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**Re: Docket Nos. 160021-EI, 160061-EI and 160088-EI**

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") are the rebuttal testimony and exhibits of FPL witnesses Manuel B. Miranda (Docket Nos. 160021-EI and 160061-EI) and Sam Forrest and Roxane Kennedy (Docket Nos. 160021-EI and 160088-EI).

If you should have any questions about this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*/s/ John T. Butler*

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**Docket Nos. 160021-EI, 160061-EI and 160088-EI**

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**  
**REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF MANUEL B. MIRANDA**  
**DOCKET NOS. 160021-EI & 160061-EI**  
**JULY 8, 2016**

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

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

4 A. My name is Manuel B. Miranda. My business address is Florida Power &  
5 Light Company, 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, Florida 33408.

6 **Q. Did you previously submit direct testimony in this proceeding?**

7 A. Yes.

8 **Q. Are you sponsoring a rebuttal exhibit in this case?**

9 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following rebuttal exhibit:

- 10 • MBM-3: FPL’s Responses to OPC’s 16<sup>th</sup> Set of Interrogatories Nos.  
11 363-365

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

13 A. The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to rebut the purported issues and  
14 concerns with FPL’s 2016-2018 Electric Infrastructure Storm Hardening Plan  
15 (“Plan”) raised in the direct testimony of Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”)  
16 witness Helmuth W. Schultz III.

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

18 A. In his testimony, OPC witness Schultz raises what he believes to be concerns  
19 with FPL’s proposed Plan, which FPL has filed in compliance with Rule 25-  
20 6.0342 (F.A.C.), Electric Infrastructure Storm Hardening (“Infrastructure  
21 Hardening Rule”). None of his concerns provides any valid basis for the  
22 Florida Public Service Commission (“FPSC” or the “Commission”) not to  
23 approve the Plan, on the procedural track that it has laid out for doing so.

1 Specifically, Mr. Schultz’s concerns and assertions are invalid in the  
2 following key respects:

- 3 • The Commission in fact has scheduled consideration of the Plan  
4 contemporaneously with its consideration of FPL’s base rate case, so all of  
5 the issues of costs and cost recovery for the Plan and associated storm  
6 hardening activities will be addressed together;
- 7 • The level of expenditures proposed under the Plan are not excessive and,  
8 in fact, are necessary to continue making progress toward the ultimate goal  
9 of providing storm hardening benefits for all of FPL’s customers within a  
10 reasonable time frame; and
- 11 • FPL has provided consistent information through discovery on the costs  
12 for the Plan and associated storm hardening activities; witness Schultz’s  
13 claims to the contrary suggest that he has not taken FPL’s testimony and  
14 discovery responses fully into account.

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## 16 **II. COORDINATION OF PLAN AND RATE CASE DECISIONS**

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18 **Q. Witness Schultz expresses concerns over considering FPL’s Plan and the**  
19 **associated base rate costs on a separate basis. Is this concern valid?**

20 **A.** No. The Commission’s process and the timing of this process has, in fact,  
21 been in place since May 2007, when FPL and the other Florida investor-  
22 owned utilities (“IOUs”) submitted their initial storm hardening plans for  
23 Commission review and approval, as required by the Infrastructure Hardening

1 Rule. Since 2007, FPL and the other Florida IOUs have filed updated three-  
2 year plans in May (e.g., May 2010 and May 2013), as required by the  
3 Infrastructure Hardening Rule and FPSC orders. In approving a utility's  
4 Infrastructure Hardening Rule plan, the Commission considers whether the  
5 plan "meets the desired objectives of enhancing reliability and reducing  
6 restoration costs and outage times in a prudent, practical and cost-effective  
7 manner." It has always been the Commission's practice to review the  
8 expenditures resulting from storm hardening plans "when cost recovery is  
9 requested" (page 16, FPSC Order No. PSC-07-1023-FOF-EI).

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11 Equally important, Mr. Schultz seems to misunderstand the intended  
12 procedure in this consolidated proceeding. As shown in Order No. PSC-16-  
13 0182-PCO-EI, the case schedule provides for a single hearing on all four of  
14 the consolidated dockets (August 22 to September 2, 2016) and a single brief  
15 for all those dockets (September 16, 2016). Additionally, FPL understands  
16 that the Commission will decide all issues from the consolidated dockets at  
17 the same special agenda conference, currently scheduled for October 27,  
18 2016. Thus, it is clear that the Commission fully intends to consider FPL's  
19 Plan and its impact on base rates contemporaneously.

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1 **Q. If the requirement and practice of the Florida IOUs has been to file**  
2 **proposed storm hardening plans in May, every three years, why did FPL**  
3 **file its Plan on March 15, 2016, six weeks earlier than usual and**  
4 **contemporaneously with its base rate request?**

5 A. The timing associated with previous FPL three-year Infrastructure Hardening  
6 Rule plan filings (filed in May 2010 and May 2013) and FPL's most recent  
7 base rate request filings, Docket Nos. 080677-EI (filed in March 2009) and  
8 120015-EI (filed March 2012), were not aligned such that the Plan and FPL's  
9 base rate request were filed in the same year. However, this year, the timing of  
10 filing FPL's base rate request and its Infrastructure Hardening Plan happened  
11 to occur in the same year. As a result, FPL believed that filing its proposed  
12 Plan six weeks early (rather than in May) and contemporaneously with its  
13 base rate request would be more efficient and provide all parties more time to  
14 review the Plan and its associated base rate impacts.

15 **Q. Witness Schultz states that because FPL's Plan does not address**  
16 **vegetation management and pole inspections, it "makes it very difficult to**  
17 **tease out only storm hardening issues from the rate case issues and**  
18 **address them in an isolated way in this docket." Do you agree with**  
19 **witness Schultz's assertion?**

20 A. No. It appears that witness Schultz is not familiar with the filing requirements  
21 of the Infrastructure Hardening Rule, even though I discussed them on pages 8  
22 -10 of my direct testimony. Vegetation management and pole inspections are  
23 not addressed in the Infrastructure Hardening Rule. Accordingly, FPL's

1           vegetation management and pole inspection plans and costs have never been  
2           included and submitted for approval in an Infrastructure Hardening Rule plan  
3           filing. These issues have always been addressed independently.

4   **Q.   Is witness Schultz’s concern that the Commission’s “decision to approve**  
5           **the plan in Docket No. 160061-EI could result in automatic assumption**  
6           **that the costs associated with the Plan will be allowed as part of Docket**  
7           **No. 160021-EI” valid?**

8   A.   No. As I previously noted, his thinking that the two dockets are somehow  
9           disconnected and will not be addressed together is inaccurate. The only thing  
10          that is different for these two dockets is the filing schedule for testimony,  
11          which the Commission established “to manage a prehearing process focused  
12          on the issues to be litigated.” All other dates and activities for the two dockets  
13          are identical. Also, FPL’s early filing and the consolidation of the dockets  
14          ensures that the two proceedings will be addressed contemporaneously.  
15          Finally, as I previously stated, it has always been the Commission’s practice  
16          to review the expenditures resulting from storm hardening plans “when cost  
17          recovery is requested.”

18   **Q.   Witness Shultz claims that, “In Docket No. 160061-EI, FPL witness**  
19           **Miranda does not address costs at all in his testimony on storm**  
20           **hardening.” Do you agree?**

21   A.   No. On pages 2 and 9 of my direct testimony in Docket No. 160061-EI, I  
22          refer to the cost estimates in the Plan, which is attached as Exhibit MBM-1 to  
23          that testimony. These estimated annual costs (\$360 million in 2016, \$490

1 million for 2017 and \$750 million for 2018), are addressed multiple times in  
2 the Plan (see also pages 6, 20 and 25).

