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From: Office of Commissioner Brown
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2016 11:02 AM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Please Deny FPL's Request for Fracked Gas

Please place in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 160001-EI.

Thank you.
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-----Original Message-----

From: Food & Water Watch [<mailto:act@fwwatch.org>]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2016 8:24 AM
To: Office of Commissioner Brown
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May 5, 2016

Commissioner Julie Imanuel Brown
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Dear Commissioner Imanuel Brown,

I urge you to deny Florida Power & Light's request to get into the gas drilling business by investing in drilling companies like PetroQuest.

If this request is approved, Florida Power & Light could start investing in the extraction of natural gas. Drilling for natural gas or oil using a form of extreme extraction known as fracking can contaminate air and water and endanger public health.

Reports say this investment would be funded by customers, while Florida Power & Light would be able to reap a 10.5% profit.

This proposal could also encourage the development of more fracking across our region. Fracking has been shown to be inherently unsafe and would have negative economic and environmental impacts for all Floridians.

Just recently, a bill was introduced by Senators Soto and Bullard that would ban fracking in the state of Florida. We are closer than ever before to doing away with this dangerous form of energy extraction. Why should we devote money to unsustainable energy when we have the ability to invest in local, renewable energy that would promote Florida-based jobs, lower energy costs and offer a more sustainable option for the environment?

I urge you to protect the people of Florida by denying Florida Power & Light's request for fracked natural gas.

Sincerely,

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