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#### -VIA ELECTRONIC FILING -

Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

> Re: Florida Power & Light Company Notice of Change in Accounting Method No Action Required

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Enclosed, for informational and notification purposes only, is an electronic copy of Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method, as-filed filed with the United States Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") on behalf of Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL"). Form 3115 reflects FPL's request for permission from the IRS to change the manner in which it calculates the tax repairs deduction pursuant to new IRS rules. The IRS requires FPL to provide a copy of the completed application to any regulatory body having jurisdiction over the public utility property to which the method of accounting change is being requested. This is a notice filing only and no action is required on the part of the Florida Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,

<u>s/ Maria J. Moncada</u>

Maria J. Moncada

# Form 3115

(Rev. December 2009) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

# **Application for Change in Accounting Method**

OMB No. 1545-015:

Internal Revenue Service	
Name of filer (name of parent corporation if a consolidated group) (see instructions)	Identification number (see Instructions)
	59-2449419
	Principal business activity code number (see instructions)
NextEra Energy Inc. and Subsidiaries	523900
Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see the instructions.	Tax year of change begins (MM/DOYYYY) 01/01/2014
700 Universe Blvd (CTX/JB)	Tax year of change ends (MM/DD/YYYY) 12/31/2014
City or town, state, and ZIP code	Name of contact person (see instructions)
Juno Beach, FL 33408	
Name of applicant(s) (if different than filer) and identification number(s) (see instructions)	Contact person's telephone number
Florida Power & Light Company  If the applicant is a member of a consolidated group sheet this have	59-0247775 561-691-7600
If the applicant is a member of a consolidated group, check this box	
If Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative, is attached	
required), check this box	
Check the box to indicate the type of applicant.	Check the appropriate box to indicate the type
Individual Cooperative (Sec. 1381)	of accounting method change being requested.
X Corporation Partnership	(see instructions)
Controlled foreign corporation S Corporation	Depreciation or Amortization
(Sec. 957) Insurance Co. (Sec. 816(a))	Financial Products and/or Financial Activities of
10/50 corporation (Sec. 904(d)(2)(E)) Insurance Co. (Sec. 831)	Financial Institutions
Qualified personal service Other (specify)	X Other (specify) IRC Reg. \$1.162-4
corporation (Sec. 448(d)(2))	and IRC Reg. \$1.263(a)-3
Exempt organization. Enter Code section	und The Reg. 31.205(a) 5
Caution: To be eligible for approval of the requested change in method of accounting the taxon	ever must provide all information that is relevant to the texpever
or to the taxpayer's requested change in method of accounting. This includes all information	requested on this Form 3115 (including its instructions), as
well as any other information that is not specifically requested.  The taxpayer must attach all applicable supplemental statements requested throughout	t this form
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1 Enter the applicable designated automatic accounting method change number	
only one designated automatic accounting method change number, except as	
IRS. if the requested change has no designated automatic accounting method	
both a description of the change and citation of the IRS guidance providing the	automatic change. See instructions.
► (a) Change No. 182 (b) Other Description ► Adoption of unit	it of property definitions provided by IRS:
2 Do any of the scope limitations described in section 4.02 of Rev. Proc. :	2008-52 cause automatic consent to be
unavailable for the applicant's requested change? If "Yes," attach an explanation	
Note: Complete Part II below and then Part IV, and also Schedules A through E of the	nis form (if applicable).
Part II Information For All Requests	Yes No
3 Did or will the applicant cease to engage in the trade or business to	which the requested change relates, or
terminate its existence, in the tax year of change (see instructions)?	
If "Yes," the applicant is not eligible to make the change under automatic chan	
4a Does the applicant (or any present or former consolidated group in which	
applicable tax year(s)) have any Federal income tax return(s) under examination	
If "No," go to line 5.	
b is the method of accounting the applicant is requesting to change an issue	e (with respect to either the applicant or
any present or former consolidated group in which the applicant was a m	
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Signature (see instructions)	X
Under penaitles of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application, including accompanying sche	dules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application, including accompanying sche the application contains all the relevant facts relating to the application, and it is true, correct, and com information of which preparer has any knowledge.	plete. Declaration of preparer (other than applicant) is based on all
Filer /	Preparer (other than filer/applicant)
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1 9-11-15 <u>9-11-15</u>	
Signature and dated S	signature of individual preparing the application and date
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Brian R. Murphy Vice President, Tax	
Name and title (print or type)	me of individual preparing the application (print or type)
<del></del>	Name of firm preparing the application