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### III. PLAN EXPENDITURES ARE REASONABLE

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6 **Q. Do you agree with witness Schultz’s concern that the level of proposed**  
7 **infrastructure hardening expenditures in FPL’s Plan is excessive and not**  
8 **necessary because a “lower historic level of spending has already made**  
9 **FPL’s (system) one of the most storm-resilient and reliable in the systems**  
10 **in the nation”?**

11 A. No. As provided in my direct testimony, while FPL’s efforts to strengthen,  
12 modernize and improve the reliability of the electric grid have produced  
13 superior results, our work is far from done, as a significant portion of our  
14 system remains to be hardened. Among Florida’s electric utilities, FPL’s  
15 system is the most susceptible to storms within Florida, the most hurricane-  
16 prone state in the nation. While we have been fortunate that FPL has not been  
17 recently impacted by a major storm (even though there were 32 named storms  
18 that formed in the Atlantic in 2013-2015), we cannot reasonably rely upon this  
19 continuing good fortune in the future.

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21 Additionally, even with the proposed increase in storm hardening plan  
22 spending over historical levels, FPL will continue to provide great value for  
23 our customers, as total residential customer bills are expected to “grow

1 roughly in line with inflation from today through 2020 (based on current fuel  
2 curves), which is likely to keep FPL's bills among the lowest in the state"  
3 (witness Barrett's direct testimony, page 12, lines 5-7).

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5 As a result, FPL believes completing infrastructure storm hardening  
6 expeditiously not only is not excessive, it is the right thing to do.

7 **Q. You mentioned that "our work is far from done." Please discuss how**  
8 **much of FPL's feeder system is currently hardened or underground, how**  
9 **much will be hardened/underground at the end of its proposed Plan, and**  
10 **FPL's plans to complete the hardening of its feeder system.**

11 A. At year-end 2016, after ten years of Commission-approved storm hardening  
12 initiatives, 40% of FPL's distribution feeders will be hardened or  
13 underground. At year-end 2018, assuming FPL's Plan is executed as expected,  
14 60% of FPL's feeder system will be hardened or underground. At this time,  
15 FPL's plans beyond 2018 have not been finalized. Future three-year plans  
16 beyond 2018 will need Commission review/approval. However, if FPL were  
17 to harden the same number of feeders per year that are contained in its current  
18 proposed Plan (approximately 250 - 300 feeders per year), it would take until  
19 2023 or 2024 to complete the hardening of FPL's feeder system. Today, and  
20 even at year-end 2018, a significant portion of FPL's feeder system remains to  
21 be hardened and is subject to a greater risk (vs. hardened feeders) of incurring  
22 storm damage, with more customers experiencing storm related outages and  
23 longer storm restoration times.

1 **Q. Doesn't FPL's Plan also include, for the first time, the hardening of**  
2 **laterals?**

3 A. Yes. As discussed in its Plan, in 2018, FPL will initiate the hardening of its  
4 laterals. Laterals, which tap off of feeders, are the final step in the distribution  
5 primary voltage system and make up a significant portion of the overhead  
6 miles in FPL's distribution system. In 2018, FPL plans to target and harden  
7 850 - 950 laterals, approximately 1% of FPL's total lateral population.

8 **Q. Is FPL's proposed Plan consistent with the Commission's initial**  
9 **intentions and expectations regarding storm hardening?**

10 A. Yes. When the Commission began implementing its storm hardening  
11 initiatives to enhance the reliability of Florida's electric grid during extreme  
12 weather events, it recognized that storm hardening would take a considerable  
13 period of time and significant financial resources. In its 2007 report to the  
14 Legislature, dated July 2007, regarding its various storm initiatives, the  
15 Commission made several recommendations. These included maintaining a  
16 high level of storm preparation, no matter whether recent hurricane seasons have  
17 been mild or severe and strengthening Florida's electric infrastructure to better  
18 withstand the impacts of severe weather events, which should include a wide  
19 range of hardening activities that will take years to complete. The Commission  
20 also observed in its report (see page 4) that, "Achieving a transmission and  
21 distribution system capable of better withstanding hurricanes will take time and

1 require financial resources.”<sup>1</sup> The Commission also stated the following (see  
2 page 6), which is just as true today as it was in 2007: “Reliable electric service is  
3 the cornerstone of Florida’s economy. Citizens and businesses rely on an  
4 adequate reliable supply of electricity. Accordingly, utilities need to be able to  
5 rapidly recover from the destruction caused by hurricanes. Strengthening  
6 Florida’s electric transmission and distribution grids to better withstand the  
7 effects of these extreme weather events helps to reduce power outages and the  
8 time and cost incurred to restore electric service.”

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#### 10 **IV. PLAN DISCOVERY RESPONSES ARE CONSISTENT**

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12 **Q. In his testimony, witness Schultz states that he believes there are**  
13 **inconsistencies among FPL’s proposed Plan, its testimony and its**  
14 **discovery responses. Do you agree that there are inconsistencies?**

15 A. No. His purported concerns are unfounded and appear to mostly result from  
16 his misunderstanding of FPL’s testimony, interrogatory responses and what is  
17 or is not included in an Infrastructure Hardening Rule filing. Several of his

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<sup>1</sup> Report to the Legislature On Enhancing the Reliability of Florida's Distribution and  
Transmission Grids During Extreme Weather. Florida Public Service Commission (July  
2007), available at  
[https://www.psc.state.fl.us/Files/PDF/Utilities/Electricgas/EnergyInfrastructure/UtilityFilings/  
docs/stormhardening2007.pdf](https://www.psc.state.fl.us/Files/PDF/Utilities/Electricgas/EnergyInfrastructure/UtilityFilings/docs/stormhardening2007.pdf)

1 concerns were also directly addressed by FPL in its responses to OPC  
2 interrogatories.

3 **Q. Please explain.**

4 A. On page 9 of his testimony, witness Schultz discusses what he believes to be  
5 inconsistencies with information contained in FPL's responses to OPC's 4<sup>th</sup>  
6 Set of Interrogatories, Interrogatory Nos. 111 and 113, and pages 5 and 6 of  
7 Exhibit MBM-1, Docket No. 160061-EI. These exact same purported  
8 inconsistencies were explicitly addressed by FPL in its responses to OPC  
9 Interrogatory Nos. 363-365, which were provided to OPC on June 14, 2016,  
10 and are attached as Exhibit MBM-3 to my rebuttal testimony.

11 **Q. Please explain why witness Schultz is wrong to conclude that there are**  
12 **inconsistencies.**

13 A. Witness Schultz believes there are inconsistencies in the references to 2017  
14 costs for storm hardening that have been provided in FPL's responses to OPC  
15 Interrogatory No. 111 (\$604 million), Interrogatory No. 113 (\$487 million)  
16 and Exhibit MBM-1 in Docket No. 160061-EI (\$490 million). Let me be  
17 clear, there are no inconsistencies. A more careful review of the information  
18 provided in FPL's direct testimony and interrogatory responses, indicates that:

19 • The \$604 million amount contains more than the costs (\$487 million)  
20 incurred to comply with the Infrastructure Hardening Rule (i.e., the \$604  
21 million also includes costs associated with distribution and transmission  
22 pole inspections and replacing wood transmission structures, as well as  
23 other costs).

- 1           • The estimated 2017 costs of \$490 million referenced in Exhibit MBM-1 in  
2           Docket No. 160061-EI include costs for feeder hardening and hardening  
3           critical poles but no costs for lateral hardening, as FPL’s lateral hardening  
4           initiative is not initiated until 2018. This is discussed in my direct  
5           testimony and referenced multiple times throughout Exhibit MBM-1.
- 6           • The two percentages for feeders remaining to be hardened at the end of  
7           2018 (54% from FPL’s response to OPC Interrogatory No. 113 and 40%  
8           from Exhibits MBM-1 and MBM-2) are different because they are  
9           comparing two different populations of feeders (i.e., FPL’s response to  
10          OPC Interrogatory No. 113 shows the number of overhead feeders  
11          hardened per the Infrastructure Hardening Rule as a percentage of the total  
12          number of overhead feeders in the system, while Exhibits MBM-1 and  
13          MBM-2 show the total number of feeders hardened or undergrounded vs.  
14          the total number of all feeders in the system).

