting policies and procedures are documented  
5   and published on the Company's internal website (Employee Web). Included  
6   on the Company's internal website are the corporate procedures regarding  
7   cash disbursements, accounts payable, contract administration, and financial  
8   closing schedules, which provide the business units guidance as to the  
9   processing and recording of transactions. The business units can then build  
10   their more specific procedures around these corporate procedures. FPL's  
11   internal audit department annually audits the TP 6 & 7 Project. The FPSC  
12   staff also is continuing its audits. Additionally, by virtue of the NFRs  
13   themselves, a high level of transparency allows all parties to review and  
14   determine the prudence and reasonableness of the decisions and  
15   expenditures identified in FPL's filing.

16   **Q. How does FPL ensure only incremental payroll is charged to the**  
17   **projects?**

18   A. The Company has issued specific guidelines for charging labor costs to the  
19   project work orders. These guidelines emphasize the need for particular care  
20   in charging only incremental labor to the project work orders included for  
21   nuclear cost recovery and ensure consistent application of the Company's  
22   capitalization policy. These guidelines describe the process for the exclusion  
23   of non-incremental labor from NCRC recovery while providing full

1 capitalization of all appropriate labor costs through the implementation of  
2 separate project capital work orders that will be included in future base rate  
3 recoveries.

4 **Q. Did anything change in the method incremental labor is established from**  
5 **2013 to 2014?**

6 A. No. The basis that was established in 2013, as a result of FPL’s rate case in  
7 Docket No. 120015-EI, is the basis used for 2014. Employees dedicated to  
8 the project and charging 100% of their time to the NCRC projects during 2013  
9 are considered incremental for the entire year 2013 and as a result,  
10 incremental for 2014. Employees charging a percentage of their time to  
11 capital in the NCRC in 2013 are designated incremental for that percentage of  
12 their labor costs in 2013 and 2014.

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14 **CONCLUSION**

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16 **Q. What is the total revenue requirement FPL is requesting the Commission**  
17 **approve for the 2015 CCRC factor?**

18 A. FPL is requesting that the Commission approve recovery of \$15,715,991 in  
19 revenue requirements through the 2015 CCRC factor. This amount consists of  
20 a true-up resulting in an overrecovery of \$3,366,682 in revenue requirements  
21 as calculated in the 2013 T Schedules filed on March 3, 2014, a true-up  
22 resulting in an overrecovery of \$122,012 in revenue requirements as

1           calculated in the 2014 AE Schedules, and \$19,204,685 in revenue  
2           requirements as calculated in the 2015 P Schedules.

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4           FPL is also requesting the Commission determine that FPL's 2014  
5           Actual/Estimated and 2015 Projected costs and the resulting revenue  
6           requirements are reasonable as supported by Exhibit JGK-7 and the  
7           testimonies and exhibits filed by other FPL witnesses in this docket.

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

9   **A.   Yes.**

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF STEVEN R. SIM**

**DOCKET NO. 140009-EI**

**May 1, 2014**

**Q. Please state your name and business addresses.**

A. My name is Steven R. Sim, and 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 Manager of Integrated Resource Planning in the Resource Assessment & Planning Department.

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

A. I supervise and coordinate analyses that are designed to determine the magnitude and timing of FPL's resource needs and then develop the integrated resource plan with which FPL will meet those resource needs.

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

A. I graduated from the University of Miami (Florida) with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics in 1973. I subsequently earned a Master's degree in Mathematics from the University of Miami (Florida) in 1975 and a Doctorate in Environmental Science and Engineering from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) in 1979.

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While completing my degree program at UCLA, I was also employed full-time as a Research Associate at the Florida Solar Energy Center during 1977 - 1979. My responsibilities at the Florida Solar Energy Center included an evaluation of Florida consumers' experiences with solar water heaters and an analysis of potential renewable energy resources including photovoltaics, biomass, wind power, etc., applicable in the Southeastern United States.

In 1979 I joined FPL. From 1979 until 1991 I worked in various departments including Marketing, Energy Management Research, and Load Management, where my responsibilities included the development, monitoring, and cost-effectiveness analyses of demand side management (DSM) programs. In 1991 I joined my current department, then named the System Planning Department, where I held different supervisory positions dealing with integrated resource planning. In late 2007 I assumed my present position.

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

A. The primary purpose of my testimony is to present the results of the 2014 economic analyses for the new FPL nuclear units, Turkey Point 6 & 7. Non-economic analyses of Turkey Point 6 & 7 were also performed. In my testimony I will refer to these analyses collectively as the 2014 feasibility analyses for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project. The results of these analyses were that the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project is projected to be the clear economic choice in at least half of these scenarios and that FPL's customers will also

1 benefit greatly from non-economic aspects of the project such as enhanced  
2 fuel diversity and lower system emissions.

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4 In addition, I will briefly discuss FPL's portfolio approach in resource  
5 planning and the role of additional nuclear energy in that portfolio approach. I  
6 will also discuss the assumptions used in the 2014 feasibility analyses. I will  
7 also present the results of additional analyses that further quantify the  
8 projected benefits of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project.

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10 The 2014 feasibility analyses of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project are presented  
11 to satisfy the requirement of Subsection 6(c)5 of the Florida Administrative  
12 Code Rule 25-6.0423, Nuclear Power Plant Cost Recovery, which states  
13 *"Along with the filings required by this paragraph, each year a utility shall*  
14 *submit for Commission review and approval a detailed analysis of the long-*  
15 *term feasibility of completing the power plant."* Other feasibility-related  
16 topics for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project are discussed by FPL Witness  
17 Scroggs.

18 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

19 A. In 2014, FPL performed new feasibility analyses using updated assumptions  
20 and forecasts. These analyses utilized 3 fuel cost forecasts, 3 environmental  
21 cost forecasts, and two operating life assumptions. In total, 14 scenarios were  
22 analyzed. The results of FPL's 2014 feasibility analyses indicate that  
23 completing the project is projected to be clearly economic for FPL's

1 customers in 7 of these 14 scenarios which showed that the projected  
2 breakeven capital costs for the two new nuclear units were above the high end  
3 of FPL's non-binding capital cost estimate. In the remaining 7 scenarios, the  
4 breakeven capital costs fell within the range of these non-binding capital cost  
5 estimates in 6 of these scenarios. The Turkey Point 6 & 7 units were  
6 projected to be non-economic (but nonetheless beneficial in terms of fuel  
7 diversification and emission reductions) in only one scenario. This single  
8 scenario assumed low natural gas costs for each year through the year 2063,  
9 low environmental compliance costs for each year through the year 2063, and  
10 also assumed the lower of the two operating life assumptions.