Par	Information For All Requests (continued)	Yes	No
4 c	Is the method of accounting the applicant is requesting to change an issue pending (with respect to either the		
	applicant or any present or former consolidated group in which the applicant was a member during the applicable		
	tax year(s)) for any tax year under examination (see instructions)?		Х
d	Is the request to change the method of accounting being filed under the procedures requiring that the operating		
	division director consent to the filing of the request (see instructions)?		Х
	If "Yes," attach the consent statement from the director.		
е	Is the request to change the method of accounting being filed under the 90-day or 120-day window period?		Х
	If "Yes," check the box for the applicable window period and attach the required statement (see instructions).		
	90 day 120 day: Date examination ended ▶		
f	If you answered "Yes" to line 4a, enter the name and telephone number of the examining agent and the tax		
	year(s) under examination.		
	Name ▶ Nathan Conner Telephone number ▶ <u>561-691-7692</u> Tax year(s) ▶ <u>2011-2012</u>		
g	Has a copy of this Form 3115 been provided to the examining agent identified on line 4f?	Х	
5 a	Does the applicant (or any present or former consolidated group in which the applicant was a member during the		
	applicable tax year(s)) have any Federal income tax return(s) before Appeals and/or a Federal court?	Х	
	If "Yes," enter the name of the (check the box) Appeals officer and/or X counsel for the government,		
	telephone number, and the tax year(s) before Appeals and/or a Federal court.		
	Name ▶ See Attachment Telephone number ▶ Tax year(s) ▶		
b	Has a copy of this Form 3115 been provided to the Appeals officer and/or counsel for the government identified		
	on line 5a?		X
С	Is the method of accounting the applicant is requesting to change an issue under consideration by Appeals and/or		
	a Federal court (for either the applicant or any present or former consolidated group in which the applicant was a		
	member for the tax year(s) the applicant was a member) (see instructions)?		Х
	If "Yes," attach an explanation.		
6	If the applicant answered "Yes" to line 4a and/or 5a with respect to any present or former consolidated group,		
	attach a statement that provides each parent corporation's (a) name, (b) identification number, (c) address,		
	and (d) tax year(s) during which the applicant was a member that is under examination, before an Appeals office,		
	and/or before a Federal court. See Attached		
7	If, for federal income tax purposes, the applicant is either an entity (including a limited liability company) treated as		
	a partnership or an S corporation, is it requesting a change from a method of accounting that is an issue under		
	consideration in an examination, before Appeals, or before a Federal court, with respect to a Federal income tax		
	return of a partner, member, or shareholder of that entity? $_{ m N/A}$		
	If "Yes," the applicant is <b>not</b> eligible to make the change.		
8a	Does the applicable revenue procedure (advance consent or automatic consent) state that the applicant does not		
	receive audit protection for the requested change (see instructions)?		X
b	If "Yes," attach an explanation.		
9 a	Has the applicant, its predecessor, or a related party requested or made (under either an automatic change		
	procedure or a procedure requiring advance consent) a change in method of accounting within the past 5 years		
	(including the year of the requested change)?	X	
b	If "Yes," for each trade or business, attach a description of each requested change in method of accounting		
	(including the tax year of change) and state whether the applicant received consent. See Attached		
С	If any application was withdrawn, not perfected, or denied, or if a Consent Agreement granting a change was not		
	signed and returned to the IRS, or the change was not made or not made in the requested year of change, attach		
	an explanation. N/A		
10 a	Does the applicant, its predecessor, or a related party currently have pending any request (including any		
	concurrently filed request) for a private letter ruling, change in method of accounting, or technical advice?	X	
b	If "Yes," for each request attach a statement providing the name(s) of the taxpayer, identification number(s), the		
	type of request (private letter ruling, change in method of accounting, or technical advice), and the specific issue(s)		
	in the request(s).  See Attached		_
11	Is the applicant requesting to change its <b>overall</b> method of accounting?		X
	If "Yes," check the appropriate boxes below to indicate the applicant's present and proposed methods of accounting. Also, complete Schedule A on page 4 of this form.		
	Present method: Cash Accrual Hybrid (attach description)		
	Proposed method: Cash Accrual Hybrid (attach description)		

used to determine the section 481(a) adjustment. If it is based on more than one component, show the computation for each component. If more than one applicant is applying for the method change on the same application, attach a list of the name, identification number, principal business activity code (see instructions), and

the amount of the section 481(a) adjustment attributable to each applicant.