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16          Witness Schultz also has concerns that FPL has created inconsistencies by not  
17          including certain base rate cost impacts (e.g., vegetation management and pole  
18          inspections) in its Infrastructure Hardening Plan filing. As previously  
19          mentioned, the Infrastructure Hardening Rule does not address vegetation  
20          management and pole inspection plans and costs, which is why they are not  
21          addressed in the Plan. I would note that those topics likewise were not  
22          addressed in any of FPL’s prior infrastructure storm hardening plans approved  
23          by the Commission.



1 Finally, witness Schultz notes that pole inspection costs are decreasing, yet  
2 hardening costs are more than doubling and material supply inventory costs  
3 are increasing due, in part, to storm hardening. Apparently, his point is to once  
4 again indicate that storm costs should not be looked at separately in Docket  
5 Nos. 160021-EI and 160061-EI. While these concerns are not valid (e.g., the  
6 decrease in pole inspection costs is not related to increasing Infrastructure  
7 Hardening Rule costs), as noted previously, the Commission has consolidated  
8 these two dockets to facilitate precisely the kind of review contemplated by  
9 witness Schultz.

10 **Q. Should the Commission approve FPL's 2016-2018 Plan?**

11 A. Yes. As described throughout my direct and rebuttal testimonies and exhibits  
12 in this proceeding, FPL's 2016-2018 Plan meets the requirements set out in  
13 Rule 25-6.0342, F.A.C. Our proposed Plan also broadens the scale and scope  
14 of feeder hardening to expeditiously address all feeders within FPL's system,  
15 initiates lateral hardening in 2018 and is appropriate and necessary because it:

- 16 • helps to address customers', public officials' and other stakeholders'  
17 expectations for increased storm resiliency, fewer outages and prompt  
18 service restoration, as evidenced by recent storm events (e.g., Hurricane  
19 Sandy in the northeast);
- 20 • expands the benefits of hardening, including improved day-to-day  
21 reliability, to all customers throughout the system;
- 22 • is aligned with the goals of the U.S. DOE (i.e., developing a more resilient  
23 and reliable system to meet future demands); and

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- continues to provide great value for our customers.

Therefore, since witness Schultz’s testimony provides no basis for a contrary conclusion, FPL’s Plan should be approved by the Commission.

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

A. Yes.

**Florida Power & Light Company**  
**Docket No. 160021-EI**  
**OPC's Sixteenth Set of Interrogatories**  
**Interrogatory No. 363**  
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**QUESTION:**

Storm Hardening. Refer to the response to OPC Interrogatory No. 111. Provide for 2016 and 2017 a breakdown of the forecasted spending into categories (i.e., feeders, laterals, transmission wood structures to be replaced, pole inspections, etc.) and if the amount in the rate filing for 2017 is different from the \$604 million, provide that amount by category also. Also, for 2016, provide the actual spending by category by month.

**RESPONSE:**

	(\$ Millions)						
	<u>Actual 2016 YTD Capital Expenditures</u>					<u>Forecasted Capital Expenditures</u>	
	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>FPSC Hardening</u>							
Feeders/Critical Poles	\$20	\$24	\$25	\$30	\$32	\$350	\$475
Pole Inspections – Distrib.	\$5	\$6	\$5	\$4	\$4	\$40	\$42
OH/UG Conversions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7	\$7
Structure Inspections – Trans.	\$4	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$28	\$29
Replacing Wood Trans. Poles	<u>\$2</u>	<u>\$2</u>	<u>\$3</u>	<u>\$4</u>	<u>\$4</u>	<u>\$46</u>	<u>\$51</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$31	\$35	\$36	\$41	\$43	\$471	\$604

**Florida Power & Light Company**  
**Docket No. 160021-EI**  
**OPC's Sixteenth Set of Interrogatories**  
**Interrogatory No. 364**  
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**QUESTION:**

Storm Hardening. Refer to the response to OPC Interrogatory No.111, OPC Interrogatory No. 113 and page 6 of Exhibit MBM-1 in Docket No. 160061-EI. OPC Interrogatory No. 111 indicates a total storm hardening forecast of \$604 million for 2017 and OPC Interrogatory No. 113 indicates that \$487 million will be for distribution feeder hardening yet page 6 of Exhibit MBM-1 in Docket No. 160061-EI indicates that the Company's 2017 estimated hardenings for laterals is \$490 million. Please explain how the 2017 level of feeder hardening can be \$487 million and the 2017 level of lateral hardening can be \$490 million when the total forecast including other hardening is \$604 million.

**RESPONSE:**

As can be seen in FPL's response to OPC's Sixteenth Set of Interrogatories No. 363, the \$604 million in 2017 represents total capital expenditures for all FPSC hardening initiatives. The \$487 million in 2017 contained in FPL's response to OPC's Fourth Set of Interrogatories No. 113 (rounded to \$490 million in Exhibit MBM-1, Docket No. 160061-EI) represents total costs (capital and O&M) for hardening feeders/critical poles, per FPSC Rule 25-6.0342. FPL's plan to harden laterals is not scheduled to be initiated until 2018, as discussed on page 7 of witness Miranda's direct testimony and pages 5, 6, 13, 15 and 20 of Exhibit MBM-1, Docket No. 160061-EI.

**Florida Power & Light Company**  
**Docket No. 160021-EI**  
**OPC's Sixteenth Set of Interrogatories**  
**Interrogatory No. 365**  
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**QUESTION:**

Storm Hardening. Refer to the response to OPC Interrogatory No. 113 and page 6 of Exhibit MBM-1 in Docket No. 160061-EI. OPC Interrogatory No. 113 indicates that the cumulative feeders hardened at the end of 2018 is 46%, suggesting 54% remains to be hardened, yet page 5 of Exhibit MBM-1 in Docket No. 160061-EI indicates that after 2018, the Company will have 40% of its feeder system that will still need to be addressed. Please explain the difference.

**RESPONSE:**

The "40% of its feeder system that will still need to be addressed" presented in Exhibit MBM-1, Docket No. 160061-EI, was calculated adding the number of all feeders hardened (i.e., per Rule 25-6.0342 and FPL's Priority Feeder reliability initiative) plus the number of feeders placed underground, divided by the total number of feeders (both overhead and underground) in FPL's system (see Exhibit MBM-2). The "46% cumulative feeders hardened" presented in FPL's response to OPC's Fourth Set of Interrogatories No. 113 was calculated by dividing the number of overhead feeders hardened per Rule 25-6.0342 (F.A.C.) by the total number of overhead feeders in the system.

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**  
**REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF SAM FORREST**  
**DOCKET NOS. 160021-EI AND 160088-EI**  
**JULY 8, 2016**

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

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

4 A. My name is Sam Forrest. My business address is Florida Power & Light  
5 Company (“FPL”), 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, Florida 33408.

6 **Q. Did you previously submit direct testimony in this proceeding?**

7 A. Yes.

8 **Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?**

9 A. The purpose of my testimony is to rebut the testimony of the Office of Public  
10 Counsel (“OPC”) witness David E. Dismukes and the South Florida Hospital  
11 and Healthcare Association (“SFHHA”) witness Lane Kollen. Specifically, I  
12 will rebut witness Dismukes’ inaccurate assertions that: (1) the evidence  
13 provided by FPL does not show that the Incentive Mechanism has been  
14 successful; (2) FPL has provided no compelling information on the extent to  
15 which customers will benefit from the continuation of the Incentive  
16 Mechanism; (3) FPL has developed generation capacity that will offset the  
17 UPS contracts; (4) the Incentive Mechanism can lead to inappropriate  
18 incentives for the over-development of capacity resources; and (5) the  
19 Incentive Mechanism has anti-competitive market implications. I will also  
20 address witness Dismukes’ recommendation that FPL’s proposal should be  
21 spun-off into a separate proceeding.