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12 The results of the 2014 feasibility analyses are summarized in Exhibit SRS-1.  
13 This exhibit presents a number of results from FPL's 2014 analyses of the  
14 Turkey Point 6 & 7 project including, but not limited to: (i) the number of  
15 future fuel cost, environmental cost, and operating life scenarios in which the  
16 project is projected to be clearly economic; (ii) projected fuel savings for  
17 FPL's customers; (iii) reduced reliance upon fossil fuels (i.e., fuel diversity);  
18 and (iv) projected carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) reductions. These results, and results  
19 of other analyses and calculations, are discussed later in my testimony.

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21 These results, whether examined individually or as a whole, present a strong  
22 case for continuing the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project. For example, based on the  
23 Medium Fuel Cost forecast, customers are projected to save at least \$64

1 billion (nominal) in fuel costs over the life of Turkey Point 6 & 7.  
2 Additionally, the project will produce energy that otherwise would have  
3 required the consumption of substantial amounts of natural gas or millions of  
4 barrels of oil annually, and will reduce system CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by millions of  
5 tons. In short, completing Turkey Point 6 & 7 continues to be projected as a  
6 valuable resource addition for FPL's customers as part of FPL's portfolio  
7 approach to resource planning.

8 **Q. Would you please briefly explain what you mean by FPL's portfolio**  
9 **approach to resource planning and what part additional nuclear capacity**  
10 **such as Turkey Point 6 & 7 plays in that portfolio approach?**

11 A. Yes. As with all economic analyses, FPL's 2014 economic analyses of the  
12 Turkey Point 6 & 7 project provides a "snapshot" of the projected customer  
13 benefits associated with Turkey Point 6 & 7 based on current project  
14 assumptions, forecasts of numerous costs, and resource planning assumptions.  
15 The 2014 feasibility analyses examine potential future scenarios that result  
16 from combining various fossil fuel price forecasts, environmental compliance  
17 cost forecasts, and operating lives. Of course, the actual economic  
18 performance of FPL's system, including the impacts of future fuel prices, etc.,  
19 cannot be known until after the fact. That is why FPL examines the projected  
20 impacts of resource additions such as new nuclear capacity over a wide range  
21 of potential future scenarios.

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1           The inability to be able to predict with confidence future fuel and  
2           environmental compliance costs is a key reason why FPL not only performs  
3           these analyses based on multiple forecasts and scenarios, but also why FPL  
4           strives for diversity in regard to system resources and fuels in what I will refer  
5           to as a portfolio approach to resource planning. Because the price of nuclear  
6           fuel is unrelated to fossil fuel prices, and because nuclear power plants  
7           produce no emissions such as sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), or  
8           carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in the process of generating electricity, additional  
9           nuclear capacity is a superb hedge against fossil fuel price volatility and  
10          increases in environmental compliance costs. Diversification also improves  
11          system reliability.

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13          The Turkey Point 6 & 7 nuclear project will help reduce FPL's reliance on  
14          natural gas. In addition, the Turkey Point 6 & 7 nuclear project will also help  
15          further reduce the usage of oil, including foreign oil, by FPL's system.  
16          Through diversification generally, and the addition of Turkey Point 6 & 7,  
17          FPL is working to keep its electric rates, and thus the resulting bills for its  
18          customers, low over the long term while also providing highly reliable electric  
19          service.

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21          The current low cost of natural gas is a great thing for FPL's customers  
22          because it allows FPL to produce electricity with relatively low fuel costs.  
23          The current forecasted low cost of natural gas is also a primary reason that

1 highly efficient gas-fired combined cycle (CC) units have been determined to  
2 be the most economic type of fossil fueled generation resource for FPL's  
3 system when FPL has needed to add new generation resources. As a result of  
4 these factors, FPL has been increasing its use of natural gas to benefit its  
5 customers and now supplies approximately 2/3 of all of the electricity it  
6 provides to customers by burning natural gas.

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8 However, this increased use of natural gas also represents a growing reliance  
9 on natural gas. In turn, this growing reliance on natural gas results in  
10 increased risk in regard to potential future changes in natural gas cost and  
11 availability.

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13 Consequently, FPL's resource planning takes a balanced portfolio approach to  
14 maximize the benefits to customers of using currently low cost natural gas  
15 while also taking steps to minimize the risks inherent in having a high reliance  
16 on natural gas. Among the steps being taken to minimize this risk are: (i)  
17 selecting high-efficiency CC generating units, which burn natural gas as  
18 efficiently as possible, when FPL's resource needs dictate that new generating  
19 units should be added; (ii) enhancing the availability of natural gas by  
20 pursuing a third natural gas pipeline into Florida (which may also put  
21 downward pressure on delivered natural gas prices); (iii) maintaining the  
22 ability to continue to burn fuel oil in existing steam generating units by  
23 installing electrostatic precipitators at these units; (iv) diversifying FPL's fuel

1 mix by pursuing additional renewable energy; and (v) significantly  
2 diversifying FPL's fuel mix by adding additional nuclear capacity through the  
3 successfully completed Extended Power Uprate (EPU) project and the Turkey  
4 Point 6 & 7 project.

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6 Additional nuclear capacity is an important aspect of this balanced portfolio  
7 approach because it is the only resource option available that can provide  
8 baseload, firm capacity at even lower fuel costs than natural gas and which  
9 does so using no fossil fuels and producing zero air emissions. In regard to  
10 the latter two points - no fossil fuel use and producing zero air emissions -  
11 nuclear capacity serves as an excellent hedge against increasing natural gas  
12 costs and increasing environmental compliance costs as previously mentioned.  
13 These hedge aspects of nuclear capacity are especially valuable attributes in a  
14 balanced portfolio approach to serving FPL's customers both today and in the  
15 future.

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

17 **A.** Yes. I am sponsoring the following 10 exhibits:

- 18 - Exhibit SRS-1: Summary of Results from FPL's 2014 Feasibility  
19 Analyses of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 Project (Plus Results from  
20 Additional Analyses);
- 21 - Exhibit SRS-2: Comparison of Key Assumptions Utilized in the 2013  
22 and 2014 Feasibility Analyses of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 Project:  
23 Projected Fuel Costs (Medium Fuel Cost Forecast);