Form 3115 (Rev. 12-2009) Page 4 Part IV Section 481(a) Adjustment (continued) Yes No If the section 481(a) adjustment is an increase to income of less than \$25,000, does the applicant elect to take the entire amount of the adjustment into account in the year of change? N/AIs any part of the section 481(a) adjustment attributable to transactions between members of an affiliated group, a 27 consolidated group, a controlled group, or other related parties? N/AIf "Yes," attach an explanation. Schedule A - Change in Overall Method of Accounting (If Schedule A applies, Part I below must be completed.) Change in Overall Method (see instructions) N/A Enter the following amounts as of the close of the tax year preceding the year of change. If none, state "None." Also, attach a statement providing a breakdown of the amounts entered on lines 1a through 1g.

a Income accrued but not received (such as accounts receivable)

b Income received or reported before it was earned (such as advanced payments). Attach a description of the income and the legal basis for the proposed method

c Expenses accrued but not paid (such as accounts payable)

d Prepaid expenses previously deducted

e Supplies on hand previously deducted and/or not previously reported

f Inventory on hand previously deducted and/or not previously reported. Complete Schedule D, Part II

g Other amounts (specify). Attach a description of the item and the legal basis for its inclusion in the calculation of the section 481(a) adjustment. ▶

h Net section 481(a) adjustment (Combine lines 1a-1g.) Indicate whether the adjustment is an increase (+) or decrease (-) in income. Also enter the net amount of this section 481(a) adjustment amount on Part IV, line 25.

2 Is the applicant also requesting the recurring item exception under section 461(h)(3)?

Yes No

Attach copies of the profit and loss statement (Schedule F (Form 1040) for farmers) and the balance sheet, if applicable, as of the close of the tax year preceding the year of change. Also attach a statement specifying the accounting method used when preparing the balance sheet. If books of account are not kept, attach a copy of the business schedules submitted with the Federal income tax return or other return (e.g., tax-exempt organization returns) for that period. If the amounts in Part I, lines 1a through 1g, do not agree with those shown on both the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet, attach a statement explaining the differences.

## Part II Change to the Cash Method For Advance Consent Request (see instructions) N/A

Applicants requesting a change to the cash method must attach the following information:

- 1 A description of inventory items (items whose production, purchase, or sale is an income-producing factor) and materials and supplies used in carrying out the business.
- 2 An explanation as to whether the applicant is required to use the accrual method under any section of the Code or regulations.

#### Schedule B - Change to the Deferral Method for Advance Payments (see instructions) N/A

- 1 If the applicant is requesting to change to the Deferral Method for advance payments described in section 5.02 of Rev. Proc. 2004-34, 2004-1 C.B. 991, attach the following information:
- a A statement explaining how the advance payments meet the definition in section 4.01 of Rev. Proc. 2004-34.
- **b** If the applicant is filing under the automatic change procedures of Rev. Proc. 2008-52, the information required by section 8.02(3)(a)-(c) of Rev. Proc. 2004-34.
- **c** If the applicant is filing under the advance consent provisions of Rev. Proc. 97-27, the information required by section 8.03(2)(a)-(f) of Rev. Proc. 2004-34.
- 2 If the applicant is requesting to change to the deferral method for advance payments described in Regulations section 1.451-5(b)(1)(ii), attach the following.
- a A statement explaining how the advance payments meet the definition in Regulations section 1.451-5(a)(1).
- **b** A statement explaining what portions of the advance payments, if any, are attributable to services, whether such services are integral to the provisions of goods or items, and whether any portions of the advance payments that are attributable to non-integral services are less than five percent of the total contract prices. See Regulations sections 1.451-5(a)(2)(i) and (3).
- **c** A statement explaining that the advance payments will be included in income no later than when included in gross receipts for purposes of the applicant's financial reports. See Regulations section 1.451-5(b)(1)(ii).
- **d** A statement explaining whether the inventoriable goods exception of Regulations section 1.451-5(c) applies and if so, when substantial advance payments will be received under the contracts, and how the exception will limit the deferral of income.

## Schedule C - Changes Within the LIFO Inventory Method (see instructions) $_{ m N/A}$

#### Part I General LIFO Information

Complete this section if the requested change involves changes within the LIFO inventory method. Also, attach a copy of all **Forms 970**, Application To Use LIFO Inventory Method, filed to adopt or expand the use of the LIFO method.