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1 Further, I will rebut witness Kollen’s assertions that FPL’s proposal to net  
2 economy sales and purchases for purposes of calculating variable power plant  
3 operating and maintenance (“O&M”) costs results in the enhanced recovery of  
4 these “non-fuel” costs, that are already included in the base revenue  
5 requirement, through the Fuel Clause. I will also rebut witness Kollen’s  
6 assertion that wholesale power sales should be excluded from the proposed  
7 modified Incentive Mechanism. Finally, I will rebut the assertions by both  
8 witness Dismukes and witness Kollen that short-term power purchases should  
9 be excluded from the proposed modified Incentive Mechanism.

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11 In my rebuttal testimony, I will refer to the Incentive Mechanism that was  
12 approved by Order No. PSC-13-0023-EI as the “initial Incentive Mechanism”  
13 and the Incentive Mechanism proposed in Docket No. 160088-EI as the  
14 “proposed modified Incentive Mechanism.” I will use the unmodified term  
15 “Incentive Mechanism” to refer to FPL’s asset optimization program in  
16 general, whether current or future.

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## II. SUMMARY

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20 **Q. Please summarize your rebuttal testimony.**

21 A. My rebuttal testimony demonstrates that witnesses Dismukes and Kollen raise  
22 no legitimate objections to the proposed modified Incentive Mechanism.  
23 Rather, in their zeal to find fault they overlook the substantial benefits that the

1 Incentive Mechanism has generated for customers and the potential for it to  
2 continue to provide substantial benefits.

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4 Over the three-year period from 2013 through 2015, FPL has delivered  
5 additional benefits to customers of nearly \$22 million under the initial  
6 Incentive Mechanism, through its incentives for expanding asset optimization  
7 activities. The overall success of the initial Incentive Mechanism has been  
8 clearly demonstrated through numerous filings in the Fuel Clause docket and  
9 through testimony and the discovery process in this proceeding. FPL's  
10 proposed reduction to the "Customer Savings Threshold" of \$10 million is  
11 warranted due to the expiration of the Unit Power Sales ("UPS") contracts,  
12 under which FPL was able to realize slightly more than \$10 million in benefits  
13 per year. While renewal of the UPS contracts on the terms offered by  
14 Southern Company was not economically attractive for FPL overall, the  
15 expired contracts offered unique market advantages for optimization activities  
16 and cannot be duplicated with capacity additions on FPL's system. Finally,  
17 FPL's share of the initial Incentive Mechanism benefits has not been  
18 unreasonable, unjust, or excessive. In fact, the share of benefits to FPL has  
19 been, in total, only 0.5% higher under the initial Incentive Mechanism as  
20 compared to the prior sharing mechanism, yet the magnitude of total  
21 optimization dollars delivered is up nearly 23%, resulting in significant  
22 incremental benefits for customers.

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1 FPL has never contended that the Incentive Mechanism could create  
2 wholesale power opportunities where they wouldn't otherwise exist. Those  
3 opportunities are predominately driven by market conditions outside of FPL's  
4 control. What the Incentive Mechanism can do, and has done, is to create  
5 additional incentives for FPL to search out every opportunity for gains within  
6 the market conditions as they exist. For example, witness Dismukes fails to  
7 mention that the volume of MWh FPL traded from 2013 through 2015  
8 increased nearly 24% over the volume traded from 2009 through 2011. While  
9 the volume of MWh traded is also a function of market conditions to some  
10 degree, it is also influenced by FPL's active engagement in pursuing available  
11 opportunities. FPL's entry into the PJM and MISO markets, which I will  
12 discuss later in my testimony, is a clear example of this active engagement.

13 **Q. On page 22 of his testimony, witness Dismukes asserts that he does not**  
14 **view FPL's performance under the initial Incentive Mechanism as a**  
15 **success. Do you agree with this conclusion?**

16 **A.** No. In fact, the assertion is baffling. The information provided on Exhibit  
17 SAF-1 (pages 1 through 4), attached to my direct testimony in Docket No.  
18 160088-EI, contradicts his assertion and clearly demonstrates the success of  
19 the initial Incentive Mechanism. Overall, customers received nearly \$22  
20 million in additional benefits under the initial Incentive Mechanism over the  
21 2013 through 2015 time period. This is clear proof that the program has  
22 delivered added value for customers, just as FPL and the Florida Public

1 Service Commission (“Commission”) envisioned when it was approved in  
2 2012.

3 **Q. Witness Dismukes asserts on page 25 of his testimony that the initial**  
4 **Incentive Mechanism program lacks many characteristics that comprise**  
5 **a well-managed, well-executed asset management program. Do you agree**  
6 **with this characterization of the initial Incentive Mechanism?**

7 A. No. While FPL has never characterized the Incentive Mechanism as an asset  
8 management plan, it has all of the characteristics that witness Dismukes  
9 claims are the hallmark of a well-managed and well-executed asset  
10 management program. Upon implementation of the initial Incentive  
11 Mechanism, FPL fully vetted and analyzed all aspects of the program  
12 including accounting, risk management, reporting, regulatory filings, deal  
13 entry, entry into new markets, and optimization strategies to develop a clear  
14 set of processes and guidelines. This analysis provided the foundation for  
15 FPL to continue achieving its primary goal of delivering the most reliable fuel  
16 supply to its customers at the lowest possible cost and then, once native load  
17 requirements have been met, to try to derive additional value from assets that  
18 aren’t being fully utilized at a particular time. Furthermore, FPL has  
19 evaluated third party management services and entered into several Asset  
20 Management Agreements that provided the most cost-effective method of  
21 optimizing a portion of idle natural gas transportation capacity. At the same  
22 time, however, FPL has been able to derive the majority of value through its  
23 own trading activities, which allows us to retain a greater share of the asset

1 management benefits for customers. The results of the initial Incentive  
2 Mechanism show that FPL has delivered over \$32.9 million of customer  
3 benefits from measurable improvements in the increased utilization of its  
4 natural gas assets.

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6 **IV. ADEQUACY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY FPL**

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8 **Q. On page 16 of his testimony, witness Dismukes asserts that there has been**  
9 **little formal data and information collected or provided on the workings,**  
10 **performance, and policy implications of the Incentive Mechanism. Do**  
11 **you agree with this assertion?**

12 A. No. When the initial Incentive Mechanism was evaluated as part of the  
13 settlement issues in the 2012 rate case, FPL provided direct testimony,  
14 rebuttal testimony, and responses to over 100 interrogatories and document  
15 requests. SFHHA witness Kollen provided both direct and rebuttal testimony  
16 in support of the initial Incentive Mechanism and OPC witness Daniel filed  
17 direct testimony in opposition to it. There are over 200 transcript pages of  
18 live testimony from witness Kollen, witness Daniel, and myself. The initial  
19 Incentive Mechanism was one of four specific issues from the proposed  
20 settlement agreement that were identified for separate, individualized “public  
21 interest” findings. After considering the extensive record of prefiled  
22 testimony, exhibits and cross-examination, the Commission concluded that the  
23 initial Incentive Mechanism was in the public interest as a pilot program. See

1 Order No. PSC-13-0023-S-EI, at pages 6-7. The Florida Supreme Court  
2 affirmed that order in all respects.

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4 In support of the proposed modified Incentive Mechanism, I have provided  
5 direct testimony and this rebuttal testimony and FPL has filed responses to  
6 more than 135 interrogatories (including subparts), four documents requests,  
7 and nine requests for admissions in this proceeding.