- 1           - Exhibit SRS-3: Comparison of Key Assumptions Utilized in the 2013  
2           and 2014 Feasibility Analyses of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 Project:  
3           Projected Environmental Compliance Costs (Env II Forecast);
- 4           - Exhibit SRS-4: Comparison of Key Assumptions Utilized in the 2013  
5           and 2014 Feasibility Analyses of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 Project:  
6           Summer Peak Demand Load Forecast;
- 7           - Exhibit SRS-5: Projection of FPL's Resource Needs Through 2025;
- 8           - Exhibit SRS-6: Comparison of Key Assumptions Utilized in the 2013  
9           and 2014 Feasibility Analyses of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 Project:  
10          Other Assumptions;
- 11          - Exhibit SRS-7: The Two Resource Plans Utilized in FPL's 2014  
12          Feasibility Analyses of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 Project;
- 13          - Exhibit SRS-8: 2014 Feasibility Analyses Results for the Turkey  
14          Point 6 & 7 Project: Case # 1 Analysis – 40-Year Operating Life;  
15          Total Costs, Total Cost Differentials, and Breakeven Costs for All Fuel  
16          and Environmental Compliance Cost Scenarios in 2014\$ (millions,  
17          CPVRR, 2014-2063);
- 18          - Exhibit SRS-9: 2014 Feasibility Analyses Results for the Turkey  
19          Point 6 & 7 Project: Case # 2 Analysis – 60-Year Operating Life;  
20          Total Costs, Total Cost Differentials, and Breakeven Costs for All Fuel  
21          and Environmental Compliance Cost Scenarios in 2014\$ (millions,  
22          CPVRR, 2014-2083); and,

- 1                   - Exhibit SRS-10: A Look at Projected Hedge Benefits from Turkey  
2                   Point 6 & 7.

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4                   **I.       2014 Feasibility Analyses – Analytical Approach**

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6                   **Q.       Please provide an overview of the basic analytical approach used for**  
7                   **evaluating the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project.**

8                   A.       The basic analytical approach in the feasibility analyses of Turkey Point 6 & 7  
9                   is to compare competing resource plans. FPL utilizes resource plans in its  
10                  analyses in order to ensure that all relevant impacts to the FPL system are  
11                  accounted for.

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13                  The analysis of each resource plan is a complex undertaking. For each  
14                  resource plan, annual projections of system fuel costs and emission profiles  
15                  are developed for various scenarios of fuel cost/environmental compliance  
16                  costs using a sophisticated production costing model. This model, the P-  
17                  MArea model, simulates the FPL system and dispatches all of the generating  
18                  units on an hour-by-hour basis for each year in the analysis. The resulting  
19                  fuel cost and emission profile information is then combined with projected  
20                  annual capital costs, plus other fixed and variable costs for each resource plan.  
21                  In this way, a comprehensive set of projected annual costs, for each year of  
22                  the analysis, is developed for each resource plan.

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1 One resource plan includes the Turkey Point 6 & 7 units. The other resource  
2 plan includes instead an alternate resource option that competes with these  
3 two nuclear units. The competing alternate resource option is new highly  
4 fuel-efficient CC generating capacity consistent with the CC capacity that has  
5 recently been installed at FPL's Cape Canaveral and Riviera Beach sites, and  
6 which is currently being installed at FPL's Port Everglades site, through  
7 FPL's modernization projects at these sites.

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9 The competing resource plans are then analyzed over a multi-year period.  
10 This approach allows FPL's analyses to account for both short-term and long-  
11 term economic impacts of the resource options being evaluated. FPL's 2014  
12 feasibility analyses address these economic impacts. In addition, my  
13 testimony provides a discussion of three non-economic impacts to the FPL  
14 system: system fuel savings, increased system fuel diversity, and system  
15 emission reductions, which will result from the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project.

16 **Q. Has the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) provided guidance**  
17 **regarding what is required in the feasibility analyses?**

18 A. Yes. The FPSC first provided guidance in its affirmative determination of  
19 need order for Turkey Point 6 & 7 (Order No. PSC-08-0237-FOF-EI, page  
20 29), when it stated:

21 *"FPL shall provide a long-term feasibility analysis as part of its*  
22 *annual cost recovery process which, in this case, shall also include*  
23 *updated fuel costs, environmental forecasts, break-even costs, and*

1                   *capital cost estimates. In addition, FPL should account for sunk costs.*  
2                   *Providing this information on an annual basis will allow us to monitor*  
3                   *the feasibility regarding the continued construction of Turkey Point*  
4                   *6 and 7.”*

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6                   In the FPSC’s 2009 Nuclear Cost Recovery (NCR) order (Order No. PSC-09-  
7                   0783-FOF-EI, page 14), the FPSC quoted its need determination order and  
8                   reiterated that these elements are necessary to satisfy the NCR Rule.

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10                  This guidance from the FPSC clearly distinguishes “sunk costs” from  
11                  “updated capital cost estimates” in regard to feasibility analyses of nuclear  
12                  projects. Consequently, FPL has effectively removed sunk costs in its  
13                  calculation of breakeven costs for the feasibility analyses of Turkey Point  
14                  6 & 7. FPL’s approach to sunk costs complies with the above mentioned  
15                  Rule, which directs FPL to evaluate “completing” the project. FPL’s  
16                  approach to sunk costs also follows the guidance provided by the FPSC, and  
17                  was expressly approved for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 analyses by the FPSC in  
18                  its 2011 NCR order (Order No. PSC-11-0547-FOF-EI, pages 17-18 and 38).

19                  **Q. Was the analytical approach used in FPL’s 2014 feasibility analyses of**  
20                  **Turkey Point 6 & 7 similar to the approach used in the Determination of**  
21                  **Need filings for this project, and in the feasibility analyses of this project**  
22                  **that were presented in previous NCR filings?**

1 A. Yes. The analytical approach that was used in the 2014 feasibility analyses  
2 for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project is very similar to the approach used in the  
3 2007 Determination of Need filing and in the feasibility analyses presented in  
4 the 2008 through 2013 NCR filings.

5 **Q. Please describe the economic perspective used in the analytical approach**  
6 **for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project.**

7 A. This perspective is the calculation of breakeven overnight capital costs, in  
8 terms of both cumulative present value of revenue requirements (CPVRR) and  
9 overnight construction costs in \$/kW, for the new nuclear units. This same  
10 perspective was utilized in the 2007 Determination of Need filing, and in the  
11 2008 through 2013 NCR filings, for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project. In later  
12 years, as more information becomes available regarding the cost and other  
13 aspects of the new nuclear units, another perspective may emerge as more  
14 appropriate.

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## 16 **II. 2014 Feasibility Analyses – Updated Assumptions**

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18 **Q. Do FPL's 2014 feasibility analyses utilize updated assumptions for the**  
19 **specific information referred to in the previously mentioned FPSC**  
20 **Order?**

21 A. Yes. FPL typically seeks to utilize a set of updated assumptions in its  
22 resource planning work. FPL updated these assumptions in late 2013/early



1 2014 and is using them in its 2014 resource planning work including the  
2 nuclear analyses presented in this docket.