- 1 Attach a description of the applicant's present and proposed LIFO methods and submethods for each of the following items:
- a Valuing inventory (e.g., unit method or dollar-value method).
- **b** Pooling (e.g., by line or type or class of goods, natural business unit, multiple pools, raw material content, simplified dollar-value method, inventory price index computation (IPIC) pools, vehicle-pool method, etc.).
- c Pricing dollar-value pools (e.g., double-extension, index, link-chain, link-chain index, IPIC method, etc.).
- **d** Determining the current-year cost of goods in the ending inventory (i.e., most recent acquisitions, earliest acquisitions during the current year, average cost of current-year acquisitions, or other permitted method).
- 2 If any present method or submethod used by the applicant is not the same as indicated on Form(s) 970 filed to adopt or expand the use of the method, attach an explanation.
- 3 If the proposed change is not requested for all the LIFO inventory, attach a statement specifying the inventory to which the change is and is not applicable.
- 4 If the proposed change is not requested for all of the LIFO pools, attach a statement specifying the LIFO pool(s) to which the change is applicable.
- 5 Attach a statement addressing whether the applicant values any of its LIFO inventory on a method other than cost. For example, if the applicant values some of its LIFO inventory at retail and the remainder at cost, identify which inventory items are valued under each method.
- 6 If changing to the IPIC method, attach a completed Form 970.

#### Part II Change in Pooling Inventories N/A

- 1 If the applicant is proposing to change its pooling method or the number of pools, attach a description of the contents of, and state the base year for, each dollar-value pool the applicant presently uses and proposes to use.
- 2 If the applicant is proposing to use natural business unit (NBU) pools or requesting to change the number of NBU pools, attach the following information (to the extent not already provided) in sufficient detail to show that each proposed NBU was determined under Regulations section 1.472-8(b)(1) and (2):
  - a A description of the types of products produced by the applicant. If possible, attach a brochure.
- **b** A description of the types of processes and raw materials used to produce the products in each proposed pool.
- **c** If all of the products to be included in the proposed NBU pool(s) are not produced at one facility, state the reasons for the separate facilities, the location of each facility, and a description of the products each facility produces.
- **d** A description of the natural business divisions adopted by the taxpayer. State whether separate cost centers are maintained and if separate profit and loss statements are prepared.
- e A statement addressing whether the applicant has inventories of items purchased and held for resale that are not further processed by the applicant, including whether such items, if any, will be included in any proposed NBU pool.
- f A statement addressing whether all items including raw materials, goods-in-process, and finished goods entering into the entire inventory investment for each proposed NBU pool are presently valued under the LIFO method. Describe any items that are not presently valued under the LIFO method that are to be included in each proposed pool.
- **g** A statement addressing whether, within the proposed NBU pool(s), there are items both sold to unrelated parties and transferred to a different unit of the applicant to be used as a component part of another product prior to final processing.
- 3 If the applicant is engaged in manufacturing and is proposing to use the multiple pooling method or raw material content pools, attach information to show that each proposed pool will consist of a group of items that are substantially similar. See Regulations section 1.472-8(b)(3).
- 4 If the applicant is engaged in the wholesaling or retailing of goods and is requesting to change the number of pools used, attach information to show that each of the proposed pools is based on customary business classifications of the applicant's trade or business. See Regulations section 1.472-8(c).

