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

Re: Docket No. 20170225-EI

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2017-0426-PCO-EI issued November 6, 2017, attached for filing in the above docket are the rebuttal testimony and exhibits of Florida Power & Light Company witnesses Dr. Steven R. Sim and Hector J. Sanchez. This letter, the rebuttal testimony and exhibits, and a certificate of service together are being submitted via the Florida Public Service Commission's Electronic Filing Web Form as a single PDF file.

Please contact me should you or your Staff have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

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cc: Counsel for Parties of Record (w/encl.)

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

2 A. My rebuttal testimony discusses and/or responds to the testimony of Dr. Ezra 3 Hausman who is testifying on behalf of the Sierra Club in this docket.

4 **Q. How is your rebuttal testimony structured?**

5 A. My rebuttal testimony is structured into 7 parts. Part I provides a brief 6 overview of FPL's filing in this docket to set the stage for examining Dr. 7 Hausman's testimony. Part II identifies key points in FPL's filing that Dr. 8 Hausman does not contest in his testimony. Part III discusses some of the 9 problems in his testimony regarding such topics as reserve margin criteria, 10 reliability, and determination of need filings in Florida. Part IV discusses 11 additional problems with Dr. Hausman's testimony regarding his "alternative 12 plan," the economics of that plan, his attempt to examine the "delay" 13 scenarios, and fuel diversity. Part V offers some observations regarding his 14 exhibits. A number of problematic statements made in Dr. Hausman's 15 testimony that have not already been discussed are examined in Part VI. In 16 Part VII, I summarize my reasons why I conclude that Dr. Hausman's 17 testimony is unreliable and should not be given serious consideration in this 18 docket.

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1 - In the 2016 analyses, FPL assumed 1,700 MW of additional universal 2 solar would be sited outside of the Southeastern Florida region. This 3 additional solar was significantly higher than the 300 MWs of universal 4 solar FPL identified in its 2016 Ten Year Site Plan. FPL then analyzed 5 how new combined cycle and combustion turbine unit options sited both 6 inside and outside the Southeastern Florida region might satisfy the system 7 and regional reliability needs. Solar and battery storage sited inside this 8 region to support both of these reliability needs were also evaluated. FPL 9 also evaluated demand side management (DSM), as well as new gas 10 pipelines, and transmission facilities that would be required as a result of 11 new generation additions and/or to increase transmission import capability 12 into the Southeastern Florida region. In total, 33 resource plans were 13 evaluated in the 2016 analyses.

14 - The key results of the 2016 analyses were that: (i) a specific new 15 transmission line, the Corbett-Sugar-Quarry (CSQ) line, was capable of 16 addressing the Southeastern Florida regional need through the decade of 17 the 2020s (assuming no changes in forecasted load and/or available 18 generation in the region), (ii) the addition of this CSQ line would allow a 19 window of opportunity in which the existing Lauderdale Units 4 & 5 could 20 be retired¹ and dismantled before replacement capacity in Southeastern 21 Florida is constructed, and (iii) the projected cost of continuing to operate 22 and maintain these existing Lauderdale units was significant.

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¹ Note that the retirement of Lauderdale Units 4 $\&$ 5 would change the available generation in Southeastern Florida by removing 884 MW of capacity.

1 - In 2017, after a decision was made to add the CSQ line by mid-2019, FPL 2 updated all of its key forecasts and assumptions, including the cost and 3 performance characteristics of the resource options, and also included as 4 an assumption FPL's current projection that an additional approximately 5 2,086 MW of universal solar would be implemented by 2023, representing 6 an increase from the 1,700 MW assumed in the 2016 analyses. FPL then 7 conducted new analyses of how best to address system resource needs 8 while maintaining/enhancing reliability in the Southeastern Florida region. 9 These 2017 analyses primarily focused on three resource plans that were 10 based on the most promising resource options identified in the 2016 11 analysis. Plan 1 is a "status quo" scenario that assumes no retirement and 12 continued operation of the existing Lauderdale Units 4 & 5. Plan 2 13 assumes retirement of the existing Lauderdale Units 4 & 5 in late 2018 14 and the addition of the 1,163 MW DBEC Unit 7 in mid-2022. This results 15 in a net increase of 279 MW of generation in the Southeastern Florida 16 region (1,163 MW of DBEC Unit 7 – 884 MW of the existing Lauderdale 17 Units $4 \& 5 = 279$ MW net increase).² Plan 3 assumes the same retirement 18 of the existing Lauderdale units in late 2018 as in Plan 2, but with the 19 addition of approximately the same amount of firm capacity 20 (approximately 1,163 MW) from a combination of solar and storage sited 21 in the Southeastern Florida region.

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² FPL notes that its planned addition of 2,086 MW of solar is 7.5 times greater than the net increase of 279 MW of gas-fired generation that would result from DBEC Unit 7.

1 - The results of the 2017 analyses were that: (i) Plan 2 featuring DBEC Unit 2 7 is projected to be \$337 million cumulative present value of revenue 3 requirements (CPVRR) lower cost to FPL's customers than the status quo 4 Plan 1, and (ii) Plan 2 featuring DBEC Unit 7 is projected to be \$1,288 5 million CPVRR lower cost to FPL's customers than Plan 3. 6 - In addition, the low cost DBEC Unit 7 project is projected to bring 7 economic benefits to FPL's customers almost immediately beginning in 8 2018, lower system natural gas usage compared to the status quo scenario, 9 lower system emissions, and to enhance both system and regional 10 reliability. 11 - Therefore, FPL concludes that adding DBEC Unit 7 in 2022 is projected 12 to provide a variety of significant benefits for FPL's customers, and FPL 13 is respectfully requesting that the FPSC provide an affirmative 14 determination of need decision for DBEC Unit 7 with a June 2022 in-15 service date. 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

1 *"I recommend that FPL take the following steps: Determine appropriate* 2 *reserve margin criterion and regional resource needs using a loss-of-load* 3 *probability of 0.01."* (page 19, lines 6-8)

5 There are a number of problems with these statements. First, there is no single 6 reliability criterion that is relied upon by all electric utilities and not all 7 utilities utilize an LOLP criterion. Second, Dr. Hausman ignores the fact that 8 reserve margin and LOLP reliability criteria are, by design, intended to give 9 different perspectives of the reliability of a utility system, not to provide the 10 same result. Third, in this statement he recommends an LOLP standard of 11 0.01 which is 10 times more stringent than the 0.1 day/year LOLP standard 12 that FPL and most utilities that utilize an LOLP reliability criterion use. 13 (However, on page 9 of his testimony, beginning on line 9, he discusses an 14 LOLP criterion of *"one day in ten years"* which is equivalent to a 0.1 15 day/year value. With his two conflicting values, it is not clear what he is 16 actually recommending.)

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18 Fourth, he ignores the fact that FPL's reserve margin criteria have worked 19 well in helping to ensure economic, reliable electric service for FPL's 20 customers for almost two decades. Fifth, with these statements, Dr. Hausman 21 is criticizing both FPL and the FPSC for the reserve margin criterion that FPL 22 uses in its resource planning. Perhaps Dr. Hausman is unaware that FPL's 23 20% total reserve margin criterion was agreed to by FPL, two other Florida

1 investor owned utilities (IOU), and the Florida Public Service Commission 2 (FPSC) in 1999 after extensive examination of system reliability in Florida. 3 Sixth, Dr. Hausman also appears unaware that, in the almost two decades 4 since that decision, the FPSC has consistently stated that a determination of 5 need docket is not the appropriate place to attempt to question a reliability 6 criterion or to attempt a change in the criterion. Exhibit SRS-6 presents a 7 compilation of a number of the FPSC's statements regarding this issue.

8 **Q. Is there another problem regarding the concept of reliability in his** 9 **testimony that you wish to discuss?**

10 A. Yes. Speaking as one who has been employed by FPL as a resource planner 11 for 25 years and who has continually interacted and collaborated with 12 transmission system planners and system operators over that time period, I 13 have come to appreciate the fact that consideration of the reliability of an 14 electric utility system is not simply a matter of performing analyses on a 15 computer and letting that be your only guide. There is the matter of actual real 16 world experience that has to be factored into a utility's planning. This is 17 particularly true when it comes to the experience of system operators whose 18 job is to keep the system operating in real time 24/7 on a second-to-second 19 basis. Lack of this type of specific, real world experience is not something one 20 can compensate for solely through calculations on a spreadsheet or in a model. 21 Therefore, system operator experience and guidance should never be ignored 22 when planning a utility system.

1 In regard to the analyses presented in this docket, FPL's system operators 2 provided specific guidance as to how resource plans should be designed if 3 FPL wanted to look at scenarios of a potential one- or two-year delay in the 4 in-service date for DBEC Unit 7, assuming that existing Lauderdale Units 4 & 5 5 are to be retired. Their input was essentially this: the longer FPL waits to 6 replace the capacity that is lost by retiring the 884 MW of the two Lauderdale 7 units, the more risk the system operators have to deal with. FPL witness 8 Sanchez discusses in more detail the operational risks associated with retiring 9 the Lauderdale units, then not bringing replacement capacity in-service as 10 soon as possible. The loss of 884 MW that will result from the retirement of 11 the existing Lauderdale units represents about 1/7 of the total generation in the 12 vital Southeastern Florida region.

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14 The specific guidance that FPL's system operations provided when FPL began 15 to consider the one- or two-year delay scenarios was that FPL should delay 16 the retirement of the Lauderdale units by the same amount of time DBEC Unit 17 7's in-service date is delayed in order to minimize operational risk. In other 18 words, that guidance was that if the in-service date of DBEC Unit 7 is delayed 19 one year from 2022 to 2023, then the retirement of the Lauderdale units 20 should also be delayed one year from 2018 to 2019. Based on this input from 21 FPL's system operators, FPL used this guidance when evaluating the "delay" 22 scenarios.