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4 Five informational items were listed in Order No. PSC-08-0237 that should be  
5 updated and included in FPL’s annual long-term feasibility analyses of Turkey  
6 Point 6 & 7. These five items are:

- 7 1) fuel forecasts;
- 8 2) environmental compliance cost forecasts;
- 9 3) breakeven costs;
- 10 4) capital cost estimates; and,
- 11 5) sunk costs.

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13 FPL’s 2014 feasibility analyses for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project utilized  
14 FPL’s current assumptions for four of these five items and calculated the  
15 current projected value for the fifth item. FPL’s 2014 feasibility analyses for  
16 the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project included current assumptions for the following  
17 four items: items 1), 2), 4), and 5). The remaining item, item 3) breakeven  
18 costs, is a result of the analyses (as opposed to an assumption). The results of  
19 FPL’s 2014 feasibility analyses present updated breakeven costs for the  
20 Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in terms of CPVRR costs and in terms of  
21 overnight construction costs in \$/kW.

22 **Q. Do FPL’s feasibility analyses include FPL’s updated assumptions for**  
23 **information other than these 5 items?**

1 A. Yes. FPL also updated a number of other assumptions in late 2013/early 2014  
2 in preparation for all of its 2014 resource planning work. Consequently, these  
3 other updated assumptions are also included in FPL's 2014 feasibility  
4 analyses of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project. A partial listing of these other  
5 assumptions include: FPL's load forecast and cost and performance  
6 assumptions for new CC capacity.

7 **Q. Please discuss any changes in the forecasted values for fuel costs and**  
8 **environmental compliance costs between the forecasts utilized in the 2014**  
9 **feasibility analyses and those that were used in the 2013 feasibility**  
10 **analyses.**

11 A. Exhibits SRS-2 and SRS-3 provide these comparisons. Exhibit SRS-2  
12 provides 2013 and 2014 forecasted Medium Fuel Cost values for selected  
13 years for natural gas, oil, and nuclear fuel costs. As shown in this exhibit, the  
14 2014 Medium Fuel Cost forecasts for natural gas and for 1% sulfur oil are  
15 lower than the respective 2013 forecasts throughout all years. In regard to  
16 forecasted nuclear fuel costs, the 2014 forecasted prices are unchanged from  
17 the 2013 forecasted prices.

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19 Exhibit SRS-3 presents similar 2013 and 2014 comparative information for  
20 forecasted Env II (i.e., mid-level) environmental compliance costs for three  
21 types of air emissions: SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and CO<sub>2</sub>. As shown in the exhibit, there has  
22 been no change in projected environmental compliance costs for these three  
23 types of air emissions from what was assumed in FPL's 2013 feasibility

1 analyses. The decision not to change these projected compliance costs was  
2 based on FPL's view that nothing definitive had occurred on either the  
3 legislative or regulatory fronts since the 2013 NCR docket hearing that would  
4 require a change in these cost projections. As in FPL's 2012 and 2013  
5 analyses, these projected environmental compliance costs are lower than the  
6 projected costs used in FPL's nuclear analyses from 2007 through 2011.

7 **Q. Are any of the fuel cost forecasts or environmental compliance cost**  
8 **forecasts considered the "most likely" forecast?**

9 A. FPL does not consider any fuel cost forecast or environmental cost forecast as  
10 the "most likely" cost forecast. FPL's scenario approach is designed to  
11 provide a range of possible future fuel and environmental compliance costs.

12 **Q. Please discuss FPL's 2014 load forecast and how it compares to FPL's**  
13 **2013 load forecast.**

14 A. Exhibit SRS-4 presents the 2013 and 2014 Summer peak load forecasts. As  
15 shown in Column (3) of this exhibit, the 2014 forecast of Summer peak load is  
16 generally lower than the 2013 forecast.

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18 In addition, Exhibit SRS-4 also provides a projection of the annual and  
19 cumulative growth in Summer peak loads associated with the 2014 peak load  
20 forecast. As shown in column (5) of this exhibit, FPL projects a cumulative  
21 growth in Summer peak load of approximately 3,139 MW by 2022 which  
22 increases to 5,109 MW by the year 2025.

1       **Q.    Based on this projected growth in Summer peak load, what is FPL's**  
2       **projected need for new resources?**

3       A.    FPL's projected need for new resources, assuming that the resource need is  
4       met by new generating capacity, is presented in Exhibit SRS-5. This  
5       projection assumes that FPL implements DSM at the level which FPL has  
6       proposed as its new DSM Goals for the years 2015 through 2024 in Docket  
7       No. 130199–EI. This exhibit shows that, without the incremental capacity  
8       from Turkey Point 6 & 7 and with no other generating additions from 2022-  
9       on, FPL has a need for new resources starting in 2022 and this need increases  
10      every year thereafter. The projected resource need in 2022 is 476 MW of new  
11      generating capacity and this projected resource need increases to 2,930 MW  
12      by 2025. In addition, as shown in Column (11) of this exhibit, FPL's  
13      minimum 10% generation-only reserve margin criterion would also not be met  
14      for each year beginning in the year 2022 assuming that neither Turkey Point  
15      6 & 7, nor any other generating addition, was made beginning in the year  
16      2022.

17      **Q.    What other assumptions changed from the 2013 analyses to the 2014**  
18      **analyses?**

19      A.    Exhibit SRS-6 presents the 2013 and 2014 projections for 10 other  
20      assumptions that were utilized in the feasibility analyses of the Turkey Point  
21      6 & 7 project.

22      **Q.    Please discuss the first five assumptions.**

23      A.    These five assumptions are:

- 1                   1)    the number of environmental compliance cost scenarios;
- 2                   2)    financial/economic assumptions;
- 3                   3)    the projected capital cost of competing CC capacity;
- 4                   4)    the projected heat rate of competing CC capacity; and,
- 5                   5)    the projected cost of firm gas transportation.

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In regard to the number of environmental compliance cost scenarios utilized in FPL's 2013 feasibility analyses, FPL is again using three scenarios in its 2014 resource planning work: Env I (representing low CO<sub>2</sub> compliance costs), Env II (representing medium CO<sub>2</sub> compliance costs), and Env III (representing high CO<sub>2</sub> compliance costs).

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FPL's financial/economic assumptions used in the 2014 feasibility analyses have changed only in regard to the cost of debt and the discount rate from those used in the 2013 feasibility analyses. The financial/economic assumptions include the following: return on equity (ROE) is 10.5%, the allowed cost of debt is 5.14%, the debt-to-equity ratio is 40.38%/59.62%, and the associated discount rate is 7.54%.

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The remaining three assumptions involve the costs of the competing new CC capacity used in the feasibility analyses. FPL's current projected (generator only) capital cost of CC capacity is \$883/kW in 2022\$. The current projected heat rate of this CC capacity, 6,334 BTU/kWh, is unchanged. The projected

1 firm gas transportation cost has changed. Using the projected firm gas  
2 transportation cost for the year 2023 as an example, the value has decreased  
3 from \$2.23/mmBTU to \$1.20/mmBTU.

