

Brandy Butler

From: Brandy Butler on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 12:31 PM
To: 'Draper, Eric'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Audubon letter re Docket 20170123 St. Johns River Power Park

Good afternoon Mr. Draper,

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20170123 and forwarding your comments to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Sincerely,

Brandy Butler

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From: Draper, Eric [<mailto:EDRAPER@audubon.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 11:23 AM
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Subject: Audubon letter re Docket 20170123 St. Johns River Power Park

Please find the attached letter in support of the request related to Docket 20170123 St. Johns River Power Park



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RE: Docket 20170123 - St. Johns River Power Park

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

On behalf of Florida Audubon Society, I write to urge the Florida Public Service Commission to approve FPL's request to buy out its interest in the St. Johns River Power Park Units 1 and 2 (" SJRPP ") leading to closure of the facility.

Audubon members are concerned about the effects of climate change brought on by emission of carbon dioxide. One way to mitigate carbon emissions is to replace electric power generation from coal fired power plants with power from renewable sources and from fuels that generate fewer carbon emissions per kilowatt hours of energy generated.

Audubon members are also concerned about conservation of water resources. Coal-fired power plants use much more water for cooling and steam than combined cycle natural gas plants. Energy produced from utility scale PV solar consumes no water.

Audubon members are additionally concerned about air and water pollution from NO and SO₂. Nitrogen from air emissions has been demonstrated to be a major source of pollution in impaired coastal waters. Those pollutants are avoided when power is produced by combined cycle natural gas plants and eliminated with solar.

St. Johns River Power Park Units 1 and 2 burn coal and have a 1322 MW capacity. FPL anticipates that shutting down SJRPP will reduce CO₂ emissions by more than 5.6 million tons per year. Plant closure will yield additional environmental benefits as NO and SO₂ emissions are halted. Considerable water savings will also be realized in a region that experiences water shortages.

We understand that the proposed agreement between FPL and JEA will also yield considerable customer savings. We hope that this benefit allows for additional investments in demand-side management, conservation and renewable energy.

Savings of emissions and water, as well as money will be realized if the plant is closed on the anticipated January 2018 date.

Considering these environmental and ratepayer benefits, we urge Florida Public Service Commission to approve the requests to terminate FPL's power purchase agreement and timely closure of the St. Johns River Power Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Draper".

Eric Draper, President
Florida Audubon Society

Copy: Commissioners Julie Brown
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