1 **Q. Please comment.**

2 A. My experience from a number of prior need determination hearings before the 3 FPSC leads me to conclude that the FPSC considers many factors in a need 4 determination docket and can approve a determination of need request based 5 on considerations other than just a reserve margin projection. In fact, the 6 FPSC has done so fairly recently when it approved FPL's West County 7 Energy Center (WCEC) Unit 3 in Docket Nos. 080203-EI, 080245-EI, and 8 080246-EI. In those dockets, FPL requested a determination of need for 9 WCEC Unit 3 with an in-service date of 2011 although there was not a 10 projected system reliability need until 2013 – two years later than the 11 requested in-service date. FPL projected that an earlier in-service date would 12 reduce system fuel costs and emissions, plus allow FPL the opportunity to 13 modernize the Riviera and Cape Canaveral plant sites.

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15 The FPSC granted the need for WCEC Unit 3 with a 2011 in-service date 16 (Order No. PSC-08-0591-FOF-EI). The FPSC's decision was based in part on 17 FPL's projection of resource needs that would begin two years from the in-18 service date and increase each year thereafter.

19 **Q. Does FPL's determination of need request in this docket have any** 20 **similarities to the WCEC Unit 3 determination of need request and** 21 **decision?**

22 A. Yes. FPL is again requesting a determination of need for a new unit with an 23 in-service date two years earlier than would otherwise be suggested solely by

1 **Q. What was your initial reaction to his illustrative portfolio?**

2 A. My initial reaction was that it was certainly interesting that the Sierra Club 3 representative was recommending a portfolio that would significantly delay 4 the implementation of solar, and both significantly reduce and delay the 5 implementation of storage, compared to what is assumed for solar and storage 6 in FPL's Plan 3. This becomes even more interesting when one considers that 7 such a delay in solar implementation would result in higher system emissions 8 and higher natural gas usage, at least for the 2 to 7 years of delay, compared to 9 FPL's Plan 3. Therefore, such a recommendation seems to be exactly the 10 opposite of the Sierra Club's national effort to quickly increase the utilization 11 of solar and storage.

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13 Dr. Hausman's contemplated delay will also result in lower system and 14 regional reliability for FPL's customers than would be the case with FPL's 15 Plans 2 and 3, but these reliability impacts arising from the delay in solar and 16 storage is given little if any consideration by Dr. Hausman in his testimony.

17 **Q. Does Dr. Hausman explain why he significantly delayed the solar** 18 **additions and reduced the storage additions in his portfolio?**

19 A. Yes. He is attempting to lower the capital or fixed costs associated with the 20 solar and storage additions in FPL's Plan 3 as explained in this statement of 21 his:

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1 thus combining to a net cost result that shows Plan 3 is \$1,300 million more 2 expensive for FPL's customers.

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4 Even if one were to assume Dr. Hausman's *"many hundreds of millions of* 5 *dollars"* in fixed cost savings could be achieved, his portfolio would have to 6 save \$1,300 million CPVRR in fixed costs just to break even with Plan 2, 7 assuming no other changes in costs. This would represent a 65% reduction in 8 fixed costs $(1,300/2,000 = 65\%)$. As an illustration, if the fixed costs for the 9 solar/storage portfolio in FPL's Plan 2 averaged \$1,000/kW, the average fixed 10 costs for Dr. Hausman's portfolio would have to drop to \$350/kW just to 11 break even. However, there are at least three other aspects to this economic 12 comparison that Dr. Hausman does not mention, and all three are 13 automatically driven by his "delay solar and storage" recommendation.

14 **Q. What is the first of these three economic aspects that Dr. Hausman has** 15 **failed to mention?**

16 A. His "delay" recommendation will automatically reduce the projected variable 17 cost savings of \$700 million CPVRR shown for FPL's Plan 3. Solar, far more 18 than energy storage, is responsible for the \$700 million in CPVRR variable 19 cost savings projected for FPL's Plan 3. Therefore, significantly delaying the 20 in-service dates of both universal and DG solar, as Dr. Hausman recommends 21 in his portfolio, will significantly decrease the \$700 million in CPVRR 22 variable cost savings that is currently projected for Plan 3. The longer the 23 delay in the solar in-service dates, the more the variable cost saving is

1 decreased. Thus Dr. Hausman's idea of reducing fixed costs by delaying solar 2 automatically results in his portfolio chasing a moving-away-from-him 3 because the \$700 million CPVRR variable cost savings value will now be 4 significantly smaller.

5 **Q. What is the second economic aspect of Dr. Hausman's recommended** 6 **portfolio that his testimony fails to mention?**

7 A. Dr. Hausman failed to mention that his portfolio has less firm capacity than 8 does the solar and storage portfolio in FPL's Plan 3. As previously mentioned, 9 both portfolios have identical MW amounts of solar, but Dr. Hausman's 10 portfolio has 455 MW less firm capacity from storage than does FPL's Plan 3. 11 This is partially offset by the 200 MW of DSM/DR that is in his portfolio. 12 With FPL's 20% total reserve margin criterion, the DSM/DR has an 13 equivalent capacity value of 240 MW (200 MW of DSM x 1.20 = 240 MW of 14 equivalent capacity).

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16 Thus Dr. Hausman's portfolio has 215 MW (455 MW from storage – 240 17 MW capacity equivalent from DSM = 215 MW) less firm capacity than does 18 FPL's solar and storage portfolio in Plan 3. Therefore, 215 MW of additional 19 resources will have to be added in Southeastern Florida in any resource plan 20 that would be developed using Dr. Hausman's portfolio in order to address 21 both system and regional reliability needs. System reserve margin analyses 22 show that additional resources will be needed in 2027. The additional costs 23 required to provide these 215 MW will offset some of the reduced fixed costs

1 that Dr. Hausman would hope to receive from his portfolio. Recognizing that 2 the additional resources would have to be sited in Southeastern Florida, and 3 could conceivably require a new gas pipeline to be built to a site in 4 Southeastern Florida, the cost of the additional resources could also run into 5 *"many hundreds of millions."*

6 **Q. What is the third economic aspect that Dr. Hausman failed to mention?**

7 A. Assuming as a starting point that Lauderdale Units 4 & 5 are removed in 8 2018, Dr. Hausman's portfolio does not replace even the 884 MW of capacity 9 in Southeastern Florida that would be removed by that retirement until at least 10 2026. Following the specific guidance previously provided by FPL witness 11 Sanchez to replace the generating capacity that is removed by the retirement 12 of the existing Lauderdale generating units as quickly as possible, Dr. 13 Hausman's recommendation would lead to FPL delaying the retirement of 14 these Lauderdale units at least 4 years until 2022 in order to maintain the 15 approximately 4-year gap between capacity retirement and replacement as in 16 FPL's Plans 2 and 3. This would lead to at least 4 more years of operational 17 costs being incurred to keep the Lauderdale units operating. These additional 18 fixed costs would be significant and would further offset the fixed cost 19 reduction that Dr. Hausman would hope to receive from his portfolio.

20 **Q. Does Dr. Hausman's testimony discuss the system emissions aspect of** 21 **FPL's Plan 2 and/or Plan 3?**

22 A. Yes. He makes the following statement in his testimony that discusses 23 alternatives to Plan 2:

1 in a bit more than one year, FPL assumed that the work to construct all of the 2 universal solar could wait until 2021 to start so that all of the universal solar 3 would come in-service by mid-2022. This ensured that the universal solar 4 component of FPL's portfolio was implemented in the most economical way.

5 **Q. Is it reasonable to assume that a similar implementation schedule would** 6 **work for DG Solar?**

7 A. No. Whereas FPL would plan to implement universal solar in large 60 MW or 8 74.5 MW blocks, DG solar would be implemented in much smaller, 250 to 9 500 kW (kilowatt) sizes on commercial customers' roofs. The projected 10 installed maximum amount of DG solar in Southeastern Florida is 600 MW. 11 FPL estimated that it would require almost 1,900 separate installations to get 12 to 600 MW by the same June 2022 date at which DBEC Unit 7 is projected to 13 go in-service. This represents almost 1,900 public and/or private entities that 14 must be identified, contacted, negotiated with regarding long-term contracts, 15 and permits acquired before the installations can even begin.

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17 There are also only about 1,600 days between January 1, 2018, and June 1, 18 2022. Therefore, even if DG solar installations were to begin on January 1, 19 2018, more than one DG solar installation per day would have to be 20 completed for 1,600 consecutive days with no weekends or holidays off to 21 meet the June 1, 2022 date. Recognizing that each DG solar installation will 22 take a number of days or weeks to complete, FPL reasonably assumed that 23 DG solar installations would have to begin in 2018, and continue each year

1 resource plans it analyzed, then compared those costs. That Dr. Hausman does 2 not like the outcome of the economic analysis does not change that fact.

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4 Third, his use of the term *"frontloading,"* plus the overall tone of the 5 statement, appears designed to give the impression that FPL is anti-solar. 6 Such an impression is hard to reconcile with the fact that FPL is actively 7 developing a very large amount of solar in Florida where it is cost-effective to 8 do so. This is shown in the resource plans FPL developed and analyzed for its 9 filing in this docket. In Plan 2, the addition of DBEC Unit 7 in 2022 will 10 result in a net increase of 279 MW of gas-fired capacity (1,163 MW of DBEC 11 Unit $7 - 884$ MW of retired Lauderdale Units $4 \& 5 = 279$ MW).