4 **Q. Please discuss the remaining five assumptions.**

5 A. These five assumptions are:

- 6 6) assumed in-service dates for Turkey Point 6 & 7;
- 7 7) assumed operating lives of Turkey Point 6 & 7;
- 8 8) non-binding capital cost estimate for the new nuclear units;
- 9 9) previously spent capital costs that are excluded from the 2014  
10 feasibility analyses; and,
- 11 10) the cumulative annual capital expenditure percentages for Turkey  
12 Point 6 & 7.

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14 The first of these five assumptions, the in-service dates of Turkey Point 6 & 7  
15 utilized in the 2014 feasibility analyses are unchanged: 2022 & 2023. FPL  
16 Witness Scroggs' direct testimony addresses the in-service dates for Turkey  
17 Point 6 & 7.

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19 The second of these assumptions is the assumed operating lives of the two  
20 new nuclear units. In its 2014 feasibility analyses, FPL is using two operating  
21 life assumptions: a 40-year operating life and a 60-year operating life. The  
22 assumption of a 40-year operating life is consistent with the operating life

1 assumption used in prior feasibility analyses. FPL believes this is an  
2 increasingly conservative assumption.

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4 Two of FPL's four existing nuclear units, Turkey Point 3 & 4, have now been  
5 operating for more than 40 years. Furthermore, all four of FPL's nuclear units  
6 have received a license extension from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
7 (NRC) enabling each unit to operate for a total of 60 years. In addition, FPL's  
8 parent company, NextEra Energy (NEE), owns and operates two other nuclear  
9 units, Point Beach 1 & 2, that have operated for more than 40 years. These  
10 two nuclear units, plus a third nuclear unit owned and operated by NEE  
11 (Duane Arnold), have also been granted a license extension from the NRC  
12 enabling each unit to operate for a total of 60 years. Therefore, FPL believes  
13 that a 40-year operating life assumption for Turkey Point 6 & 7 is  
14 conservative and is, therefore, also using an assumption of a 60-year operating  
15 life in the feasibility analyses.

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17 The third of these assumptions is the non-binding cost estimate for  
18 constructing Turkey Point 6 & 7. The range of costs used in the 2014  
19 feasibility analyses is \$3,750/kW to \$5,453/kW in 2014\$. This reflects an  
20 updating of the projected cost range. FPL Witness Scroggs' direct testimony  
21 also discusses the updating of this assumption.

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1 The fourth of these assumptions is the previously spent capital costs that are  
2 excluded in the 2014 feasibility analysis. In order to account for “sunk”  
3 capital costs for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project, FPL is excluding  
4 approximately \$228 million of sunk costs that have already been spent  
5 through December 31, 2013. This represents an increase of approximately  
6 \$36 million compared to the approximately \$192 million sunk cost value  
7 utilized in FPL’s 2013 feasibility analyses. FPL Witness Grant-Keene  
8 provides the sunk cost value of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in her direct  
9 testimony.

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11 The fifth assumption is the cumulative annual capital expenditure percentages  
12 for the construction of Turkey Point 6 & 7. The annual expenditure  
13 percentage values used in the 2014 feasibility analyses are largely unchanged  
14 from the values used in the 2013 feasibility analyses.

15 **Q. It is clear that a number of changes in assumptions were made between**  
16 **those used in the 2013 feasibility analyses and those used in the 2014**  
17 **feasibility analyses. Were all of these assumption changes favorable to**  
18 **the projected economics of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project?**

19 A. No. Assumption changes are made on a regular basis by FPL in order to  
20 utilize the best and most current information available in its resource planning  
21 analyses. Typically, updates to some assumptions are favorable, and changes  
22 to other assumptions are unfavorable, for any specific resource option or  
23 project.



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This was indeed the case for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project in regard to the changes in assumptions from those used in the 2013 feasibility analyses to those used in the 2014 feasibility analyses. For the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project, some updated assumptions, such as the lower natural gas cost forecasts, are unfavorable for the project (although favorable overall for FPL’s customers).

All of FPL’s updated assumptions, whether favorable or unfavorable for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project, were included in FPL’s 2014 feasibility analyses of the project.

**Q. If the assumed 2022 and 2023 in-service dates are impacted by a longer than anticipated licensing phase, does the use of these in-service dates still allow a meaningful feasibility analysis of Turkey Point 6 & 7?**

A. Yes. The feasibility analysis compares the relative economics of new nuclear capacity versus the best non-nuclear generation alternative (gas-fired CC generation). As long as a consistent set of assumptions, including in-service dates, is used to compare the competing resource options, the feasibility analysis will provide meaningful results.

Furthermore, the use of 2022 and 2023 in-service dates results in a conservative projection of the economics of Turkey Point 6 & 7 in regard to forecasted fuel commodity costs that would be saved by the two nuclear units

1 in comparison to later in-service dates. For example, the forecasted Medium  
2 Fuel Cost of natural gas in the year 2022 is \$6.62/mmBTU. The projected  
3 fuel cost savings from the first year of operation of the first of the two new  
4 nuclear units, Turkey Point 6, for any scenario in the feasibility analysis using  
5 the Medium Fuel Cost forecast is based on this forecasted gas cost. If the in-  
6 service date for Turkey Point 6 is later than 2022, the projected fuel cost  
7 savings from the first year of operation of Turkey Point 6 would be based on a  
8 higher gas cost than \$6.62/mmBTU. For example, the forecasted Medium  
9 Fuel Cost for natural gas is \$6.93/mmBTU for 2023, \$7.34/mmBTU for 2024,  
10 and the forecasted cost will be higher in each subsequent year. Thus the  
11 projected fuel cost savings for the first year of operation, and for each  
12 subsequent year of operation, of the new nuclear capacity would be  
13 considerably increased if the in-service dates for Turkey Point 6 & 7 were  
14 assumed to be later than that assumed in the feasibility analyses.

### 15 16 **III. Analysis of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 Project**

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18 **Q. What resource plans were used to perform the 2014 feasibility analyses of**  
19 **Turkey Point 6 & 7?**

20 **A.** The resource plans that were utilized in the 2014 feasibility analyses of  
21 Turkey Point 6 & 7 are presented in Exhibit SRS-7. One resource plan with  
22 Turkey Point 6 & 7 and another resource plan without Turkey Point 6 & 7 are  
23 presented in this exhibit. As shown in this exhibit, the two resource plans are

1 identical through the year 2021. The resource plans differ starting in 2022.  
2 The Resource Plan with Turkey Point 6 & 7 adds the two 1,100 MW nuclear  
3 units, one in 2022 and one in 2023. The Resource Plan without Turkey Point  
4 6 & 7 adds two 1,269 MW CC units, one in 2022 and one in 2024. Both  
5 resource plans then add the necessary amount of capacity through the rest of  
6 the analysis periods. The timing of these later capacity additions varies  
7 between the two resource plans.