#### Schedule D - Change in the Treatment of Long-Term Contracts Under Section 460, Inventories, or Other Section 263A Assets (see instructions) N/A Part I Change in Reporting Income From Long-Term Contracts (Also complete Part III on pages 7 and 8.) To the extent not already provided, attach a description of the applicant's present and proposed methods for reporting income and expenses from long-term contracts. Also, attach a representative actual contract (without any deletion) for the requested change. If the applicant is a construction contractor, attach a detailed description of its construction activities. 2 a Are the applicant's contracts long-term contracts as defined in section 460(f)(1) (see instructions)? . . . . . . Yes No **b** If "Yes," do all the contracts qualify for the exception under section 460(e) (see instructions)? . . . . . . . . . Yes If line 2b is "No," attach an explanation. c If line 2b is "Yes," is the applicant requesting to use the percentage-of-completion method using cost-to-Yes d If line 2c is "No," is the applicant requesting to use the exempt-contract percentage-of-completion Yes If line 2d is "Yes," attach an explanation of what cost comparison the applicant will use to determine a contract's completion factor. If line 2d is "No," attach an explanation of what method the applicant is using and the authority for its use. 3 a Does the applicant have long-term manufacturing contracts as defined in section 460(f)(2)? Yes b If "Yes," attach an explanation of the applicant's present and proposed method(s) of accounting for longterm manufacturing contracts. c Attach a description of the applicant's manufacturing activities, including any required installation of manufactured goods. To determine a contract's completion factor using the percentage-of-completion method: No a Will the applicant use the cost-to-cost method in Regulations section 1.460-4(b)? Yes b If line 4a is "No," is the applicant electing the simplified cost-to-cost method (see section 460(b)(3) and Regulations section 1.460-5(c))? Attach a statement indicating whether any of the applicant's contracts are either cost-plus long-term contracts or Federal long-term contracts. Part | Change in Valuing Inventories Including Cost Allocation Changes (Also complete Part III on pages 7 and 8.) N/A Attach a description of the inventory goods being changed. Attach a description of the inventory goods (if any) NOT being changed. 3 a Is the applicant subject to section 263A? If "No," go to line 4a Yes No b Is the applicant's present inventory valuation method in compliance with section 263A (see instructions)? Yes Inventory Not Inventory Being Changed Being Changed 4 a Check the appropriate boxes below. Identification methods: Proposed method Present method Present method Specific identification Other (attach explanation) Valuation methods: Cost or market, whichever is lower Retail, lower of cost or market Other (attach explanation) **b** Enter the value at the end of the tax year preceding the year of change If the applicant is changing from the LIFO inventory method to a non-LIFO method, attach the following information (see instructions). a Copies of Form(s) 970 filed to adopt or expand the use of the method. b Only for applicants requesting advance consent. A statement describing whether the applicant is changing to the method required by Regulations section 1.472-6(a) or (b), or whether the applicant is proposing a different method. c Only for applicants requesting an automatic change. The statement required by section 22.01(5) of the Appendix of Rev. Proc. 2008-52 (or its successor).

Part III Method of Cost Allocation (Complete this part if the requested change involves either property subject to section 263A or long-term contracts as described in section 460 (see instructions)). N/A

#### **Section A - Allocation and Capitalization Methods**

Attach a description (including sample computations) of the present and proposed method(s) the applicant uses to capitalize direct and indirect costs properly allocable to real or tangible personal property produced and property acquired for resale, or to allocate and, where appropriate, capitalize direct and indirect costs properly allocable to long-term contracts. Include a description of the method(s) used for allocating indirect costs to intermediate cost objectives such as departments or activities prior to the allocation of such costs to long-term contracts, real or tangible personal property produced, and property acquired for resale. The description must include the following:

- 1 The method of allocating direct and indirect costs (i.e., specific identification, burden rate, standard cost, or other reasonable allocation method).
- 2 The method of allocating mixed service costs (i.e., direct reallocation, step-allocation, simplified service cost using the labor-based allocation ratio, simplified service cost using the production cost allocation ratio, or other reasonable allocation method).
- 3 The method of capitalizing additional section 263A costs (i.e., simplified production with or without the historic absorption ratio election, simplified resale with or without the historic absorption ratio election including permissible variations, the U.S. ratio, or other reasonable allocation method).

#### Section B - Direct and Indirect Costs Required To Be Allocated N/A

Check the appropriate boxes showing the costs that are or will be fully included, to the extent required, in the cost of real or tangible personal property produced or property acquired for resale under section 263A or allocated to long-term contracts under section 460. Mark "N/A" in a box if those costs are not incurred by the applicant. If a box is not checked, it is assumed that those costs are not fully included to the extent required. Attach an explanation for boxes that are not checked.

		Present method	Proposed method
1	Direct material		
2	Direct labor		
3	Indirect labor		
4	Officers' compensation (not including selling activities)		
5	Pension and other related costs		
6	Employee benefits		
7	Indirect materials and supplies		
8	Purchasing costs		
9	Handling, processing, assembly, and repackaging costs		
10	Offsite storage and warehousing costs		
11	Depreciation, amortization, and cost recovery allowance for equipment and facilities		
	placed in service and not temporarily idle		
12	Depletion		
13	Rent		
14	Taxes other than state, local, and foreign income taxes		
15	Insurance		
16	Utilities		
17	Maintenance and repairs that relate to a production, resale, or long-term contract activity		
18	Engineering and design costs (not including section 174 research and experimental		
	expenses)		
19	Rework labor, scrap, and spoilage		
20	Tools and equipment		
21	Quality control and inspection		
22	Bidding expenses incurred in the solicitation of contracts awarded to the applicant		
23	Licensing and franchise costs		
24	Capitalizable service costs (including mixed service costs)		
25	Administrative costs (not including any costs of selling or any return on capital)		
26	Research and experimental expenses attributable to long-term contracts		
27	Interest		
28	Other costs (Attach a list of these costs.)		