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13 However, as previously mentioned, a base assumption for all of the resource 14 plans analyzed in FPL's 2017 analyses is a projected addition 2,086 MW of 15 nameplate solar by 2023 which is 7.5 times as much net additional solar 16 capacity as net additional gas-fired capacity. Clearly, rather than being anti-17 solar, FPL is a strong proponent of solar when and, most importantly, where it 18 is projected to be cost-effective.

19 **Q. In his testimony, does Dr. Hausman appear to recognize the fact that** 20 **DBEC Unit 7 is significantly, and perhaps uniquely, advantaged by its** 21 **specific location in Southeastern Florida?**

22 A. No. This specific gas-fired generating unit has no incremental costs for land, 23 new transmission, new gas pipeline, additional firm gas transportation, or

1 water due to both its location at an existing generation site and its design. As a 2 result, the projected costs of this particular gas-fired unit are very low, making 3 it a very tough resource option to beat economically – and a very good 4 opportunity with which to lower costs for FPL's customers, as well as lower 5 emissions, lower system natural gas usage, and enhance system and regional 6 reliability.

7 **Q. Is there anything else from a comparison of solar and DBEC Unit 7 that** 8 **also impacts the economics of these two types of options in these specific** 9 **analyses?**

10 A. Yes. In regard to universal solar facilities, the cost of land for FPL's 2017 and 11 2018 SoBRA projects was discussed in the recent SoBRA docket (Docket No. 12 20170001-EI). Staff Interrogatory No. 60 in the SoBRA docket inquired about 13 the cost of land for these projects. FPL's response to this interrogatory showed 14 that for 7 of the 8 projects that would be sited on land that FPL did not already 15 own, the total land cost was approximately \$29.8 million dollars or 16 approximately \$4.25 million per site on average for the 7 sites. Recognizing 17 that each site will be used for 74.5 MW of solar, this works out to a land 18 component cost of approximately \$57/kW (\$4,250,000 / 74,500 kW = 19 $$57/kW$).

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21 The land cost picture is much different in Southeastern Florida. The projected 22 costs of the universal solar sites in Southeastern Florida assumed in Plan 3 23 ranges up to approximately \$34 million per site. Thus the projected land cost

1 for just one SoBRA-sized universal site in Southeastern Florida can be higher 2 than the combined costs for all 7 of the previously mentioned universal solar 3 74.5 MW SoBRA sites located outside of Southeastern Florida. Stated in 4 terms of \$/kW, this works out to a land cost component of universal solar in 5 Southeastern Florida of up to approximately \$450/kW (\$34,000,000 / 74,500 6 kW = $$456/kW$). This is roughly 8 times higher than the land component cost 7 for the same amount of universal solar sited outside of Southeastern Florida in 8 this year's SoBRA filing.

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10 To summarize, the DBEC Unit 7 is significantly advantaged by its location at 11 the existing Lauderdale plant site in Southeastern Florida, and its design is 12 such that it requires none of the incremental infrastructure costs that new gas-13 fired generating units might typically require. Conversely, universal solar 14 sited in the Southeastern Florida region is significantly disadvantaged by its 15 location, compared to universal solar sited in most of the rest of FPL's service 16 territory, in particular by the much higher land costs in the region compared to 17 **land costs outside of the region.**

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19 This points out that the locational aspect of any DBEC versus solar 20 comparison is of significant importance. Furthermore, it seems reasonable to 21 assume that land costs in Southeastern Florida may increase in the future, 22 which would further disadvantage Dr. Hausman's recommendation to delay 23 the implementation of universal solar in Southeastern Florida.

1 **Q. Does Dr. Hausman's testimony address DSM?**

2 A. Yes.

5 A. It is hard to say from his testimony. It contains no statement to that effect, but 6 also contains no statement to the contrary such as: 'DSM is more cost-7 effective, or as cost-effective, today as it has ever been.'

8 **Q. What is the status of DSM cost-effectiveness on FPL's system?**

9 A. As stated in my direct testimony, DSM cost-effectiveness on FPL's system 10 has been declining for a number of years and continues to decline. The reason 11 for this is that the costs of key components of FPL's system that make up the 12 bulk of DSM's avoided cost benefits have been declining. These include: fuel 13 costs, environmental compliance costs, and costs of combined cycle 14 generation. In addition, the fuel efficiency of the FPL system continues to get 15 better, in part due to the implementation of solar at locations that allow solar 16 to be cost-effective, which further lowers avoided fuel and environmental 17 compliance costs.

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19 In the last DSM Goals docket that concluded in late 2014, the FPSC set DSM 20 Goals for incremental DSM signups that were approximately 50 MW per year. 21 This was based in large part on the projected cost-effectiveness of DSM at 22 that time. Exhibit SRS-8 presents a comparison of key cost components from 23 the 2014 DSM Goals docket compared to current projections of those

1 **Q. In making this statement, did Dr. Hausman overlook anything?**

2 A. Yes. Dr. Hausman overlooked at least a couple of items. First, because a 3 number of forecasts and assumptions (such as load forecast, generation 4 capacity ratings, etc.) all changed as FPL began its 2017 analyses, none of the 5 33 plans analyzed in 2016 could have been brought into the 2017 analyses 6 intact without modifying each plan. Therefore, this particular plan could not 7 have been brought over intact into the 2017 analyses. Second, one of the 8 updated assumptions in 2017 was that the costs to continue to operate the 9 existing Lauderdale Units 4 & 5 were projected to be \$861 million CPVRR. 10 Thus a similar plan to this Plan 3 from the 2016 analyses, or any other plan 11 that assumed that the two Lauderdale units continued to operate, would now 12 have to include this very significant cost. Although FPL did consider creating 13 a similar plan for the 2017 analyses, the \$861 million CPVRR cost that would 14 have to be accounted for in that plan convinced FPL to seek a potentially more 15 economic approach that could provide FPL's customers with similar system 16 and regional reliability levels as FPL's Plan 2 featuring DBEC Unit 7 in the 17 2017 analyses.

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19 Third, in regard to the portion of his statement that reads: *"…admitted the* 20 *only reason…storage was added",* that is not exactly what I said at this 21 deposition. I did not use the phrase "the only reason". In fact, on lines $22 - 24$ 22 on the same page of my deposition, I stated: "We had run out of PV that was 23 considered to be doable/reasonable in Southeast Florida and turned to

$\mathbf{1}$		storage". In the earlier Iteration 1 and 2 analyses in 2016^3 , FPL had already
\overline{c}		determined that the remaining roughly 700 MW of additional capacity needed
\mathfrak{Z}		to match that provided by DBEC Unit 7 would have incurred hundreds of
$\overline{4}$		millions of dollars CPVRR of new gas pipeline costs if such a large amount of
5		capacity sited in Southeastern Florida were gas-fired.
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7		For these reasons, FPL was interested to see how storage, combined with
$\,8\,$		solar, all sited in Southeastern Florida, would fare in the 2017 analyses with
9		updated costs for both solar and storage.
10	Q.	Dr. Hausman's testimony addressed the evaluation of scenarios that
11		examined a one- or two-year delay in the in-service date of DBEC Unit 7.
12		Please comment on his handling of the DBEC "delay" scenarios.
13	A.	Roughly midway through his testimony, Dr. Hausman makes the following
14		statement about the DBEC "delay" scenarios which he refers to as Plans 4 (a
15		one-year delay) and 5 (a two-year delay):
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17		"All of the additional costs (emphasis added) found in Plans 4 and 5, relative
18		to Plan 2, stem from FPL's choice to delay the retirement of Units 4 and 5 by
19		one or two years, and not from any delay in DBEC's in-service date." (page
20		22, lines 1-3)
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³ This information is presented in the PowerPoint presentation that summarized the results of the 2016 analyses. This presentation was discussed in both of the depositions of me that have been occurred before this rebuttal testimony is being filed, and was attached in redacted form to Dr. Hausman's testimony as Exhibit EDH-17.

1 So how does he get to the \$33 million and \$63 million "savings" values in his 2 statement? It is simple. Dr. Hausman just decided to leave out the second and 3 third types of cost impacts in his arithmetic.

5 Regarding the second type of cost impact, he chose to completely ignore the 6 specific guidance provided by FPL's system operators to delay the retirement 7 of Lauderdale Units 4 & 5 by the same amount of time that DBEC Unit 7's in-8 service date would be delayed in order to minimize system operations risk. 9 FPL's analyses of the "delay" scenarios have followed that guidance. But Dr. 10 Hausman chose to ignore that guidance and, consequently, he did not include 11 the \$33 million (for a one-year delay) and \$74 million (for a two-year delay) 12 of additional operating costs for Lauderdale Units 4 & 5. Perhaps Dr. 13 Hausman chose to ignore the guidance from FPL's system operators because 14 he thought his simple reserve margin calculation trumped decades of system 15 operations experience. This is not a prudent assumption to make when the one 16 who is offering specific guidance has the responsibility for operating an 17 electric utility system as does FPL witness Sanchez. I view this as an error on 18 Dr. Hausman's part.

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20 In regard to the third type of cost impact, he chose to not include the system 21 fuel penalty in his arithmetic. However, a system fuel penalty would 22 automatically occur by not operating the Lauderdale units for an additional 23 year or two, thus requiring other, more expensive units to make up the MWh

- 21 **testimony?**
- 22 A. Yes. On page 16, starting on line 13, of this testimony, Dr. Hausman makes 23 the following statement:

"For example, NEER recently announced a PPA with Tucson Electric Power delivering a combined solar and storage solution for under \$0.045 per kWh, with solar portions priced at under \$0.03 per kWh. This would be cost competitive with or superior to new gas-fired resources on a levelized cost 5 *basis."*

6 **Q. What is your reaction to this?**

7 A. I was surprised that Dr. Hausman believes that a levelized cost-based 8 comparison of resource options can provide meaningful results. Such a 9 comparison almost invariably ignores a number of significant system cost 10 impacts that must be accounted for in order for obtain a complete picture of 11 the economics of resource options. Consequently, an attempt to use a 12 levelized \$/MWh cost approach for comparing resource options will almost 13 certainly yield meaningless results.