8 **Q. What were the results of the 2014 feasibility analyses for Turkey Point**  
9 **6 & 7?**

10 A. The results of the 2014 feasibility analyses for Turkey Point 6 & 7 are  
11 presented in Exhibits SRS-8 and SRS-9. Exhibit SRS-8 presents the results  
12 for Case # 1 that assumes a 40-year operating life. Exhibit SRS-9 presents the  
13 results for Case # 2 that assumes a 60-year operating life. In both of these two  
14 cases, all 7 scenarios of fuel cost forecasts and environmental compliance cost  
15 forecasts are analyzed.

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17 The calculated breakeven nuclear capital costs in overnight construction costs  
18 in terms of \$/kW in 2014\$ are presented in Column (6) of these exhibits. The  
19 results in Column (6), when compared to FPL's non-binding estimated range  
20 of capital costs in 2014\$ of \$3,750/kW to \$5,453/kW, show that the projected  
21 breakeven capital costs for Turkey Point 6 & 7 are above this range in 2 of 7  
22 scenarios in Exhibit SRS-8 (Case # 1) and in 5 of 7 in Exhibit SRS-9 (Case #

1           2). Thus Turkey Point 6 & 7 is projected to clearly be the economic choice in  
2           7, or half, of the 14 scenarios.

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4           These exhibits also show that of the remaining 7 scenarios, the results for 6 of  
5           these scenarios are that the projected breakeven costs for Turkey Point 6 & 7  
6           are within the non-binding capital cost estimate range. In the single scenario  
7           in which the projected breakeven capital costs for Turkey Point 6 & 7 are  
8           below the range of non-binding capital cost estimates, the combination of  
9           assumptions included in this scenario are: (i) low natural gas costs each year  
10          through the year 2063; (ii) low environmental compliance costs each year  
11          through the year 2063; and (iii) the lower of the two operating life  
12          assumptions (40 years).

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14          Also, as evidenced by the CPVRR values for this single scenario, compared to  
15          the CPVRR values for all other scenarios, FPL's customers would still benefit  
16          greatly if these assumed low costs for natural gas and/or environmental  
17          compliance were to materialize. For example, using the projected CPVRR  
18          costs for the Resource Plan with Turkey Point 6 & 7, the projected CPVRR  
19          costs under the Case # 1 Medium Fuel Cost/Env II scenario are \$142,065  
20          million, but are projected to be significantly lower, \$116,223 million, under  
21          the Low Fuel Cost/Env I scenario. Therefore, although the economics for the  
22          Turkey Point 6 & 7 project are diminished under a scenario of lower fuel and  
23          environmental compliance costs (i.e., Low Fuel Cost/Env I), FPL's customers

1 are still projected to benefit significantly under such a scenario by \$25,843  
2 million CPVRR.

3 **Q. In addition to the results of these economic analyses, did FPL's 2014**  
4 **feasibility analyses identify any additional advantages for FPL's**  
5 **customers that are projected to be derived from the Turkey Point 6 & 7**  
6 **project?**

7 A. Yes. I will discuss three other advantages to FPL's customers that are  
8 projected to result from the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project:

- 9 1) system fuel savings;
- 10 2) system fuel diversity; and,
- 11 3) system CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions.

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13 These advantages for the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project that will be discussed in  
14 the remainder of my testimony will use the results from the 2014 feasibility  
15 analyses for the Case # 1: Medium Fuel Cost, Env II scenario. Comparable  
16 results also occur using the same fuel cost and environmental compliance cost  
17 forecast scenario in the Case # 2 analyses.

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19 In regard to system fuel savings, the CPVRR values for the system fuel  
20 savings for each scenario of fuel cost and environmental compliance cost is  
21 accounted for in the respective total CPVRR savings number for that scenario.  
22 As shown in Exhibit SRS-8, these CPVRR savings values are then translated  
23 into breakeven costs. Consequently, the system fuel savings have already

1           been accounted for in the breakeven cost values. However, it is informative to  
2           also look at the annual nominal fuel savings projections for Turkey Point  
3           6 & 7.

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5           In 2024, the first year in which both of the new nuclear units are in service for  
6           a full year, Turkey Point 6 & 7 are projected to save FPL's customers  
7           approximately \$644 million (nominal) in fuel costs for that year.

8           **Q.    What are the projected fuel savings over the operating life of the Turkey**  
9           **Point 6 & 7 units and how do those projections compare with FPL's**  
10           **current total system annual fuel cost?**

11          A.    The total fuel savings for FPL's customers is projected to be approximately  
12           \$64 billion (nominal). FPL's 2013 annual total system fuel cost was  
13           approximately \$3.1 billion. Therefore, the projected fuel savings over the life  
14           of the Turkey Point 6 & 7 units is equivalent to serving FPL's more than 4.6  
15           million customer accounts (representing approximately 9 million people) for  
16           approximately 21 years at zero fuel costs for FPL's customers based on last  
17           year's annual fuel costs.

18          **Q.    Please discuss the projected fuel diversity and CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction**  
19           **benefits for Turkey Point 6 & 7.**

20          A.    Regarding system fuel diversity, in 2024 the relative percentages of the total  
21           energy supplied by FPL that is projected to be generated by natural gas and  
22           nuclear, without Turkey Point 6 & 7, are approximately 72% and 21%,  
23           respectively. With Turkey Point 6 & 7, these projected percentages change to

1 approximately 58% for natural gas and 35% for nuclear. Thus FPL is  
2 projected to be far less reliant on natural gas, and more reliant upon nuclear  
3 energy, by approximately 14% each.

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5 These percentage changes in system fuel use for a system the size of FPL's  
6 are significant. This can be demonstrated by looking at the projected amount  
7 of energy that will be supplied by the two new nuclear units in 2024. That  
8 amount of energy is projected to be approximately 17.7 million MWh. The  
9 current forecasted average annual energy use per residential customer in 2024  
10 is 13,314 kWh. Therefore, the projected output from Turkey Point 6 & 7 in  
11 2024 will serve the equivalent of the total annual electrical usage of  
12 approximately 1,329,000 residential customers in that year.