#### Part | Method of Cost Allocation (see instructions) (continued) N/A

Section C - Other Costs Not Required To Be Allocated (Complete Section C only if the applicant is requesting to change its method for these costs.)

		Present method	Proposed method
1	Marketing, selling, advertising, and distribution expenses		
2	Research and experimental expenses not included in Section B, line 26		
3	Bidding expenses not included in Section B, line 22		
4	General and administrative costs not included in Section B		
5	Income taxes		
6	Cost of strikes		
7	Warranty and product liability costs		
8	Section 179 costs		
9	On-site storage		
10	Depreciation, amortization, and cost recovery allowance not included in Section B, line 11		
11	Other costs (Attach a list of these costs.)		
Sche	edule E - Change in Depreciation or Amortization (see instructions) N/A		
	cants requesting approval to change their method of accounting for depreciation or amor cants <i>must</i> provide this information for each item or class of property for which a change is request	•	te this section
ınde	See the <b>List of Automatic Accounting Method Changes</b> in the instructions for information resections 56, 167, 168, 197, 1400I, 1400L, or former section 168. <b>Do not</b> file Form 3115 with election revocations (see instructions).		•
1	Is depreciation for the property determined under Regulations section 1.167(a)-11 (CLADR)?  If "Yes," the only changes permitted are under Regulations section 1.167(a)-11(c)(1)(iii).		Yes No
2	Is any of the depreciation or amortization required to be capitalized under any Code section (e. 263A)?	_	Yes No
3	Has a depreciation, amortization, or expense election been made for the property (e.g., the elec	tion under	

**4 a** To the extent not already provided, attach a statement describing the property being changed. Include in the description the type of property, the year the property was placed in service, and the property's use in the applicant's trade or business or income-producing activity.

sections 168(f)(1), 179, or 179C)?

- To the extent not already provided in the applicant's description of its present method, attach a statement explaining how the property is treated under the applicant's present method (e.g., depreciable property, inventory property, supplies under Regulations section 1.162-3, nondepreciable section 263(a) property, property deductible as a current expense, etc.).
- If the property is not currently treated as depreciable or amortizable property, attach a statement of the facts supporting the proposed change to depreciate or amortize the property.
- If the property is currently treated and/or will be treated as depreciable or amortizable property, provide the following information for both the present (if applicable) and proposed methods:
- a The Code section under which the property is or will be depreciated or amortized (e.g., section 168(g)).
- b The applicable asset class from Rev. Proc. 87-56, 1987-2 C.B. 674, for each asset depreciated under section 168 (MACRS) or under section 1400L; the applicable asset class from Rev. Proc. 83-35, 1983-1 C.B. 745, for each asset depreciated under former section 168 (ACRS); an explanation why no asset class is identified for each asset for which an asset class has not been identified by the applicant.
- **c** The facts to support the asset class for the proposed method.
- **d** The depreciation or amortization method of the property, including the applicable Code section (e.g., 200% declining balance method under section 168(b)(1)).
- e The useful life, recovery period, or amortization period of the property.
- f The applicable convention of the property.

If "Yes," state the election made ▶

g A statement of whether or not the additional first-year special depreciation allowance (for example, as provided by section 168(k), 168(l), 168(m), 168(n), 1400L(b), or 1400N(d)) was or will be claimed for the property. If not, also provide an explanation as to why no special depreciation allowance was or will be claimed.

NextEra Energy, Inc. & Subsidiaries FEIN 59-2449419

#### Name of Applicant

NextEra Energy, Inc. & Subsidiaries (FEIN 59-2449419) is the parent corporation of a consolidated group, and is filing this Form 3115 on behalf of its subsidiary, Florida Power & Light Co ("Applicant")(FEIN 59-0247775).

- (1) Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL")
- (2) FEIN 59-0247775
- (3) 700 Universe Blvd CTX/JB Juno Beach, Florida 33408

## Part II, Line 5(a)

Pending before The United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida – West Palm Division are the following:

• Form 1120X for the tax years 1969-1975, 1977, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1990, 1995 regarding carrybacks/carryforwards of portions of net operating losses constituting "specified liability losses" pursuant to, and within the meaning of, Section 172(f) of the Code. U.S. Department of Justice, Senior Litigation Counsel is Cory A. Johnson, Washington, D.C. 20044, (202) 307-3046.