8 **Q. You noted that the Commission approved the initial Incentive**  
9 **Mechanism as a pilot program. Has FPL provided information in the**  
10 **Fuel Clause docket for the last four years that has allowed the initial**  
11 **Incentive Mechanism’s performance as a pilot program to be evaluated?**

12 A. Yes. FPL has filed testimony and exhibits related to performance data and  
13 O&M costs in the 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 Fuel Clause docket. More  
14 specifically, testimony and information has been provided in FPL’s 2013,  
15 2014, and 2015 Final True-up filings and FPL’s 2014, 2015, and 2016  
16 Projection filings. Additionally, FPL has provided information related to the  
17 initial Incentive Mechanism as part of the annual Fuel Clause audit process  
18 conducted by Commission Staff. The initial Incentive Mechanism has been  
19 reviewed as part of the 2014, 2015, and 2016 annual audits.

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1 **Q. Do you agree with witness Dismukes' assertion on page 16 of his**  
2 **testimony that the parties have not been afforded an appropriate amount**  
3 **of time to examine the issues surrounding the Incentive Mechanism?**

4 A. No. Witness Dismukes apparently finds fault with the nine weeks that parties  
5 have had to conduct discovery and evaluate the proposed modified Incentive  
6 Mechanism. He also asks the Commission to note that the initial Incentive  
7 Mechanism was evaluated over "only" a three-month period. While both  
8 proceedings have provided ample opportunity to examine the issues, as  
9 evidenced by the amount of information that FPL has provided, witness  
10 Dismukes fails to mention that the parties have also had roughly three and  
11 one-half years to evaluate the initial Incentive Mechanism.

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13 As I stated previously, in addition to the information provided and evaluated  
14 in the 2012 rate case settlement proceedings and this proceeding, FPL has  
15 provided a voluminous amount of information related to the Incentive  
16 Mechanism in various filings in the Fuel Clause docket. OPC is a party to the  
17 Fuel Clause docket and has had ample opportunity to analyze, review and  
18 evaluate all aspects of the Incentive Mechanism. Finally, the initial Incentive  
19 Mechanism was approved as a four-year "pilot" program with an option to  
20 review at the end of two years. If at that time, it was determined that the  
21 program was not providing the benefits that were anticipated or the program  
22 was not satisfactory, the "pilot" program could be terminated. OPC did not



1 raise any issues regarding the initial Incentive Mechanism at the two-year  
2 mark.

3 **Q. Witness Dismukes further recommends on pages 17 and 18 of his**  
4 **testimony that FPL’s proposal should be moved to a separate proceeding**  
5 **due to the lack of information provided by FPL, insufficient review time,**  
6 **consistency with the Commission’s previous evaluation of issues with**  
7 **similar, industry-affecting magnitude, and because the initial Incentive**  
8 **Mechanism was not found specifically to be in the public interest? Do**  
9 **you agree with his recommendation?**

10 A. No. I have previously shown that all of these arguments lack merit. In view  
11 of the voluminous information that has been provided, coupled with the ample  
12 time for review, there is simply no need for a separate proceeding to evaluate  
13 FPL’s proposal. I cannot imagine what additional meaningful and necessary  
14 information could be gathered in a separate proceeding that hasn’t already  
15 been provided, reviewed and evaluated.

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17 **V. REPLACEMENT OF UPS CONTRACTS**

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19 **Q. On page 22 of his testimony, witness Dismukes asserts that FPL is**  
20 **proposing to lower its threshold targets by eliminating the \$10 million**  
21 **“stretch” goal from the initial Incentive Mechanism, suggesting that it is**  
22 **doing so because the program did not meet FPL’s margin expectations.**

1           **Is this an accurate assessment of the proposed \$10 million reduction in**  
2           **the threshold?**

3           A.    No.  First, FPL is not proposing to eliminate the “stretch” goal that was  
4           included in the initial Incentive Mechanism.  As described in my direct  
5           testimony in this proceeding, the initial Incentive Mechanism threshold was  
6           comprised of a \$36 million “Customer Savings Threshold” and an incremental  
7           \$10 million “stretch goal” that represented the additional value that FPL was  
8           seeking to create for its customers through expanding its optimization  
9           activities.  Under the proposed modified Incentive Mechanism, the \$10  
10          million “stretch goal” remains and continues to represent the additional value  
11          that FPL seeks to create through its expanded optimization activities.

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13          FPL is proposing to lower the “Customer Savings Threshold” to \$26 million,  
14          to account for the expiration of the UPS contracts.  Optimization of the UPS  
15          contracts and the associated transmission capacity delivered, on average,  
16          \$10.5 million per year in benefits from 2013 through 2015.  Therefore, FPL  
17          has proposed to lower the “Customer Savings Threshold” from \$36 million to  
18          \$26 million.  In total, under the proposed modified Incentive Mechanism,  
19          customers will receive 100% of the benefits up to \$36 million.

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21          As far as witness Dismukes’ suggestion that the existing Incentive Mechanism  
22          has not met margin expectations, nothing could be further from the truth.  
23          Over the first three years of the program, FPL was under the threshold in year

1 one, over the threshold in year two, and essentially at the threshold in year  
2 three. Said differently, FPL averaged \$46.4 million per year over the three-  
3 year period, demonstrating that the \$46 million combined threshold was  
4 appropriate in that time frame. Lowering what has been an appropriate  
5 threshold by \$10 million to account for the expiration of the UPS contracts  
6 and associated transmission capacity that, on average, delivered \$10.5 million  
7 per year in benefits is a logical and appropriate adjustment.

8 **Q. Witness Dismukes asserts on pages 22 and 23 of his testimony that FPL's**  
9 **collective capacity additions over the next five years should put FPL in**  
10 **the position of replacing the lost UPS capacity (plus 100 MW) from which**  
11 **it can make additional economy energy sales. He goes on to state that,**  
12 **due to these collective capacity additions, the expiration of the UPS**  
13 **contracts does not serve as a meaningful rationale for reducing the**  
14 **sharing threshold by \$10 million. Do you agree with these assertions?**

15 A. No. I will first point out that witness Dismukes' math is incorrect regarding  
16 his assertion that FPL will have a net 100 MW of additional capacity. Table  
17 ES-1 in FPL's 2016 Ten Year Site Plan shows net capacity changes in the  
18 summer of 2016 of 1,280 MW and net capacity changes in the summer of  
19 2017 of (465 MW).<sup>1</sup> The combination of these two numbers results in net  
20 capacity additions in the summer of 2017 of 815 MW. Removing 928 MW

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<sup>1</sup>[http://www.floridapsc.com/Files/PDF/Utilities/Electricgas/TenYearSitePlans/2016/Florida%20Power%20and%20Light.pdf?bcsi\\_scan\\_fd86d3dd427d821e=m9tbeWyhe8oYnceClAjHp5MsKd1JAAAA8HJuIg==&bcsi\\_scan\\_filename=Florida%20Power%20and%20Light.pdf](http://www.floridapsc.com/Files/PDF/Utilities/Electricgas/TenYearSitePlans/2016/Florida%20Power%20and%20Light.pdf?bcsi_scan_fd86d3dd427d821e=m9tbeWyhe8oYnceClAjHp5MsKd1JAAAA8HJuIg==&bcsi_scan_filename=Florida%20Power%20and%20Light.pdf)

1 for the expiration of the UPS contracts will result in a net capacity *reduction*  
2 of 113 MW between the summer of 2015 and the summer of 2017, rather than  
3 the 100 MW increase claimed by witness Dismukes.

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5 Moreover, evaluating the \$10 million reduction in the “Customer Savings  
6 Threshold” based on MW additions and subtractions completely misses the  
7 point and shows that OPC has ignored FPL’s response to discovery that  
8 addressed this topic (i.e., OPC’s First Set of Interrogatories Asset  
9 Optimization No. 6, Docket Nos. 160021-EI and 160088-EI). Simply put, the  
10 UPS units provided significant optimization opportunities because of their  
11 location on the Southern Company transmission system. This location  
12 resulted in a substantial advantage for capturing economy sales opportunities  
13 in the SERC market and beyond. FPL was able to sell directly into the SERC  
14 market without incurring additional costs for transmission service, as it would  
15 when making sales from units located on FPL’s system.