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15 It is for this reason that neither FPL, nor the FPSC, utilizes a levelized cost of 16 electricity (also commonly referred to as a "screening curve") approach to 17 make final resource decisions. FPL has addressed this topic at least twice 18 before in DSM Goals and nuclear cost recovery dockets before the FPSC. For 19 example, a portion of my rebuttal testimony from the 2009 DSM Goals docket 20 (Docket No. 20080407-EG) discussed the fundamental flaws in attempting to 21 compare resource options on a levelized \$/MWh approach. That discussion is 22 provided as Exhibit SRS-9.

Q. Even if one were to ignore the problems with Dr. Hausman's attempt to use levelized cost numbers, how meaningful is it to try to compare cost values of solar in Arizona to cost values of solar in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties?

5 A. It is not meaningful. If the same project were to be replicated in Florida, the 6 cost would be significantly higher for several reasons. One of these reasons is 7 that solar insolation in the dry Arizona climate is higher than in humid, cloudy 8 Florida. As a result, the projected annual capacity factor for the solar 9 component of the Arizona project could be expected to be approximately 10 35%. By comparison, the projected annual capacity factor of FPL's' 2017 and 11 2018 SoBRA facilities is approximately 27%. Thus, the Arizona solar project 12 will have an annual MWh output that is 30% higher than Florida's SoBRA 13 facilities $(35 / 27 = 1.30)$. Another of these reasons is that the Arizona project 14 had zero land costs. This \$0/kW land cost component is significantly lower 15 than the up to \$450/kw land cost component previously discussed for 16 universal solar in Southeastern Florida.

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18 For reasons such as this, the same project installed anywhere in Florida, not 19 even in the more expensive Southeastern Florida region, would have a \$/MWh 20 cost significantly higher than the cost for the Arizona project. This is yet 21 another example of why the location of where a solar facility is placed has to 22 be a significant consideration.

1 By making this statement, Dr. Hausman ignores the fact that FPL is constantly 2 seeking to improve the cost and performance of its generation fleet. Exhibit 3 SRS-10 provides a summary perspective of the improvements FPL has made 4 in its fossil fuel generation fleet from 1990 to 2016. As shown by this exhibit, 5 the levels of FPL's improvements have been impressive.

- 7 Dr. Hausman is also ignoring portions of the direct testimonies in this docket 8 of FPL witness Kingston and me. Both our testimonies point out that FPL is 9 seeking, and will continue to seek, ways to improve the DBEC Unit 7 design, 10 cost, and performance characteristics that were used in FPL's 2017 analyses. 11 These efforts will continue even after an affirmative need determination 12 decision would be received. If these improvements result in a projected lower 13 CPVRR system cost for FPL's customers, then FPL will both inform the 14 FPSC of the changes and projected CPVRR benefits, and will seek to 15 incorporate the improvements into the DBEC Unit 7 design.
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17 Just such an improvement was identified, and taken advantage of, regarding 18 the recently approved Okeechobee combined cycle unit. FPL's need filing 19 initially projected that unit would have a Summer peak rating of 1,622 MW. 20 During the need determination process, the peak rating of this unit increased 21 to 1,633 MW at no additional cost to FPL's customers. Then, subsequent to 22 the affirmative need decision, FPL's continuing efforts to improve the design 23 resulted in the Summer peak capacity rating increasing to 1,748 MW at no

1 and regional resource needs. We quickly found out that its usefulness was 2 very limited for this type of analyses. In these analyses, resource options, 3 sites, transmission plans, and gas pipelines, plus their costs, must all be 4 accounted for. The problem is that one must first create a resource plan that 5 selects the resource options, their sites, and their in-service dates before the 6 transmission analyses and gas pipeline evaluations can even begin. Once the 7 transmission and gas pipeline analyses have each been completed, any attempt 8 to re-optimize, which would change the resource option selection, sites, or in-9 service dates, could invalidate the transmission and/or pipeline components of 10 the plan.

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12 The remaining three iterations in FPL's 2016 analyses, and the 2017 analyses, 13 continued to pose similar challenges. Consequently, I discussed the scope of 14 our analyses, and the difficulties we were having in trying to perform the 15 analyses, with the developers of EGEAS. We discussed whether there were 16 different ways to use the model to overcome the difficulties we were having. 17 None were identified. We also discussed whether the EGEAS developers were 18 aware of another model available on the market that could potentially perform 19 these types of analyses. They were unaware of any model that could do so.

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21 Therefore, FPL did not use the EGEAS model for further analyses after 22 Iteration #1 in the 2016 analyses. FPL relied instead on an on-going 23 collaborative effort from experienced personnel from a number of FPL

1 - DBEC Unit 7 will lower system usage of natural gas compared to the 2 status quo scenario, thus improving fuel diversity on FPL's system; 3 and, 4 - DBEC Unit 7 will lower SO_2 , NO_x , and CO_2 system emissions 5 compared to the status quo scenario. 6 Therefore, these key points of FPL's filing are unchallenged. 7 2) Instead, Dr. Hausman attempts to divert focus away from these projected 8 benefits of the DBEC Unit 7 project in his testimony. However, Dr. 9 Hausman, who describes himself as an *"…expert based on my expertise* 10 *and experience in energy economics…"* (page 2, lines 8-9), performed no 11 economic or non-economic analyses of any alternate resource plan that 12 could be compared to the economics of Plan 2 which features DBEC Unit 13 7. 14 3) Instead, he merely discussed one *"illustrative"* component of a resource 15 plan. Regarding this component, he states that, in his opinion, this 16 potentially *"could"* be cost-competitive with DBEC Unit 7. However, in 17 his attempt to explain how his component could lower fixed costs through 18 his recommendation to delay the implementation of solar and storage, he 19 neglected to account for the fact that this approach would result in: (i) 20 increased system variable costs, (ii) increased fixed costs to acquire 21 needed additional firm capacity resources, (iii) further increased fixed 22 costs due to the need to delay the retirement of the Lauderdale units, (iv)

1 lower system and regional reliability, (v) increased system gas usage, and 2 (vi) increased system emissions.

- 3 4) The only economic calculation that Dr. Hausman attempts is in regard to 4 the economics of delaying DBEC Unit 7. However, even here he 5 performed no original, independent analysis. Instead, he simply started 6 with the analysis that FPL had provided and threw out two-thirds of that 7 analysis. Dr. Hausman then compounds the problem with this arithmetic 8 by repeatedly referring to his effort as *"FPL's own analysis"*. This 9 statement in clearly inaccurate and misleading, and undermines his 10 credibility.
- 11 5) In addition, Dr. Hausman made numerous inaccurate and/or misleading 12 statements in his testimony. These problematic statements further 13 undermine his credibility as a witness.
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15 After consideration of the items listed above, I conclude that Dr. Hausman's 16 testimony is unreliable and not worthy of serious consideration by the FPSC 17 in this docket.

- 18 **Q. Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony?**
- 19 A. Yes.

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¹ See Order No. PSC-99-2507-S-EU, issued December 22, 1999, in Docket No. 981890-EU - In re: Generic investigation into the aggregate electric utility reserve margins planned for Peninsular Florida. 1 *See* Order No. PSC-99-2507-S-EU, issued December 22, 1999, in Docket No. 981890-EU - In re: Generic investigation into the aggregate electric utility reserve margins planned for Peninsular Florida.

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Comparison of FPL System NOX Emissions for Resource Plans 2 & 3

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Comparison of the Major Drivers of Benefits in DSM Cost-Effectiveness: 2014 DSM Goals Docket Inputs and Forecasts versus 2017 Inputs and Forecasts

(Source: 2014 DSM Goals Filing/2014 TYSP and DBEC Docket Information)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 080407-EG FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

IN RE: FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF NUMERIC CONSERVATION GOALS

REBUTTAL TESTIMONY & EXHIBITS OF:

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Q. Is there anything else about this subject that you wish to discuss?

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 A. Yes. Witness Steinhorst's focus on identifying and including even hard-toquantify capacity benefits seems a bit at odds with Witness Mosenthal's recommendation that energy goals are of paramount importance with demand goals being merely an afterthought. Because capacity benefits are driven by demand reduction, Witness Steinhorst is clearly pushing for demand-driven benefits, but Witness Mosenthal is focused almost exclusively on energy reductions. I interpret this as another lack of consistency between these two NRDC~SACE witnesses in regard to what they believe the primary focus of DSM goals should really be – demand or energy reductions.

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v. NRDC-SACE's "Economic Analysis"

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- 14 15 16 17 Q. Did any of the NRDC-SACE witnesses provide a meaningful, comprehensive economic analysis that showed what the results would be for any Florida utility system if it were to adopt their recommended approach to goals setting?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did they provide any economic analysis at all?

20 21 22 23 A. No. The entire extent of their "economic analysis" was to state in various testimonies that (paraphrasing) it costs less on a cents/kWh basis to save a kWh through DSM than to generate a kWh with a new power plant. Witness Wilson's testimony includes an Exhibit JDW-3, page 9 of 15 that shows the

- *20* how the calculations were performed?
- 21 A. No.

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calculation addressed, what year or years the costs were levelized to, and

Besides the fact that no explanation or detail is provided for these Q. $\mathbf{1}$ calculations, what is your reaction to NRDC-SACE's use of a cents/kWh 2 approach for comparing resource options? 3

4 *5* 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 A. I was both surprised and disappointed in their "economic analysis." I was surprised because the testimonies of the NRDC-SACE witnesses repeatedly attempt to make the case that the RIM test; i.e., a cost-effectiveness test that measures the impacts to the utility system's cents/kWh electric rate of competing resource options, is not the appropriate test to use in judging DSM options that compete with Supply options. Nevertheless, all three of these NRDC-SACE witnesses have attempted to compare competing resource options on a cents/kWh basis and state that the results of this electric rate comparison should be used to justify the selection of DSM options.