## Part II, Line 6

If the applicant answered "Yes" to line 4a and/or 5a with respect to any present or former consolidated group, provide each parent corporation's (a) name, (b) identification number, (c) address, and (d) tax year(s) during which the applicant was a member that is under examination, before an Appeals office, and/or before a Federal court.

The Applicant is Florida Power & Light Company, which is part of a consolidated group. The consolidated group's parent is the filer listed below:

- a) Name: NextEra Energy, Inc. & Subsidiaries (f/k/a FPL Group, Inc. & Subsidiaries)
- b) EIN: 59-2449419
- c) Address: 700 Universe Blvd. CTX/JB Juno Beach, Florida 33408
- d) Tax Years: 2011-2012 Exam; 1969-1975, 1977, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1990, and 1995 The United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida West Palm Division.

## Part II, Line 9(b)

Has the applicant, its predecessor, or a related party requested or made (under either an automatic change procedure or a procedure requiring advance consent) a change in accounting method within the past 5 years including the year of the requested change)?

If "Yes," attach a description of each change and the year of change for each separate trade or business and whether consent was obtained.

If the application was withdrawn, not perfected, or denied, or if a Consent Agreement was sent to the applicant but was not signed and returned to the IRS, or if the change was not made, include an explanation.

NextEra Energy, Inc. & Subsidiaries FEIN 59-2449419

In 2010, NextEra Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries (EIN 59-2449419) filed a Form 3115, Change in Accounting Method, on behalf of its subsidiary, Florida Power & Light Company (EIN 59-0247775). The purpose of this automatic change in method of accounting was a Protective Request for Change of Method "Issue Under Consideration" with regards to Repairs and Maintenance Costs. Taxpayer's method of accounting for repair expenses is to deduct such expenses to the extent permitted by Section 1.162-4 of the Regulations. In classifying and reclassifying expenditures as deductible repairs or capital improvements for tax reporting purposes, Taxpayer starts with the amount of repair expense claimed for regulatory (financial statement) purposes. Petitioner then makes adjustments increasing the amount of repair expense identified for book purposes by the amount of expenditures that qualify for deduction for tax but not for book purposes.

In 2011, NextEra Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries (EIN 59-2449419) filed a Form 3115, Change in Accounting Method, on behalf of its subsidiary, Florida Power & Light Company (EIN 59-0247775). The purpose of this automatic change in method of accounting was to elect the safe harbor method prescribed in Rev. Proc. 2011-43 for repair and maintenance of Transmission and Distribution property.

In 2012, NextEra Energy, Inc. and Subsidiaries (EIN 59-2449419) filed a Form 3115, Change in Accounting Method, on behalf of its subsidiaries, FPL Fibernet, LLC and NextEra Fibernet, LLC (EIN's 65-0976766 and 27-3269315, respectively). The purpose of this automatic change in method of accounting was to adopt the wireless network asset maintenance allowance method described in Rev. Proc. 2011-27 for expenditures incurred to maintain, replace, or improve wireline network assets.

In 2013, Northeast Energy LP (EIN 65-0811248) filed a Form 3115, Change in Accounting Method. The purpose of this automatic change in method of accounting was to change its method of accounting for the timing of deducting liabilities for employee bonuses paid within 2 ½ months of their year-end, but only to the extent all event have occurred to establish the fact of the liability, the amount can be determined with reasonable accuracy, and economic performance has occurred with respect to the liability as provided under Reg. Sec. 1.461-1(a)(2) and Reg. Sec. 1.404(b)-1T, Q&A 2.

## Part II, Line 10

a - Does the applicant, its predecessor, or a related party currently have pending any request (including any concurrently filed request) for a private letter ruling, change in method of accounting, or technical advice?

Yes

b - If "Yes," for each request attach a statement providing the name(s) of the taxpayer, identification number(s), the type of request (private letter ruling, change in method of accounting, or technical advice), and the specific issue(s) in the request(s).

Northeast Energy LP (FEIN: 65-0811248), filed Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method, requesting an automatic change in accounting method. Northeast Energy LP is requesting automatic change no. 167, to change its method of accounting for rotable and temporary spare parts to the method allowable under Reg. §1.162-3(e).

Northeast Energy LP (FEIN: 65-0811248), filed Form 3115, Application for Change in Accounting Method, requesting an automatic change in accounting method. Northeast Energy LP is requesting automatic change no.

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184 detailed in Rev. Proc. 2015-14. The automatic change request is to comply with the final tangible property regulations under Reg. §1.162-4 and Reg. §1.263(a)-3.