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14 The improvement in system fuel diversity from Turkey Point 6 & 7 can also  
15 be demonstrated, for illustrative purposes, by looking at the amount of natural  
16 gas or oil that would have been needed to produce this same number of  
17 approximately 17.7 million MWh in 2024 if that energy had been produced by  
18 a conventional steam generating unit with a heat rate of 10,000 BTU/kWh. In  
19 such a case, Turkey Point 6 & 7 can be thought of as saving approximately  
20 177,000,000 mmBTU of natural gas (if all of this energy had been produced  
21 by natural gas), or approximately 27,600,000 barrels of oil (if all of this  
22 energy had been produced by oil), in 2024.

1 **Q. In regard to fuel diversity, is there another aspect of FPL’s projected fuel**  
2 **mix that should be kept in mind when considering the addition of Turkey**  
3 **Point 6 & 7.**

4 A. Yes. FPL’s fuel mix currently consists of coal-based energy contributions  
5 from several sources including FPL’s partial ownership of coal units at the  
6 Scherer and St. John’s sites, plus coal-based power purchase agreements  
7 (PPAs) with Cedar Bay, Indiantown, and St. John’s. A substantial amount of  
8 this coal-based capacity and energy is projected to end between 2019 and  
9 2025.

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11 The St. John’s 375 MW PPA is currently projected to effectively end around  
12 April 2019 due to Internal Revenue Service regulations on the cumulative  
13 amount of energy that FPL can receive under this agreement. In addition, the  
14 current agreements with Cedar Bay (250 MW) and Indiantown (330 MW) are  
15 scheduled to terminate in 2024 and 2025, respectively. It is unknown if future  
16 agreements with these two facilities could be reached, particularly given the  
17 current economics of coal versus natural gas and the possibility of new  
18 environmental regulations that will be unfavorable to coal energy production.  
19 For the same reasons, it is unlikely that any new coal-fired generation will be  
20 added – by anyone – in Florida for the foreseeable future.

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22 The projected loss of this coal-based capacity is accounted for in the  
23 previously mentioned gas versus nuclear fuel mix percentage values. The



1 important point regarding gas and coal usage is that the contribution of coal  
2 generation will decline; not that projected gas usage is increasing while coal  
3 usage remains constant. Instead, gas usage is projected to increase, in part,  
4 because the usage of one non-gas fuel - coal - is expected to substantially  
5 decline in the near future. The role of additional nuclear energy in regard to  
6 fuel diversity thus becomes even more important than may be apparent in the  
7 gas vs. nuclear percentage values previously discussed when one recognizes  
8 that coal usage will actually be significantly declining in absolute terms.

9 **Q. What is the projected impact of Turkey Point 6 & 7 on FPL's system CO<sub>2</sub>**  
10 **emissions?**

11 A. In regard to system CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, Turkey Point 6 & 7 are projected to result  
12 in a cumulative reduction over the expected life of the two units of  
13 approximately 267 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. This will be a significant reduction in  
14 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, representing approximately 654% of the total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
15 from all FPL-owned generating units in 2013 (which was approximately 41  
16 million tons). Stated another way, this projected cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emission  
17 reduction from Turkey Point 6 & 7 is the equivalent of operating FPL's very  
18 large system of more than 24,000 MW of generation for approximately 78  
19 months, or approximately 6.5 years, with zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

20 **Q. In regard to the projected fuel cost savings and emission reductions**  
21 **discussed above, does Turkey Point 6 & 7 provide other benefits for**  
22 **FPL's customers?**

1 A. Yes. Nuclear power provides an important hedge for customers against the  
2 potential for future natural gas prices to be higher than forecasted and the  
3 potential for costly environmental (especially CO<sub>2</sub>) regulations. Because the  
4 price of nuclear fuel is unrelated to fossil fuel prices, and because it produces  
5 no SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, etc., emissions in producing electricity, it is a superb  
6 hedge against higher fossil fuel costs and environmental compliance costs.

7 **Q. In regard to potential savings for FPL's customers, are the hedge benefits**  
8 **of Turkey Point 6 & 7 still significant in light of lower forecasted fuel**  
9 **costs in 2014 compared to 2013 and no change in forecasted**  
10 **environmental compliance costs?**

11 A. Yes. The potential hedge benefits of Turkey Point 6 & 7 remain very large.  
12 The new nuclear capacity is projected to provide FPL's customers with the  
13 greatest benefit in those future scenarios where customers need the most  
14 assistance: scenarios with high future costs for natural gas and environmental  
15 compliance. In the 2014 feasibility analyses, the potential hedge benefits are  
16 projected to be up to approximately \$60 billion CPVRR assuming a 40-year  
17 operating life of the units, and up to approximately \$75 billion CPVRR  
18 assuming a 60-year operation life.

19 **Q. Please explain.**

20 A. Exhibit SRS-10 illustrates this using the 40-year operating life assumption for  
21 Turkey Point 6 & 7. Page 1 of 2 of this exhibit focuses on how much  
22 projected CPVRR costs for resource plans have changed from 2013 to 2014.  
23 The projected CPVRR costs for the Resource Plan without Turkey Point

1           6 & 7 from FPL's 2013 feasibility analyses and from this year's feasibility  
2           analyses are utilized in this comparison. CPVRR costs for all 7 scenarios of  
3           fuel costs and environmental costs are presented. The order in which these  
4           scenarios are presented has been changed so that the projected CPVRR costs  
5           appear roughly in order from highest cost at the top of the exhibit to lowest  
6           cost at the bottom of the exhibit.

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8           The projected CPVRR costs from the 2013 feasibility analyses and from the  
9           2014 feasibility analyses are presented in Columns (3) and (4), respectively.  
10          Column (5) then presents the amount by which the projected CPVRR cost of  
11          the Resource Plan without Turkey Point has changed from the 2013 feasibility  
12          analysis to the 2014 feasibility analysis. The amount by which the projected  
13          CPVRR costs have changed is substantial, ranging from approximately \$10.4  
14          billion CPVRR to \$13.5 billion CPVRR. Although, as previously discussed, a  
15          number of assumptions have changed including FPL's load forecast, resource  
16          plan, etc., much of the substantial change in CPVRR costs is due to lower  
17          forecasted fuel costs.

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19          Page 2 of 2 of the exhibit focuses solely on the 2014 feasibility analysis  
20          results and how much variation exists in the projected CPVRR costs between  
21          the 7 scenarios. Column (3) on page 2 of 2 again presents the projected  
22          CPVRR costs for each of the 7 scenarios from this year's feasibility analyses.  
23          Column (4) then presents the projected CPVRR cost differences for each

1 scenario compared to the lowest cost scenario (Low Fuel Cost, Env I) shown  
2 on the bottom row of the exhibit. The lowest cost scenario was chosen as the  
3 point of comparison because it is the scenario for which the projected  
4 breakeven capital cost for Turkey Point 6 & 7 (shown in Column (8)) is the  
5 lowest; i.e., the scenario for which the new nuclear units are projected to have  
6 the least value.