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14 15 16 17 18 Therefore, despite their protestations to the contrary, it is obvious that the NRDC-SACE witnesses really believe that a comparison of resource options that is based on an electric rate comparison is the correct way by which to conduct economic analyses of competing resource options. On that basic point the NRDC-SACE and I are in complete agreement.

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20 21 22 23 However, I was also disappointed because NRDC-SACE's witnesses have selected an analytical approach that is fundamentally flawed for the analysis they are trying to use it for: an economic comparison of two very different resource options.

4 5 6 7 8 A. The problems in using this analytical approach for comparing two widely dissimilar resource options such as DSM and a Supply option have been previously discussed in prior Commission proceedings. However, if NRDC-SACE (and ODS) truly believe that this is a "best practice" analytical approach, it is probably worthwhile to discuss this issue again in depth.

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10 11 12 13 Let's start by focusing on Witness Wilson's levelized cost values. (Although it is reasonable to assume that the cents/kWh values used by witnesses Mosenthal and Steinhurst are also levelized cost values, their failure to adequately describe what these values represent leaves one unsure.)

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15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 The analytical approach behind the levelized cost values presented by Witness Wilson is generally referred to as ^a"screening curve" analysis. In a screening curve analysis, one looks at a resource option, assumes that it operates at a ^given capacity factor or a range of capacity factors, and then calculates the present value costs of operating only this individual resource option over a number of years. These costs are then typically presented in terms of ^a levelized (or constant) \$/MWh, or the equivalent levelized cents/kWh, value over the years addressed in the analysis.

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 $\mathbf{1}$ By using this analytical approach to compare two very dissimilar resource 2 options - a DSM measure versus a Supply option (for example, a baseload 3 generating unit such as a combined cycle or nuclear unit)- NRDC-SACE (and 4 GDS) is making a classic error that I have seen beginning resource planners 5 and inexperienced analysts make of trying to utilize a screening curve 6 approach to analyze two resource options that impact the utility system *in* very 7 different ways.

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9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 The usefulness of a screening curve analysis is actually very limited. It can be used in a meaningful way to compare the economics of two competing resource options that are identical or very comparable in at least the following four (4) key characteristics: (i) capacity (MW); (ii) annual capacity factors; (iii) the percentage of the option's capacity (MW) that can be considered as finn capacity at the utility's system peak hours; and (iv) the projected life of the option. If two resource options are identical or very comparable in at least these four key characteristics, then a screening curve analysis can be meaningful and one could "screen out" the less attractive of the two almost identical options. (This leads to the common terminology of this type of analysis as a "screening curve" analysis.)

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21 22 23 However, a screening curve analytical approach that attempts to compare resource options that are not identical or even closely comparable in at least these four characteristics will produce incomplete results that are of little

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1 2 3 4 *5* value. Indeed, the less comparable these characteristics are for the resource options being analyzed, the less meaningful are the results. Because a DSM measure and a combined cycle unit are about as different in terms of resource options as one can get, a screening curve approach attempting to analyze these types of resource options provides meaningless results.

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 The reason is because a typical screening curve analysis does not address the numerous economic impacts that these resource options will have on the utility system as a whole. Instead, a screening curve approach merely looks at the cost of operating the individual option itself. One can think of a screening curve analysis as examining the costs of a resource option if it were placed out in an open field by itself and operated without its operation having any impact on the utility system. The numerous impacts an individual resource option has on the utility system- for example, how it impacts the operation of all the other generating units on the system $-\mathrm{i}s$ typically ignored in a screening curve approach.

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18 19 20 21 22 However, the system impacts of any resource option are very large and can result in significant system cost savings that should be credited back to the resource option in order to have a complete picture. Any analytical approach, such as a screening curve approach, that ignores system cost impacts can only provide an incomplete, and therefore incorrect, result.

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\mathbf{I} Q. Can you provide an example of a system cost impact that is not captured in a screening curve analysis for a single new resource option? 2

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 A. Yes. Let's assume that the resource option in question is a combined cycle unit. In a screening curve analysis, one assumes that this generating unit will operate at a particular capacity factor (or range of capacity factors). For purposes of this discussion, we'll assume the generating unit operates 90% of the hours in a year. Then, using the generating unit's capacity and heat rate, plus the projected cost of the fuel the generating unit would burn, the annual fuel cost of operating the generating unit for 90% of the hours in a year is calculated. This calculation is then repeated for each year addressed in the screening curve analysis.

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13 14 15 16 17 In a screening curve analysis, the unit's annual fuel costs $-$ which will be very large for a baseload generating unit $-$ are added to all of the other costs (capital, O&M, etc.) of building and operating this individual generating unit. The present value total of these costs is then used to develop a levelized \$/MWh or cents/kWh cost for this generating unit.

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19 20 21 22 23 However, the screening curve analysis approach does not take into account the fact that this new baseload generating unit would not operate on a utility system at 90% of the hours in a year if it was not cheaper to operate this new unit than to operate other existing generating units on the system. In other words, for every hour the new baseload generating unit operates, the MWh it

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1 2 3 4 5 produces displace more expensive MWh that would have been produced by the utility's existing generating units. Whatever the annual fuel cost is of operating this new generating unit 90% of the hours in a year, the utility will save an even greater amount of system fuel costs saved by reducing the operation of one or more existing units during these hours.

7 8 9 10 11 12 For example, let's say that the new generating unit's annual fuel cost would be \$100 million per year, but that the operation of this new unit will also result in a savings of \$110 million in fuel costs from reduced operation of the system's more expensive existing units. A typical screening curve analysis will include the \$100 million cost value for the individual unit, but ignore the \$110 million in system fuel savings that will also occur.

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14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 For this reason a typical screening curve analysis approach utilizes an incomplete set of information and, therefore, is an incorrect way to thoroughly analyze resource options. A complete analytical approach would take into account the total system fuel cost impact of a net system fuel savings of \$10 million $(= 110 million in system fuel savings $- 100 million in unit fuel cost) instead of only the fuel expense of the individual combined cycle unit. Consequently, a typical screening curve analysis will grossly overstate the actual net system fuel cost of the new generating unit.

 $\mathbf{1}$ In similar fashion, other system cost impacts, such as environmental 2 compliance costs and variable O&M, are not accounted for in typical 3 screening curve analyses because this approach does not take into account the 4 fact that the new generating unit will reduce· the operating hours of the utility's existing generating units. Nor does a screening curve approach 5 account for the impact the resource option will have in regard to meeting the 6 utility's future resource needs. Therefore, the screening curve approach 7 utilizes incomplete information for a number of cost categories, thus 8 providing incorrect results; 9

10 11 12 13 14 Q. The discussion above showed how a screening curve analytical approach utilizes incomplete information and leads to incomplete system cost results for a single new resource option. Is the screening curve approac^h become even more problematic when attempting to compare two or more different types of resource options?

15 16 17 18 A. Yes. This can be shown by a qualitative discussion that looks at several different types of resource options. Let's assume that a screening curve approach is used in an attempt to economically compare a few different resource options, three utility generating options and one DSM option:

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- Combined cycle option A $(1,000 \text{ MW})$ \overline{a} 20 Combined cycle option B (1,000 MW)
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- 22 Combined cycle option C (500 MW)
- DSM option (100 MW) 23 \blacksquare

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1 2 3 4 5 Let's assume that the first comparison attempted is of two virtually identical combined cycle (CC) units, CC options A and B, in which the four key characteristics of the two CC units are identical. But let's assume that the capital cost of CC option A is lower by \$1 million than the capital cost of CC option B.

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7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 In this comparison, even though a screening curve analysis will not provide an accurate system net cost value as per the above discussion, because the impacts to the operation of existing generating units on the system will be identical from two CC units that are the same in regard to capacity (1,000 MW), capacity factor (due to an assumption of identical heat rates and other factors that drive capacity factor), the amount of firm capacity $(1,000 \text{ MW})$ each unit will provide, and the life of the two units, a screening curve analysis will give a meaningful comparison of the two options. (In other words, even though the results will not be accurate from a system cost perspective for either of the two options, the results will be "off' by the same amount and in the same direction.) As would be expected, the screening curve results will show that CC option A results in a slightly lower \$/MWh value for CC option A compared to CC option B due to its \$1 million lower capital costs.

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21 22 23 As this example shows, a screening curve analytical approach can produce meaningful results in a case in which the four above-mentioned characteristics of resource options are identical or very comparable. However, as the on1 2 3 going discussion will show, once these factors for competing resource options are no longer comparable, a typical screening curve approach cannot produce meaningful results.

4 5 6 Q. Why would a screening curve approach break down if one attempted to compare otherwise identical generating units that differ only by their size such as CC option A (1,000 MW) and CC option C (500 MW)?

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 A. Now at least one of the four key characteristics of resource options that must be identical or very comparable in order for a screening curve approach to provide meaningful results differ significantly between CC option A and CC option C. This is the capacity of the two options: 1,000 MW for CC option A and 500 MW for option C. Even if one were to assume that all other assumptions for the two units were identical (capacity factor, percentage of capacity that is firm capacity, life of the units, heat rate, capital cost per kW, etc.), the significant difference in capacity offered by the two options would cause a screening curve approach to yield incomplete, and therefore incorrect, results.