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17 The location of the UPS units also helped avoid potential transmission  
18 limitations that would have restricted wheeling power from FPL’s system into  
19 the SERC market. For example, during periods of extreme cold weather in  
20 the winter of 2014, the demand for power was very high in the SERC region  
21 but FPL was not able to sell, at times, all of the excess power from its own  
22 system into the SERC market because the available transmission capacity to  
23 move power from FPL’s system to the SERC market was already fully

1 utilized. FPL was, however, able to sell power directly into the SERC market  
2 from the UPS units and effectively increase its economy sales volume.  
3 Additionally, the firm transmission service that FPL procured to deliver the  
4 UPS energy to FPL's system for serving native load, could be redirected to  
5 other delivery points on Southern's system when it was not required for FPL's  
6 system needs. Redirecting this transmission service at no cost allowed FPL to  
7 be competitive in making wholesale power sales to other locations tied to the  
8 Southern Company system. Moreover, FPL was able to optimize the  
9 transmission service itself, by reselling to third parties when it was not  
10 required for its own load or to make sales. These optimization activities no  
11 longer exist with the expiration of the UPS contracts and associated firm  
12 transmission service. No other asset in FPL's portfolio offers these unique  
13 characteristics and no new units are planned that will.

14 **Q. Given the unique characteristics and advantages that the UPS contracts  
15 provided, why didn't FPL renew the contracts with Southern Company?**

16 A. While the UPS contracts did offer significant optimization opportunities, the  
17 renewal terms of the UPS contracts were not favorable overall for FPL's  
18 customers and, therefore, FPL did not renew the contracts.

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## 20 VI. INCENTIVES FOR POWER SALES AND PURCHASES

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22 **Q. Witness Kollen asserts on pages 8 and 9 of his testimony that it is  
23 inappropriate to provide an incentive to make economy purchases and**

1 sales because FPL has a prudence obligation to do so without an  
2 incentive. Witness Dismukes asserts on page 5 of his testimony that  
3 incenting utilities for purchasing lower cost electricity is antithetical to  
4 the philosophical underpinnings of utility regulation because part of a  
5 utility's obligation to serve is to provide least-cost service and failure to  
6 do so should represent grounds for imprudence. Do you agree with these  
7 assertions?

8 A. No. Witnesses Kollen and Dismukes misunderstand both the statutory duties  
9 of utilities in providing service and the intent of the Incentive Mechanism.  
10 Contrary to their assertions, utilities do not have a statutory obligation to  
11 provide "least-cost service." The obligation of FPL and every other utility  
12 regulated by the Commission is to provide service at rates that are fair, just  
13 and reasonable. It is entirely appropriate to incent utilities to strive toward  
14 increasing their cost efficiency and otherwise to find innovative ways to  
15 improve customer value. The intent of the Incentive Mechanism is to provide  
16 this incentive for FPL to go above and beyond in "shaking the trees" to find  
17 additional value for customers. FPL's entry into the PJM and MISO markets  
18 demonstrates that point exactly. Participation in these new markets has  
19 provided the opportunity for FPL to capture additional value for customers,  
20 with nearly \$2.1 million in additional benefits delivered from 2014 through  
21 2015.

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1           Regarding witness Dismukes' argument that the savings from power  
2           purchases should not be included in the Incentive Mechanism, there is no  
3           logical rationale for that position. The savings from purchases and the gains  
4           from sales result in the same dollar for dollar reduction to overall fuel costs  
5           for customers. Furthermore, both types of transactions require marginal cost  
6           modeling, communicating and negotiating with counterparties, submitting  
7           transmission service requests, submitting data electronically showing the flow  
8           of power, and capturing transaction data for risk management and accounting  
9           purposes, thus putting purchases and sales on equal footing. There is simply  
10          no difference in the activities required to execute power purchases and power  
11          sales.

12       **Q.    On page 5 of his testimony, witness Kollen states that prior to FPL's 2012**  
13       **rate case settlement, there was no calculation of the savings generated**  
14       **from power purchases? Is this assertion correct?**

15       A.    No, witness Kollen is wrong. FPL has been calculating and filing the savings  
16       associated with economy purchases on a monthly basis on Schedule A9 in the  
17       fuel docket for at least 17 years.

18       **Q.    On page 4 of his testimony, witness Kollen asserts that the proposed**  
19       **modified Incentive Mechanism will result in excessive, unjust, and**  
20       **unreasonable rates and provide unnecessary and inappropriate incentives**  
21       **for activities that already are required of a prudent utility. Do you agree**  
22       **with this assertion?**

1 A. No. The initial Incentive Mechanism has delivered the results that were  
2 envisioned by not only FPL and the Commission, but also by witness Kollen  
3 himself. He made the following observation in his testimony filed in FPL's  
4 2012 rate case to support the initial Incentive Mechanism, "This expansion of  
5 the existing sharing mechanism will not harm customers, but has the potential  
6 to substantially benefit customers." Looking only at FPL's gas asset  
7 optimization activities, customers have received a "substantial" benefit, in the  
8 form of an additional \$22 million over the three-year period from 2013  
9 through 2015. FPL's share of the overall benefits under the new mechanism  
10 was 9.8% as opposed to the 9.3% that FPL would have received under the  
11 prior incentive mechanism. This 0.5% increase, or roughly \$2.9 million in  
12 FPL's benefits, could not be reasonably seen as excessive, unjust, or  
13 unreasonable. In fact, when the net incremental value provided to customers -  
14 - nearly \$22 million -- is taken into consideration, the change in structure from  
15 the prior incentive mechanism is clearly justified.

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## 17 VII. RECOVERY OF VARIABLE POWER PLANT O&M

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19 **Q. In reference to FPL's proposal to net economy sales and purchases for**  
20 **purposes of calculating variable power plant O&M expenses, witness**  
21 **Kollen asserts on page 10 of his testimony that if there are net economy**  
22 **purchases, FPL will add the "avoided" expense to the net "gain" that is**  
23 **allocated between customers and FPL. Do you agree with this assertion?**



1 A. No. The calculations of net gains that can potentially be shared between  
2 customers and FPL will only include the savings associated with each  
3 wholesale power purchase. Variable power plant O&M will not be included.  
4 For wholesale power sales gains, the amount that is reflected in net gains  
5 available for sharing will be adjusted to remove variable power plant O&M  
6 expenses, just as it is today under the initial Incentive Mechanism. This  
7 methodology ensures that variable power plant O&M expenses are not part of  
8 the sharing calculation. For example, assuming a variable power plant O&M  
9 cost of \$0.97/MWh, if FPL sells one MWh (incurs \$0.97 in O&M) and  
10 purchases two MWh (avoids \$1.94 in O&M), customers will receive a net  
11 benefit of \$0.97. This \$0.97 net benefit will be passed through to customers  
12 and will not be shared even if FPL surpasses the sharing thresholds.

13 **Q. Witness Kollen also states on pages 10 and 11 of his testimony that FPL’s**  
14 **proposal to net economy sales and purchases for purposes of calculating**  
15 **variable power plant O&M provides enhanced recovery through the Fuel**  
16 **Clause because such costs already are included in the base revenue**  
17 **requirement. Do you agree with this assertion?**

18 A. No. As I explained in my direct testimony, for the 2017 and 2018 test years  
19 included in FPL’s rate case filing, FPL did not include economy sales or  
20 economy purchases in the base rate forecast. Therefore, these costs are not  
21 already included in the base revenue requirement. Additionally, FPL’s  
22 “netting” proposal provides a much fairer and straightforward approach for

1 both customers and FPL as only the O&M costs actually incurred (or saved)  
2 will be passed through (or credited) to customers.