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8 The differential values presented in Column (4) show that significant  
9 projected cost differences between the remaining 6 scenarios and the lowest  
10 cost scenario remain even with the lower 2014 forecasted fuel costs. These  
11 projected cost differences begin at approximately \$21 billion CPVRR and  
12 range up to approximately \$60 billion CPVRR. Column (5) also presents  
13 these differences in terms of percentage changes from the lowest cost scenario  
14 and the percentage differences range from 17% to 48%.

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16 Column (6) offers an FPL customer perspective regarding the projected costs  
17 and electric rates associated with each scenario. The best scenario in this  
18 regard for FPL's customers is that shown on the bottom row of the exhibit.  
19 Every other scenario is projected to have higher costs and higher electric rates,  
20 thus resulting in a worsening future scenario for FPL's customers in regard to  
21 costs and electric rates that are largely driven by higher forecasted fuel costs.

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1 Column (7) presents the relative level of hedge benefits of Turkey Point 6 & 7  
2 for the various scenarios. The hedge benefits of the two nuclear units are  
3 highest when examining the top row of the exhibit in which projected fuel  
4 costs (and environmental compliance costs) are the highest. The hedge  
5 benefits of Turkey Point 6 & 7 are at their lowest in the bottom row in which  
6 projected fuel costs (and environmental compliance costs) are the lowest.  
7 However, in the last row, FPL's customers are already projected to have costs  
8 lower than in any other scenario by approximately \$21 billion CPVRR to \$60  
9 billion CPVRR.

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11 In summary, although current fuel cost forecasts are lower than those used in  
12 the 2013 feasibility analyses and there has been no change in forecasted  
13 environmental compliance costs, Turkey Point 6 & 7 continue to offer  
14 enormous hedge benefits for FPL's customers in regard to potential long-term  
15 cost savings.

16 **Q. Does Turkey Point 6 & 7 provide other hedge benefits?**

17 A. Yes. There are potential avoided cost or hedge benefits that will be provided  
18 by Turkey Point 6 & 7 if a "nuclear neutral" Renewable Portfolio Standard  
19 (RPS) or Clean Energy Standard (CES) mandate is imposed in the future. In  
20 such a circumstance the 2,200 MW of Turkey Point's nuclear capacity will  
21 reduce the need for, and the cost of, a large amount of renewable generation  
22 that would otherwise need to be built to meet the mandate. Such cost savings

1 would likely be significant. This mandate has the possibility to occur in the  
2 future with or without the establishment of CO<sub>2</sub> compliance costs.

3 **Q. Will Turkey Point 6 & 7 also defer/avoid costs of new transmission**  
4 **facilities that would otherwise be needed to import power into the**  
5 **Southeastern Florida region?**

6 A. Yes. The addition of 2,200 MW of capacity from Turkey Point 6 & 7 in  
7 Miami-Dade County is projected to achieve significant transmission cost  
8 savings by avoiding the construction of transmission facilities that would  
9 otherwise need to be built to import power from outside the Southeastern  
10 Florida region (Miami-Dade and Broward Counties) into that region. These  
11 savings are currently projected to be approximately \$2 billion CPVRR. This  
12 savings value is accounted for in FPL's 2014 feasibility analyses of the  
13 Turkey Point 6 & 7 project as an additional cost incurred in the Without  
14 Turkey Point 6 & 7 resource plans.

15 **Q. In regard to exhibits that accompany other FPL witnesses' testimonies in**  
16 **this docket, was any of the information presented in those exhibits**  
17 **provided by you?**

18 A. Yes. The projected capital cost savings for FPL's customers in regard to the  
19 EPU project that results from Florida's Nuclear Cost Recovery process that is  
20 presented in FPL's witness Jones' Exhibit TOJ-6, page 2 of 2, is based on an  
21 analysis that was performed under my supervision. The result of that analysis  
22 is that FPL's customers are projected to save approximately \$300 million

1 (nominal), or \$81 million (CPVRR), due to Florida's Nuclear Cost Recovery  
2 process in regard to the EPU project.

3 **Q. Please briefly explain how the Nuclear Cost Recovery process saves**  
4 **money for FPL's customers.**

5 A. The Nuclear Cost Recovery process allows for annual recovery of interest  
6 costs incurred through construction, rather than long-term recovery under the  
7 normal Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC) approach.  
8 This enables FPL's customers to avoid paying significant compounded  
9 interest charges they would otherwise incur.

10 **Q. Was a similar analysis performed regarding the projected capital cost**  
11 **savings for FPL's customers from Florida's Nuclear Cost Recovery**  
12 **process in regard to Turkey Point 6 & 7?**

13 A. Yes. Similar analyses of the projected capital cost savings for FPL's  
14 customers in regard to Turkey Point 6 & 7 that results from Florida's Nuclear  
15 Cost Recovery process were performed under my supervision. The results of  
16 one of these analyses, assuming the high-end of the non-binding capital cost  
17 range and a 40-year operating life, are presented in FPL witness Scroggs'  
18 Exhibit SDS-10, page 1 of 1. The result of this analysis is that Florida's  
19 Nuclear Cost Recovery process is projected to save FPL's customers  
20 approximately \$10.4 billion (nominal), or \$293 million (CPVRR), in capital  
21 cost savings. Another analysis that was performed, assuming the low-end of  
22 the non-binding capital cost estimate range, and a 40-year operating life for  
23 the units, resulted in a projection that Florida's Nuclear Cost Recovery

1 process will save FPL's customers approximately \$7.3 billion (nominal), or  
2 \$249 (CPVRR), in capital cost savings.

3 **Q. What conclusions do you draw from the results of the 2014 feasibility**  
4 **analyses of Turkey Point 6 & 7?**

5 A. In regard to these economic feasibility analyses, the Turkey Point 6 & 7  
6 project is projected to be the economic choice in at least half of the 14  
7 scenarios analyzed. In the single scenario in which the two new nuclear units  
8 are not projected to be economic, that scenario assumes low natural gas costs  
9 each year through 2063, low environmental compliance costs each year  
10 through 2063, and the lower of the assumed operating lives for the two units.  
11 Under the assumptions utilized in this one particular scenario, FPL's  
12 customers are still projected to have significantly lower CPVRR costs than in  
13 all other scenarios. Therefore, Turkey Point 6 & 7 is projected to not only be  
14 the economic choice in at least half of the 14 cases analyzed, it will also be  
15 beneficial to FPL's customers in terms of increased system fuel diversity,  
16 reduced system emissions, and as a significant hedge against higher fuel and  
17 environmental compliance costs.

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19 Thus, the results of the 2014 feasibility analyses strongly support the  
20 feasibility of continuing the Turkey Point 6 & 7 project.

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

22 A. Yes.



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