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18 19 *20* 21 22 23 The capacity difference between these options would result in at least two system impacts that would not be captured by a screening curve approach. The first of these is the impact of each of the two CC options on the utility's future resource needs. The 1,000 MW of CC option A will address the utility's future resource needs twice as much as will the 500 MW of CC option C. Therefore, CC option A will avoid/defer future resource additions to

1 2 3 4 a greater extent that will CC option C. This will show up in a system cost analysis in the form of different system capital, fuel, O&M, environmental compliance, etc. costs beginning at some point in the future when the utility begins to have resource needs.

6 7 8 9 10 In addition, even prior to that point in the future when new resources are needed, the 500 MW greater capacity of CC option A will result in different system fuel cost, variable O&M, and environmental compliance cost impacts as the operation of the utility's existing generating units are reduced to a greater extent than with CC option C.

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12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 None of these system economic impacts that are driven by the difference in the capacity of two competing resource options are typically captured in a screening curve approach. The earlier discussion pointed out that a screening curve approach applied to even a single new resource option will omit a variety of significant system cost information that is necessary to develop a complete cost perspective of the one resource option. Now we see that an attempt to use a screening curve approach to compare the economics of two resource options that differ significantly in only their capacity will omit an even greater amount of important system cost information. Therefore, the use of a screening curve approach is definitely flawed when used to compare two new resource options that differ in just one of the four key characteristics listed above.

- 1 2 3 Q. The previous examples discussed only Supply options. Do similar problems exist if one were to attempt to compare DSM options to supply side options using a screening curve approach?
- 4 *5* 6 A. Yes. All of the problems inherent in using a screening curve approach that omits the system cost impacts discussed above are equally applicable whether Supply or DSM options are being addressed.
- 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 In this example, the system impacts of the lower amount of DSM (100 MW) on future resource needs would not be captured in a typical screening curve analysis. This would lead to the same type of incomplete and incorrect analysis discussed previously. Even if one were to adjust the 100 MW of demand reduction from DSM to account for the fact that 100 MW of DSM would be equivalent to 120 MW of supply side capacity (if the utility had a 20% reserve margin criterion), 120 MW of one option will be at a disadvantage compared to larger resource options in terms of avoiding/deferring future resource needs of the utility.
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18 19 20 21 22 In addition, DSM options vary widely in terms of their actual contribution during system peak hours. Many DSM programs reliably reduce demand during the summer and winter peak hours such as load control, building envelope, heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) programs to name a few. However, other DSM programs may contribute little or no demand

- reduction at the summer peak hour, at the winter peak hour, or at either peak $\mathbf{1}$
- 2 hour. A streetlight program would be an example of such a program.
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4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Presentations of screening curve analyses of DSM options, such as in Witness Wilson's exhibit, typically lump a wide variety of DSM options together regardless of the capability of these DSM options to lower peak hour demand. This fonn of presentation further clouds one's understanding of what DSM options are actually being addressed and does not allow an observer to fully understand the breadth of the system impacts that are not being captured in a screening curve analysis.

11 12 13 14 Q. Please summarize why a comprehensive economic analysis that includes system cost impacts of resource options, such as the analytical process FPL utilized, is superior to the NRDC·SACE screening curve "economic analysis" approach?

15 16 17 18 19 A. There are a large number of cost impacts to consider if one is attempting to provide a complete analysis of competing resource options. Some of these cost impacts are driven solely from the operation of the resource option itself while other cost impacts are utility system impacts driven by integrating and operating a resource option with the utility's existing generating units.

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- 21 22 A screening curve approach typically addresses only the costs of operating the individual unit itself. As discussed above, this approach omits all of the

- 1 2 system cost impacts that are crucial to capturing the complete costs of ^a resource option.
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In contrast, a system economic approach - such as that utilized by FPL in the analyses presented in this docket - not only captures all of the costs of operating the individual resource option, but also captures the system costs and cost savings of operating the entire FPL system with the resource option.

8 9 10 11 Q. Can you provide a quantitative example of how the cents per kWh results of a typical screening curve approach might change if one were to account for even one or two system impacts that are typically omitted by this analytical approach?

12 13 14 15 16 17 A. Yes. Staff Interrogatory Number 57 in this docket requested the results of a screening curve analysis of the 2019 combined cycle unit used in FPL's DSM screening analyses. FPL provided these results, along with a condensed version of the qualifiers discussed at length above that explain the significant limitations of using this levelized cost value when comparing a combined cycle unit to very dissimilar resource options.

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19 20 21 22 23 The levelized cost value FPL provided in response to Staff's request is \$162/MWh assuming a 90% capacity factor with costs levelized in 2019\$. This value is equivalent to a levelized 16.2 cents/kWh in 2019\$. (Screening curve analyses are often presented in levelized \$/MWh values for either the in-service year of the unit or for the year in whlch the analysis was

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 $\mathbf{1}$ performed.) As previously mentioned, NRDC-SACE provides no information 2 regarding what year \$ their levelized values are in. Let's give them the benefit 3 of the doubt and assume that they at least tried to put the values for the resource options (which would almost certainly have different in-service 4 *5* years) on a common year basis. This is most commonly done through levelizing costs to the year in which the analysis was done. Therefore, let's 6 7 convert the \$162/MWh value in 2019\$ to an equivalent 2009\$ value.

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 Exhibit SRS-14 provides the summary page of that analysis. The levelized value for this same unit at a 90% capacity factor now becomes \$69/MWh in 2009\$. This value is highlighted in the box on the left-hand side of the page. This exhibit shows that FPL accounted for all projected costs of building and operating this individual unit over the projected 25-year life of the unit. The calculation does not account for offsetting system cost impacts as is typical in screening curve analysis. Because NRDC~SACE presented their values in terms of cents/kWh, I'll do so as well. The \$69/MWh value translates to 6.9 cents/kWh. (NRDC-SACE's value for a CC unit was in the 7.3 to 10.0 cents/kWh range.)

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20 22 Exhibit SRS-15 now takes a more realistic, but still highly conservative assumption (in order to make the math easier to follow and to be consistent with the system fuel cost savings example discussed above). In Exhibit SRS-

15, the impacts of only two of the many system impacts have been included:

system fuel savings and system environmental compliance cost savings.

- 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 The conservative assumption used is that both the system fuel cost savings and the system environmental compliance cost savings will be 10% of the combined cycle unit's costs in those categories. For example, the fuel cost value for this individual *unit* for the year 2019 in Exhibit SRS-14 is \$865,447 (in \$000). The new assumption used in developing Exhibit SRS-15 is that the system would actually realize a saving of $1.10 \times $865,447 \, ($000) = $951,992$ (\$000) from reduced operation of the other units on the system.
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12 13 14 15 16 Consequently, a net system fuel savings of $$86,545$ (\$000) (= \$951,992 -\$865,447) would occur. This value shows up as a negative value, (\$86,545) (\$000), in Exhibit SRS-15 for the 2019 fuel cost value to denote this savings. A similar calculation is made for all years for the fuel costs and the environmental compliance costs.

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18 19 20 21 Even with this conservative assumption for FPL's system, the screening curve's levelized cost value for the combined cycle unit at a 90% capacity factor has now dropped from \$69/MWh or 6.9 cents/kWh to \$12/MWh or 1.2 cents/kWh.

1 2 3 4 5 6 Therefore, even by making a simple adjustment to a screening curve analysis to account for only two of many system impacts of adding a combined cycle to a utility system such as FPL's, the levelized cost projection from the screening curve analysis is dramatically lowered from 6.9 cents/kWh to 1.2 cents/kWh. And, as discussed previously, there are a number of other system impacts that still not accounted for in this example.

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8 9 10 11 12 The moral of the story is that, by leaving out system cost impacts, typical screening curve analyses are based on very incomplete information and can provide very misleading results as demonstrated by this example. This points out how meaningless the cents per kWh values are that NRDC~SACE presented as its "economic analysis."

13 14 Q. In summary, how should one view any economic analysis based only on ^a screening curve analysis?

15 16 17 18 19 A. When a person attempts to justify a resource option selection solely with a screening curve analysis, the individual attempting to use such an analysis as justification either does not understand how utility systems work, or knows better but is trying to sneak out a decision that would be based on very incomplete information.

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21 22 23 The Commission, and any other interested party, should view a screening curve analysis as an approach that utilizes only an incomplete subset of information, and which, therefore, provides incorrect analysis results.

FPL Fossil Fuel Generation Fleet Performance Improvements (1990-2016)

FPL's fossil fleet improvements in efficiency, reliability, cost, emissions and productivity are integral to cost-effectively generating electricity for customers

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

2 A. My name is Hector J. Sanchez. My business address is Florida Power & Light 3 Company, 4200 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33134.

4 **Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?**

5 A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL" or the 6 "Company") as the Director of System Operations.

7 **Q. Please describe your duties and responsibilities in that position.**

8 A. I am responsible for the real time operation of FPL's Bulk Electric System 9 ("BES" or "FPL System"). I also serve as the Florida Reliability 10 Coordinating Council ("FRCC") Reliability Coordinator, in an agent capacity 11 for the FRCC. The FRCC is one of the eight regions in the United States 12 (U.S.) under the jurisdiction of the North American Electric Reliability 13 Corporation ("NERC") for reliable operations of the BES.

14 **Q. Please discuss the real time operation of the FPL system and the role of** 15 **the FRCC Reliability Coordinator.**

16 A. The real time operation of FPL's BES requires coordinating, directing and 17 controlling in a reliable and efficient manner the operations, planning, and real 18 time dispatching of FPL's generation, transmission, and substation facilities 19 from FPL's System Control Center to serve over 4.9 million FPL retail 20 customer accounts, as well as its wholesale customers and its transmission 21 service obligations. The FPL system, which is one of the largest in the U.S., 22 is comprised of approximately 600 substations and almost 7,000 miles of

1 transmission lines ranging in voltage level from 69,000 to 500,000 volts and 2 over 26,000 MW of generation resources.

