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To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Response to Letter from Representative Rodriguez
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Good Afternoon:

Please place the attached Letter in docket correspondence consumers and their representatives in Docket No. 150009.

Thanks.

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Public Service Commission

July 23, 2015

The Honorable José Javier Rodriguez
House District 112
2100 Coral Way, Suite 303
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Dear Representative Rodriguez:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Florida Public Service Commission's (FPSC) scheduled hearing in the Nuclear Cost Recovery Clause docket. The FPSC appreciates your interest in our work and our accessibility to the residents of South Florida.

As you noted, there are important decisions to be made in this proceeding, and we take very seriously the impact the issues in this docket will have on the interests of affected residents.

Because the FPSC is acting in the role of judges in this proceeding, in which the rights of the parties are being litigated, the August 18-20 hearing is an evidentiary hearing rather than a public forum. The Nuclear Cost Recovery evidentiary hearing takes the testimony of expert witnesses offered by the parties, and is purely technical in nature. While I understand your interest in holding the hearing locally, because there is no public input, a technical hearing in Miami might be more of a frustration for your constituents than anything.

However, I can propose a solution. The public is represented in our cases and throughout this technical process by the legislature's Office of Public Counsel (OPC). The best option for public input would be for the OPC to meet with its clients - the citizens you had envisioned participating in the hearing - in a public forum like you asked for, in order to assure their concerns are clearly heard and represented by counsel in the proceeding. Also, the City of Miami is an intervenor in this case and should be able to participate in a public forum.

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Again, the FPSC appreciates your interest in this matter, and if you have additional questions or concerns, please always feel free to reach out to me again.

Sincerely,



Art Graham
Chairman

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