NextEra Energy, Inc. & Subsidiaries (FEIN 59-2449419) is the parent corporation of a consolidated group, and filed Form 3115 on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiaries; NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc. (FEIN: 59-2576416), Lamar Power Partners, LLC (FEIN: 75-2778389), and FPLE Forney, LLC (FEIN: 76-0593997), requesting an automatic change in accounting method. The Applicants are requesting automatic change no. 167, to change their method of accounting for rotable and temporary spare parts to the method allowable under Reg. §1.162-3(e).

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#### Part II, Line 12

If the applicant is not changing its overall method of accounting, attach a detailed and complete description for each of the following:

a - The item being changed

Taxpayer is adopting the unit of property definitions provided by the IRS, as detailed by Rev. Proc. 2013-24, which applies Reg. §1.162-4 and Reg. §1.263(a)-3.

b - The applicant's present method for the item(s) being changed

Taxpayer's method of accounting for repair expenses is to deduct such expenses to the extent permitted by Section 1.162-4 of the Regulations. In classifying and reclassifying expenditures as deductible repairs or capital improvements for tax reporting purposes, Taxpayer starts with the amount of repair expense claimed for regulatory (financial statement) purposes. Petitioner then makes adjustments increasing the amount of repair expense identified for book purposes by the amount of expenditures that qualify for deduction for tax but not for book purposes. In addition, as to measurement, the Taxpayer was taking repair deductions at the time the expenditure took place.

c - The applicant's proposed method for the item(s) being changed

Taxpayer's new method is to adopt the unit of property and major component definitions as provided by the IRS in Rev. Proc. 2013-24, which applies Reg. §1.162-4 and Reg. §1.263(a)-3. In addition, as to measurement, the Taxpayer will take repair deductions at the time the expenditures close to plant, to align more with our understanding of industry practice.

d – The applicant's present overall method of accounting (cash, accrual, or hybrid)

Taxpayer uses an overall accrual method of accounting.

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## Part II, Line 13

Attach a detailed and complete description of the applicant's trade(s) or business(es) and the principal business activity code for each. If the applicant has more than one trade or business as defined in Regulations section 1.446-1(d), describe: whether each trade or business is accounted for separately; the goods and services provided by each trade or business and any other types of activities engaged in that generate gross income; the overall method of accounting for each trade or business; and which trade or business is requesting to change its accounting method as part of this application or a separate application.

The Applicant is Florida Power & Light Company, a state-regulated public utility engaged in the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electric energy.

The principal business activity code of Florida Power & Light Company is 221100, a public utility whose product or service is electricity.

## Part II, Line 14

Will the proposed method of accounting be used for the applicant's books and records and financial statements? For insurance companies, see the instructions. If "No", attach an explanation.

The proposed accounting method change will not be used for the Applicant's financial statement purposes.

## Part IV, Line 25

Enter the section 481(a) adjustment. Indicate whether the adjustment is an increase (+) or decrease (-) in income.

The Section 481(a) adjustment consists of the difference between the amounts deducted relating to repairs taken on the original return for tax years 2009-2013 and the proposed method as of 12/31/2013. In addition, the Section 481(a) adjustment consists of a measurement difference between the amounts deducted as repairs under the old method, which was based on deducting the repair at the time of the expenditure, and the proposed method, to align more with our understanding of industry practice, to deduct the repair at the time the expenditures close to plant.

Con 491(a) A directment.	Ref	(Fav)/Unf <b>As Filed</b>	(Fav)/Unf As	(Fav)/Unf <b>2014 - §481a</b>
Sec 481(a) Adjustment:			Corrected	
Repair taken 2009-2013 remaining in CWIP at 12/31/13		\$ (111,552,267)	\$ -	\$ 111,552,267
Additional repair 2009-2013 due to change in method	<a></a>		(21,461,044)	(21,461,044)
Change in Tax Depreciation Deduction Impacted by <a></a>			11,012,860	11,012,860
Gain/Loss Impacted by the Change in Salvage	<b></b>		(6,233,739)	(6,233,739)
Change in Tax Depreciation Deduction Impacted by the Salvage Adj Basis Component  			(2,855,714)	(2,855,714)
Gain/Loss Impacted by the Change in Retirement Reversals			32,554,681	32,554,681
Tax Depreciation Impacted by the Change in Tax Basis due to Retirement Reversals			(1,626,677)	(1,626,677)
Total Sec 481(a) Adjustment		\$ (111,552,267)	\$ 11,390,367	\$ 122,942,634