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4 As the FRCC Reliability Coordinator, I coordinate and ensure the reliable real 5 time operation of over fifty utilities in the FRCC region as well as the 6 coordinated operations with other regions, including the Southeast Electric 7 Reliability Council to which the FRCC connects to. In essence, I keep track 8 of how every utility in the FRCC will be and is operating its BES and making 9 sure that the reliability of their system and the FRCC is not compromised, and 10 in the event that I determine it is, I have the authority to modify the operations 11 as I deem necessary.

12 **Q. Please describe your educational background and professional** 13 **experience.**

14 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the 15 University of Miami in December, 1985. In 1990, I completed the 16 Southeastern Electric Exchange's Course in Modern Power Systems Analysis 17 held at Auburn University. In 1991, I received a Master of Business 18 Administration degree from Florida International University. Additionally, I 19 have completed various other power system courses offered by Power 20 Technology Incorporated ("PTI"), courses offered internally at FPL, and 21 business and management courses at Columbia University.

1 Since joining FPL in 1986, I have held positions of increasing responsibility. 2 My first positions at FPL were as an Applications Engineer in the Power 3 Systems Control group and as an Engineer in the Protection and Control 4 department. In 1989, I joined the System Operations group in the area of 5 operations planning where I was responsible for performing technical analyses 6 associated with short-term planning and operation of the FPL system. In 7 1994, I became a Transmission Business Manager where I was responsible for 8 issues associated with the provision of transmission service. Subsequent to 9 that assignment, in March 2000, I held the position responsible for the 10 planning of the bulk transmission system and interconnections. In January of 11 2006, I became responsible for the operation and dispatch on a real time basis 12 of the FPL system. Later that same year, I became the Director of 13 Transmission Planning and Services in which I was responsible for matters 14 relating to the provision of transmission services on the FPL system and for 15 planning the expansion of the FPL transmission system to meet the 16 requirements of FPL's retail customers, wholesale customers, and its 17 transmission service obligations. In 2009, I assumed my current position as 18 Director of System Operations.

19 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

20 A. The purpose of my testimony is to rebut Sierra Club's witness Dr. Hausman's 21 claim on Page 22 of his direct testimony that "…there is no apparent reason 22 why four years is any kind of 'magic number,'…." for the time period from 23 retirement and demolition of Lauderdale Units 4 and 5 to the commercial

1 operation date of the Dania Beach Clean Energy Center ("DBEC Unit 7") and 2 to explain how he fails with this contention to take into account important 3 operational considerations for the FPL system. My testimony provides an 4 operations and reliability perspective backed by 31 years of experience for a 5 critical dense urban region of Florida. Specifically, Dr. Hausman does not 6 consider a "real life" operations perspective on why it is critical that the 7 DBEC Unit 7 be constructed and commissioned within the demolition and 8 construction period of four years following the retirement of Lauderdale Units 9 4 and 5 beginning by late-2018. In regards to the resource planning analysis, 10 and in particular to the delay scenario proposed by Dr. Hausman, I provided 11 FPL Witness Sim specific guidance regarding the importance of constructing 12 the DBEC Unit 7 with the present proposed schedule. Constructing and 13 commissioning the DBEC Unit 7 within this four-year schedule minimizes the 14 operational risk to the FPL System in providing reliable service to customers 15 in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties (the "Southeastern Florida region"), 16 one of the largest metropolitan areas in the U.S.

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

18 A. My testimony provides a discussion of the operational realities and risks that 19 are faced in the Southeastern Florida region. These operational realities 20 require a robust area reliability margin that will be greatly assisted by placing 21 in- service the DBEC Unit 7 by the soonest practicable date, following the 22 CSQ facilities going in-service and the retirement of the existing Lauderdale 1 Units 4 and 5, such that the risk of being unable to provide reliable service to 2 FPL's customers is minimized.

3 **Q. Please describe the Southeastern Florida region that is a focus of this** 4 **docket and how FPL's customers in this area are served.**

5 A. The Southeastern Florida region is comprised of Miami-Dade and Broward 6 Counties. It is essentially an "electrical peninsula" where over 40% of FPL's 7 total 4.9 million customer accounts are served from a combination of 8 generation resources within this region and by finite transfer capability 9 through transmission and substation facilities from outside this region. The 10 amount of generation in the Southeastern Florida region is also finite, totaling 11 approximately 5,280 MW, after the Lauderdale Units 4 and 5 are retired in late $2018¹$. The capability to import power into the area via transmission and 13 substation facilities is also finite; this capability is forecasted to be 7,200 MW 14 when the CSQ transmission facilities are placed in-service and the Lauderdale 15 Units are retired. As such, the load serving capability, presuming all 16 generation resources, transmission, and substation facilities are in-service and 17 performing as designed, is approximately 12,480 MW.

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19 FPL's service obligations in the Southeastern Florida region include not only 20 FPL's retail load, but also Transmission Service obligations (City of 21 Homestead, Florida Keys Electric Cooperative, and the City of Key West)

 1 5,280 MW is the sum of the output of the following generation units: Turkey Point (TP) 3 and 4 totaling 1,672 MW; TP 5 totaling 1,147 MW; Lauderdale 6 CTs totaling 1,155 MW; Port Everglades (PE) totaling 1,237 MW; and GTs totaling 69 MW.

which are forecasted in year 2022 to be approximately 10,789 MW^2 . But in 2 reality, high loads or loads that exceed 90% of the annual forecasted summer 3 peak, do not occur on just one day for one hour in August as is typically seen 4 in a planning reserve margin calculations. For the past three summers from 5 May 15^{th} through September 15^{th} (124 days which is considered the high load 6 season for real time operations), FPL's load exceeded 90% of the annual 7 summer forecasted peak on 37 to 56 days of the total days within this time 8 frame. Furthermore, FPL's loads exceeded 90% of the peak load forecast on 9 each of those days for an average of almost six hours from approximately 1 10 PM to 7 PM. As such, FPL is exposed to prolonged periods of high loads, 11 where operational risk is much higher, for approximately one third of the year, 12 and during those days when the load exceeded 90% of the annual summer 13 forecasted peak for one quarter of the day, as evidenced by the up to 354 14 hours (product of 56 days and 6 hours per day) per year in each of the years 15 from 2015 through 2017.

16 **Q. What do you consider when managing the real time operations of the load** 17 **serving capability and service obligations that you discuss?**

18 A. I take into account the forecasted load, available transmission, substation, and 19 generation resources. Additionally, I consider operational situations that may 20 be applicable based on my years of experience operating the system and

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 2 FPL uses for Transmission Planning and Operations purposes a "P80" load forecast instead of the "P50" that is used by Resource Planning in assessments. The P80 for the Southeastern Florida region is approximately 200 MW higher than the P50. The rationale for using the P80 is to account for noncoincidence of loads (*e.g.*, hotter temperatures in the Southeastern Florida region as compared to the rest of the state) and the need to have facilities in place that can meet such higher load. Note that a P80 still provides a 20% risk that the loads will be even higher.
1 mitigation measures. To help clarify my thinking, as part of this process with 2 respect to Southeastern Florida region, I make use of what I term an "area" 3 reliability margin calculation, which combines aspects of a reserve margin 4 calculation and load flow analysis. For example, based on the projected load 5 serving capability and service obligations for 2022, without DBEC Unit 7, 6 FPL will have an area reliability margin at the forecasted peak load of 7 approximately 1,691 MW for the Southeastern Florida region. The area 8 reliability margin calculation, as it is used in the context for the specifics 9 associated with the Southeastern Florida region, is different from a planning 10 reserve margin calculation or a load flow analysis. Maintaining a robust area 11 reliability margin for this area is important since it provides the critical 12 support for the combination of unexpected situations that are common in the 13 operations timeframe and more extreme situations such as hurricanes and wild 14 fires.

15 **Q. Please discuss potential events occurring in isolation or combination that** 16 **can occur during the operations time frame.**

17 A. On any given day, and sometimes for multiple days, during the high load season (May $15th$ to September $15th$), generation resources such as Turkey 19 Point (TP) Units 3, 4, or 5, or Port Everglades (PE) Unit 5 (or a combination 20 thereof) may be unavailable. In accordance with NERC Reliability Standards, 21 FPL must be prepared to sustain the sudden loss of any generation resource or 22 transmission or substation facility at any time, while continuing to serve load 23 reliably with all facilities within applicable ratings and voltages within limits.

1 Moreover, within 30 minutes after the loss of a generation resource or 2 transmission or substation facility, FPL must replace this amount of 3 generation and posture the system for the next contingency, such that if it 4 were to occur, customers would continue to be served reliably. Additionally, 5 there are strict voltage limits at the Turkey Point Nuclear Switchyard that are 6 Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements that must be adhered to on a 7 pre-contingency basis. The bottom line is that as the operator of one of the 8 largest electric systems in the U.S., comprised of one of the largest 9 metropolitan areas in the U.S., FPL must have the resources needed to be able 10 to reliably serve FPL's customers. This includes serving customers reliably 11 with the potential for multiple resources - generation, transmission, and 12 substation facilities - being unavailable on an unplanned and prolonged basis, 13 while always being ready to have any other generation resource or 14 transmission or substation facility trip out of service and continue to serve 15 customers reliably.