3 **Q. Do you agree with witness Kollen’s assertion on pages 11 and 12 of his**  
4 **testimony that “base O&M fossil overhaul” costs are not reasonable and**  
5 **appropriate for inclusion in the variable power plant O&M rate because**  
6 **they are not variable and will be incurred regardless of the output from**  
7 **the Company’s owned generation?**

8 A. No. This type of cost was approved for recovery by the Commission under  
9 the initial Incentive Mechanism. As further discussed in the rebuttal  
10 testimony of FPL witness Roxane Kennedy in this docket, those costs vary  
11 correspondingly with system generation. Recall that, as stated in my direct  
12 testimony, FPL did not forecast any net wholesale sales in developing its  
13 power plant O&M forecast for the test years. FPL made, on average, about  
14 1.7 million MWh of net wholesale sales per year for the period 2013-2015.  
15 Witness Kennedy explains that, if the net wholesale sales are anywhere near  
16 those levels in future years, FPL’s base O&M fossil overhaul costs will be  
17 higher than forecast. FPL’s customers benefit from the gains on the wholesale  
18 sales, and so it is entirely fair and reasonable for FPL to continue recovering  
19 from customers the added costs of making those wholesale sales.

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1 **VIII. IMPACT OF INCENTIVE MECHANISM ON CAPACITY**

2 **DECISIONS**

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**Q. Do you agree with witness Dismukes’ assertion beginning on page 27 of his testimony that FPL’s initial Incentive Mechanism and its proposed modified Incentive Mechanism leads to overcapacity incentives?**

A. No. Witness Dismukes’ assertion fails at two levels. First, it ignores the extensive process that the Commission has in place to ensure that capacity additions are needed to serve customers. Generation capacity additions must go through a rigorous need determination process in order to get Commission approval. Pipeline capacity additions, such as the most recent significant expansion of Sabal Trail/FSC, were closely evaluated in a separate docket and approved by the Commission. To be clear, FPL has not and will not add “unnecessary” capacity to create opportunities for asset optimization.

Second, his assertion shows a complete lack of understanding of how FPL optimizes the utilization of its system. The simple fact is that optimization opportunities exist within FPL’s current portfolio, as evidenced by the results of the existing Incentive Mechanism. FPL adds capacity, whether generation assets or gas assets, when it is necessary to meet peak conditions, including a suitable reserve margin. Inherently, there will be times that these assets are not fully utilized because peak conditions do not occur 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Asset optimization opportunities arise in non-peak conditions,

1 when FPL's assets are not being fully utilized to meet customer demand. This  
2 program is not about having excess peak capacity. The success of the  
3 program is derived from the existence of market opportunities during non-  
4 peak times when idle capacity exists. There is no need for FPL to overbuild in  
5 order for this program to work to the benefit of its customers.

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## IX. MARKET IMPLICATIONS

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9 **Q. Do you agree with witness Dismukes' assertion on page 35 of his**  
10 **testimony that FPL's initial Incentive Mechanism and its proposed**  
11 **modified Incentive Mechanism allows FPL to participate in wholesale**  
12 **commodity markets in ways that differ from other market participants?**

13 **A.** No. Witness Dismukes clearly does not understand trading in the wholesale  
14 commodity markets. He seems to believe that the market is comprised of  
15 companies that have invested in assets to facilitate participation in the  
16 wholesale commodity markets and that they must price their sales differently  
17 so as to recover the investment that was made in the asset. That simply is not  
18 true. The market is comprised of many entities, from marketers to end-users.  
19 The evaluation of whether an investment should be made in an asset for the  
20 sole purpose of participating in the wholesale commodity markets, to  
21 ultimately recover the investment and earn a return on the investment, must  
22 include an analysis of whether forecasted market pricing would accomplish  
23 this goal. However, once the investment is made, short-term (economy) sales

1 made from that asset would be executed at any level above variable cost and  
2 the fixed cost of the asset becomes irrelevant. In the case of firm gas  
3 transportation, if the market would always pay a price equivalent to the full  
4 demand charge plus variable costs plus a margin, there would be no  
5 competitive market, as each entity would simply buy firm transportation to  
6 meet its needs. Market prices reflect what participants are willing to pay at a  
7 given time, and each participant prices accordingly, including FPL. The entry  
8 of FPL into the gas market has enhanced competition within the market.  
9 Increased competition within the market creates a “win-win” situation for all  
10 market participants.

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## 12 X. COMBINING DISSIMILAR INCENTIVES

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14 **Q. Do you agree with witness Dismukes’ proposal to implement “one,**  
15 **broader composite incentive” as he suggests on pages 25 and 26 of his**  
16 **testimony?**

17 A. No. Little purpose would be served by trying to consolidate all incentive  
18 mechanisms into one comprehensive program. The different incentive  
19 mechanisms encourage different behaviors and are appropriately addressed  
20 separately so that the parties can focus on FPL’s performance with respect to  
21 each of those different behaviors. The Incentive Mechanism incents strong  
22 performance in the management of its fuel and purchased power  
23 responsibilities. The Generation Performance Incentive Factor (“GPIF”)

1           incent strong performance in operating FPL’s generation fleet. Finally, the  
2           ROE adder FPL has proposed in this case would incent strong performance  
3           throughout the organization, most notably in areas that aren’t measured by  
4           either the Incentive Mechanism or the GPIF. There is little overlap in the  
5           different incentives to suggest combining them would be appropriate.

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## XI. JURISDICTIONAL POLICY ISSUES

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9   **Q.    On pages 37 through 40 of his testimony, witness Dismukes expresses**  
10   **jurisdictional policy concerns regarding the Incentive Mechanism. Do**  
11   **you agree with these concerns?**

12   A.    No.    Witness Dismukes claims that natural gas transactions under the  
13    Incentive Mechanism go beyond optimizing FPL’s core electrical generation,  
14    transmission, and production assets. However, natural gas transportation  
15    contracts and natural gas storage contracts are, in fact, core components of  
16    utility operations and these costs have been recovered from customers through  
17    the Fuel Clause for decades. The Incentive Mechanism provides the vehicle  
18    for FPL to optimize the use of those assets in order to reduce overall fuel costs  
19    for customers.

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

21   A.    Yes.

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

**REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF ROXANE KENNEDY**

**DOCKET NOS. 160021-EI and 160088-EI**

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

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

4 A. My name is Roxane Kennedy. My business address is Florida Power & Light  
5 Company (“FPL”), 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, Florida 33408.

6 **Q. Did you previously submit direct testimony in Docket No. 160021 which**  
7 **has been consolidated with Docket No. 160088?**

8 A. Yes.

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

10 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following rebuttal exhibits:

11 • RRK-1, Example (Mitsubishi) Combustion Turbine (CT) Maintenance  
12 Intervals by Outage Type

13 • RRK-2, Example (Mitsubishi) Combustion Turbine Parts Standards by  
14 Outage Inspection Type

15 **Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?**

16 A. The purpose of my testimony is to rebut the portion of the testimony of South  
17 Florida Hospital and Healthcare Association (“SFHHA”) witness Lane Kollen  
18 that argues for removing all “base O&M fossil overhaul” from the calculation  
19 of variable operating and maintenance (“O&M”) expenses because those  
20 expenses are fixed.

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**II. SUMMARY**

**Q. Please summarize your rebuttal testimony.**

A. My rebuttal testimony demonstrates that witness Kollen’s objections to the recovery of the base overhaul maintenance component of the Variable O&M in the proposed modified Incentive Program are unfounded. Using Original Equipment Manufacturer (“OEM”) documentation, industry guidelines and FPL maintenance practices, I will demonstrate that fossil generating maintenance is variable and should be recovered as specified in the proposed modified Incentive Mechanism.

**III. VARIABLE POWER PLANT O&M**

**Q. Witness Kollen states on pages 10 and 11 of his testimony that FPL’s proposal to net economy sales and purchases for purposes of calculating variable power plant O&M provides enhanced recovery through the Fuel Clause even though such costs already are included in the base revenue requirement. Do you agree with this assertion?**

A. No. As witness Forrest explained in his direct testimony, for the 2017 and 2018 test years included in FPL’s rate case filing, FPL did not include economy sales or economy purchases in developing its base rate forecast for the costs associated with operating and maintaining its generating fleet. Therefore, any variable production and maintenance costs associated with

1 increases from FPL's generation system output due to net economy sales are  
2 not reflected in the test period base rate revenue requirements.