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17 For example, in 2022 when the area reliability margin for the Southeastern 18 Florida region is projected to be 1,691 MW with all generation resources 19 (without DBEC Unit 7) and import capability available, if PE5 (with a 20 generation capacity of 1,237 MW) was to experience an unplanned outage 21 during peak load summer conditions, the real time area reliability margin for 22 this area would be 454 MW. A margin of 454 MW for the Southeastern 23 Florida region would entail operating the FPL system without sufficient load 1 serving capability to absorb the contingency of TP3, TP4, and/or TP5 also 2 failing, and potentially, depending on the specific system conditions, possibly 3 certain 500,000 volts equipment, also becoming unavailable. Multiple 4 variations of the scenario described above are possible, which is indicative of 5 the need for a more robust area reliability margin for the Southeastern Florida 6 region, which will be greatly assisted by DBEC Unit 7.

7 **Q. How will the area reliability margin change if the DBEC Unit 7 is not** 8 **placed in service as you move forward in time?**

9 A. By 2025, the area reliability margin for the Southeastern Florida region will 10 decrease to 1,282 MW as the load continues to increase. This amount of area 11 reliability margin is barely enough to cover the loss of PE5, let alone, any 12 multiple unit outages. Regardless of which of the units in the Southeastern 13 Florida region are unavailable, any multiple unit outages would result in FPL 14 being unable to supply the entire load required by customers. This does not 15 even account for the potential unavailability of transmission and/or substation 16 facilities. This 2025 scenario is not a good situation to be in operationally 17 because the risk of shedding firm load (*i.e*., turning lights off) greatly 18 increases in a scenario where more than one event occurs due to the reduced 19 area reliability margin. I do not see where Dr. Hausman appreciates or 20 recognizes this risk.

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- 1 **Q. Is it possible to have multiple units experience an unplanned outage at the** 2 **same time?**
- 3 A. Yes, absolutely. Not only is it possible, but unfortunately it sometimes occurs 4 at the most inopportune time. For example, during the cold weather condition 5 in the early morning hours in January, 2010, during which FPL's peak load 6 was more than 6,000 MW higher than forecasted, FPL experienced 1,980 MW 7 of unplanned generation outages. Additionally, just two hours after 8 experiencing that winter peak, a TP nuclear unit at full output of 9 approximately 750 MW experienced a sudden and unplanned outage that, if it 10 were to have occurred just 2-3 hours prior, FPL would have likely been 11 shedding firm customer load.
- 12 **Q. Please provide more details on the more extreme situations that you** 13 **previously mentioned?**
- 14 A. Extreme and unexpected situations such as wild fires and hurricanes can pose 15 a significant risk to serving customers in the Southeastern Florida region. 16 Such occurrences cannot be addressed with traditional planning reserve 17 margin calculations. On multiple occasions during my tenure leading System 18 Operations, wild fires have occurred in the vicinity of the corridors that 19 contain multiple transmission lines that bring power into this region. During 20 these situations, FPL must posture its system for the loss of one or more of 21 these multiple transmission facilities while continuing to serve its customers. 22 This includes operating at full output all available generation resources in the 23 Southeastern Florida region, such that if multiple transmission facilities trip

1 due to the wild fire resulting in reduced load serving capability, FPL would 2 reduce the chances of shedding firm customer load.

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4 In fact, and as evidence of the criticality of this scenario, FPL's 2017 Annual 5 Capacity Dry Run held last month simulated a fire in one of the corridors 6 containing transmission lines that import power into the Southeastern Florida 7 region. In this particular scenario, because the time frame simulated was 8 during a high load period, the projected area reliability margin was 9 insufficient, and FPL would have needed to shed tens of thousands of firm 10 load customers for multiple hours to avoid a cascading instability situation or 11 blackout in the region. I note that this result was projected even with the full 12 884 MW capacity of Lauderdale Units 4 and 5 in-service. Undoubtedly, the 13 DBEC Unit 7 being brought in-service as soon as possible after the retirement 14 of Lauderdale 4 and 5 would mitigate much of the need to perform firm load 15 shedding in a future similar scenario and demonstrates that, all else being 16 equal, it is better to have generation resources in the region where 17 transmission import capability is heavily relied upon.

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19 Hurricanes pose a similar threat to Southeastern Florida. For example, during 20 Hurricane Matthew last year, FPL prepared for a scenario in which that storm 21 would have impacted the area of Palm Beach County and northward. This 22 scenario would have left the Southeastern Florida region unscathed, but could 23 have resulted in damage to generation resources and transmission facilities

1 that contribute to the import of power into the Southeastern Florida region. In 2 such a scenario, having additional generation resources in Southeastern 3 Florida would obviously be advantageous in mitigating the risk.

4 **Q. Is there any other point you would like to discuss regarding the area** 5 **reliability margin?**

- 6 A. Yes. When DBEC Unit 7 comes on line, it improves the area reliability 7 margin for the Southeastern Florida region in two ways. Specifically, DBEC 8 Unit 7 provides an additional 1,563 MW of area reliability margin comprised 9 of 1,163 MW from the DBEC Unit 7 and approximately 400 MW more 10 import transfer capability. The 400 MW of import transfer capability results 11 from where and how the DBEC is connected to the FPL system and the resulting impacts on power flows on the transmission and substation system.3 12 13 This increase in 2022, when the DBEC Unit 7 is placed in service, results in 14 an area reliability margin for the Southeastern Florida region of 3,254 MW. 15 This is the magnitude of area reliability margin that I consider sufficient for 16 one of the major metropolitan areas of the U.S.
- 17 **Q. Why are you concerned with Dr. Hausman's delay discussion on pp. 21-** 18 **23 of his testimony in this proceeding?**
- 19 A. Dr. Hausman implies that delaying the in-service date of the DBEC Unit 7 by 20 several years should be considered while keeping the 2018 retirement date as 21 planned for Lauderdale Units 4 and 5. I disagree. Delaying the in-service

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³ The CSQ line will provide an increase in import capability into the Southeastern Florida region of approximately 1,200 MW assuming that either Lauderdale $4 \& 5$ or DBEC Unit 7 is in operation. With the retirement of the Lauderdale units, and no DBEC Unit 7, this increase in import capability is only about 800 MW. The import capability returns to 1,200 MW as soon as DBEC Unit 7 goes into service.

1 date of DBEC Unit 7 after retiring Lauderdale Units 4 and 5 would increase 2 operational and reliability risk to Southeast Florida at a time when we are 3 focused on reducing risk to the region. As I discuss above, it is imperative that 4 a robust area reliability margin be maintained for the Southeastern Florida 5 region. This region is one of the major metropolitan centers of the U.S. which 6 continues to grow at a relatively fast pace as seen by the sky line from 7 downtown Miami northward. Additionally, the delaying of the DBEC Unit 7 8 to after 2022 and, after retiring the 884 MW from the existing Lauderdale 9 Units in 2018, not only reduces the area reliability margin by the 884 MW that 10 would be unavailable from the existing Lauderdale generation resources, and 11 delays the additional 400 MW of transmission import capability that will 12 occur once DBEC Unit 7 goes in-service, but does so in the face of projected 13 load growth during the years 2023 to 2025 in the Southeastern Florida region. 14 This projected load growth further reduces the area reliability margin by 409 15 MW. As such, the sooner the DBEC Unit 7 project is placed in service the 16 less the risk there is to the Southeastern Florida region, especially in the latter 17 years. Combinations of the high loads during prolonged periods of the year, 18 unplanned generation, transmission, and/or substation outages, exacerbated by 19 any delay with the in service date of the DBEC Unit 7, will result in increased 20 operational challenges and risks to serving customers in the Southeastern 21 Florida region. Constructing DBEC Unit 7 as soon as practicable decreases 22 this risk to the Southeastern Florida region.

Q. Dr. Hausman suggests that additional demand response ("DR") resources, at least in part, could be substituted for DBEC Unit 7. Please discuss how you consider FPL's residential and commercial/industrial load management capabilities in Southeastern Florida region in your analysis of the available area reliability margin.

6 A. In the event that the area reliability margin for Southeastern Florida region is 7 exhausted, FPL would use its DR capabilities to reduce the load in this area. 8 It is important to note that DR is not utilized for economic purposes, but 9 solely for reliability as a resource when all other generation resources and 10 transmission imports have been exhausted. However, using DR for reliability 11 reasons is different than using operating generation for reliability reasons for 12 at least two reasons. First, the seriousness of using DR for reliability is 13 evidenced by the fact that NERC Reliability Standard EOP-002 requires that 14 in the event that FPL utilizes DR in such a context, it must declare itself to the 15 FRCC Reliability Coordinator an Energy Deficient Entity, and in turn, the 16 FRCC Reliability Coordinator would declare an Energy Emergency Alert 17 Level 2, the second highest of three levels. Such declarations must not be 18 taken lightly since they are indicative of serious operational reliability issues. 19 It is clearly within the realm of possibilities that repeated use of such 20 declarations would not be viewed favorably.

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22 Second, there is the issue of how long FPL's system operators may need relief 23 from extreme loads and/or problems with generation, transmission, and 1 substation facilities. In the January 2010 situation previously discussed, FPL 2 was operating all available generation, including its peaking units, around the 3 clock for approximately 24 hours. DBEC Unit 7 will be capable of operating 4 around the clock in such a circumstance. Conversely, as FPL witness Sim has 5 discussed with me previously, there is a risk of losing DR capability after DR 6 is operated repeatedly, and for multiple hours in each instance, due to 7 participating DR customers dropping out of the programs as a result of 8 experiencing the effects of their load being controlled repeatedly and for 9 prolonged periods of time.

10 **Q. Does the January 2010 situation offer other insight into Dr. Hausman's** 11 **preference for solar and storage instead of DBEC Unit 7?**

12 A. Yes. Of the resource options discussed in this docket, DBEC Unit 7 is 13 uniquely capable of: (i) providing capacity and energy at FPL's winter peak 14 hour of 6 AM to 7 AM, and (ii) operating continuously around the clock for 15 24 hours.

- 16 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**
- 17 **A.** Yes.

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