3 **Q. Do you agree with witness Kollen's assertion on pages 11 and 12 of his**  
4 **testimony that "base O&M fossil overhaul" costs are not reasonable and**  
5 **appropriate for inclusion in the variable power plant O&M rate because**  
6 **they are not variable and will be incurred regardless of the output from**  
7 **FPL-owned generation?**

8 A. No. FPL's current base rate filing contains MWh sales, production and  
9 maintenance forecasts that are based on only serving native customers. As  
10 witness Forrest explained in his direct testimony, economy sales were not  
11 contemplated in the base rate forecast and neither were the associated  
12 production and maintenance costs for generation of incremental sales. This  
13 base rate filing includes a level of sales, production and maintenance activity  
14 for FPL's native customer requirements only. To demonstrate the impact of  
15 wholesale sales and purchases, the total level of production activity for the  
16 period 2013-15 – reflecting the net impact of the wholesale sales and  
17 purchases that generated over \$100 million of customer benefits during that  
18 period – was significantly above the level of activity forecasted both the prior  
19 and the current base rate filings. FPL's system-wide economy sales, net of  
20 purchases, totaled 5.1 million MWh for the period of 2013-15, which was  
21 equivalent to over 70% of the annual generation at a large combined cycle  
22 unit such as FPL's Cape Canaveral or Riviera Beach Energy Centers in 2015.  
23 It is reasonable to expect the incremental level of fossil overhaul costs above

1 the level included in our base rate filing will be significant. Over the life of a  
2 combined cycle unit, this level of additional generation increases maintenance  
3 costs significantly.

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5 Thus, it is clear that if the total level of production for FPL's fossil generating  
6 fleet is above the forecast assumed in the base rate filing, as it was in 2013-  
7 2015, it will directly impact maintenance costs as well as increase wear and  
8 tear on Combustion Turbine ("CT") Parts. The variable production and  
9 maintenance costs for these incremental MWh sales would not have been  
10 incurred if opportunities were not seized for FPL's customers in the  
11 marketplace.

12 **Q. Would you please explain the concept of variable maintenance costs and**  
13 **its applicability to FPL's generating assets?**

14 A. Yes. Simply put, as generating fleet output increases, there is a corresponding  
15 increase in labor and parts required to maintain reliable operating  
16 performance. Examples of maintenance equivalent fired hour interval  
17 documentation from Mitsubishi for their CTs and part requirements by outage  
18 type, for example, are contained in Exhibits RRK-1 and RRK-2. Mitsubishi is  
19 the manufacturer for the CTs at FPL's West County Energy Center and these  
20 exhibits clearly demonstrate that maintenance activity is directly correlated to  
21 hours of operation and number of starts, exactly the concept of variable.

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1 Energy industry literature also contains numerous references to the variability  
2 of O&M costs as a function of power plant output levels. For example, PJM  
3 is a regional transmission organization (“RTO”) that coordinates the  
4 movement of wholesale electricity in all or parts of 13 states and the District  
5 of Columbia. PJM cites several specific examples of variable O&M costs in  
6 its educational material:

- 7 • Air filter replacements
- 8 • Inspections and overhauls, including labor, parts, and rentals
- 9 • Water treatment expenses
- 10 • Catalyst replacements
- 11 • *Major overhaul expenses*

12 PJM also has issued specific guidance for addressing variable maintenance  
13 expense for combustion turbine and combined cycle plants: “Furthermore,  
14 Combustion Turbine and Combined Cycle Plant major inspection and  
15 overhaul expenses may be included in variable maintenance expenses if these  
16 costs are due to incremental degradation directly related to generation, starts  
17 or a combination of both.”<sup>1</sup>

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19 The major components in FPL’s generating fleet include, but are not limited  
20 to CTs, Generators and Steam Turbines. The manufacturers for these

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.pjm.com> Variable Operations and Maintenance (“VOM”) Costs:  
Educational Document

1 components in FPL's fleet include General Electric, Siemens, Mitsubishi and  
2 Toshiba. Steam and coal unit maintenance intervals for boilers and steam  
3 turbines are also driven by operating hours and thermal cycles. For all of  
4 these manufacturers and unit types, maintenance performed is directly tied to  
5 ranges of operating hours and/or unit starts and is thus variable.

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7 In summary, maintenance intervals driven by operating hour ranges are  
8 consistently applied by utility industry OEMs, as well as FPL's Operating,  
9 Central Maintenance and Engineering experts. The large volume of FPL's  
10 wholesale sales, which generate gains for the benefit of its retail customers,  
11 impact the operating hours and hence the maintenance costs for FPL's  
12 generating fleet. Thus, contrary to witness Kollen's assertions, those costs are  
13 being properly viewed as variable.

14 **Q. Do you agree with witness Kollen's recommendation to remove the "base**  
15 **O&M fossil overhaul" costs from the incentive power plant O&M**  
16 **calculation in the proposed modified Incentive Mechanism?**

17 A. No. For the reasons above, base O&M fossil overhauls are variable and are  
18 entirely reasonable and appropriate for continued inclusion in the power plant  
19 O&M calculation.

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

21 A. Yes.

# Example (Mitsubishi) Combustion Turbine (CT) Maintenance Intervals by Outage Type

## EQUIVALENT FIRED HOURS (EFH) / EFFECTIVE STARTS (ES) FORMULAE

### FPL INSPECTION INTERVALS\*

FPL combustor inspections, turbine inspections and major inspections are recommended as shown below

Combustor Inspection	Earlier of 12,000 EFH or 300 ES from previous inspection or first firing.
Turbine Inspection	Earlier of 24,000 EFH or 600 ES
Major Inspection	Earlier of 48,000 EFH or 1,200 ES

\* In the event that a turbine is upgraded with G1+ row 1 blades, row 1 vanes and row 2 vanes, the turbine outage and repair intervals shall not be limited to less than 900 starts.

Maintenance on combustion turbines is driven by operating hours and unit starts

# Example (Mitsubishi) Combustion Turbine Parts Standards by Outage Inspection Type

## Combustor Inspection (CI)

CI	Nozzles
CI	Tophats
CI	Swirler Holder (Baskets)
CI	Combustion Liner (Transitions)
CI	Transition Seals
CI	Cross Flame Tubes

## Turbine (Hot Gas Path) Inspection

HGP	Nozzles
HGP	Tophats
HGP	Swirler Holder (Baskets)
HGP	Combustion Liner (Transitions)
HGP	Transition Seals
HGP	Cross Flame Tubes
HGP	R1 Vanes
HGP	R2 Vanes
HGP	R3 Vanes
HGP	R4 Vanes
HGP	R1 Blades
HGP	R2 Blades
HGP	R3 Blades
HGP	R4 Blades
HGP	R1 Ring Segments
HGP	R2 Ring Segments
HGP	R3 Ring Segments
HGP	R4 Ring Segments

## Major Inspection (MI)

MI	Nozzles
MI	Tophats
MI	Swirler Holder (Baskets)
MI	Combustion Liner (Transitions)
MI	Transition Seals
MI	Cross Flame Tubes
MI	R1 Vanes
MI	R2 Vanes
MI	R3 Vanes
MI	R4 Vanes
MI	R1 Blades
MI	R2 Blades
MI	R3 Blades
MI	R4 Blades
MI	R1 Ring Segments
MI	R2 Ring Segments
MI	R3 Ring Segments
MI	R4 Ring Segments
MI	R1 Interstage Seals
MI	R2 Interstage Seals
MI	R3 Interstage Seals
MI	R4 Interstage Seals
MI	Thrust Bearings
MI	Exhaust Bearing
MI	Inlet Bearings

CT parts, costs and complexity increase for maintenance inspections performed at the appropriate operating hour and/or unit start intervals