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FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY**

**IN RE: FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S
PETITION TO DETERMINE NEED FOR
TURKEY POINT NUCLEAR UNITS 6 AND 7
ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT**

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

8 A. My name is Henrietta G. McBee. My business address is 700 Universe
9 Boulevard, Juno Beach, Florida 33408.

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

11 A. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL or the Company) as
12 Director, Project Development for Renewable Energy.

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

14 A. I am responsible for developing renewable energy projects to provide
15 electricity for FPL's customers.

16 **Q. Please describe your educational background and professional
17 experience.**

18 A. I have worked in the electric power generation industry for 24 years. Prior to
19 joining FPL's Project Development group, I managed FPL Energy, LLC's
20 (FPL Energy) wind and biomass renewable energy portfolio east of the
21 Mississippi River. FPL Energy is the largest U.S. generator of solar and wind
22 power, as well as a major producer of energy from other clean sources. My
23 experience includes all aspects of project development and project

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1 management. This includes developing and managing project budgets, costs,
2 financings, and schedules; negotiating with suppliers and partners; arranging
3 land leases and easements with landowners; working with local and state
4 government officials, and third party investors; and coordinating construction,
5 communications, legal, customer requirements, tax, accounting, risk, finance,
6 operations and consultants.

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8 I graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor of Science degree
9 in Industrial Engineering; a Master of Science degree in Industrial
10 Engineering; and a Masters in Business Administration with a concentration
11 in finance.

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

13 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibits HGM-1 through HGM-4, which are attached to
14 my direct testimony.

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| 15 | Exhibit HGM-1 | Renewable Energy Production by State |
| 16 | Exhibit HGM-2 | Renewable Energy Production by State |
| 17 | | Excluding Hydro and Geothermal |
| 18 | Exhibit HGM-3 | NREL United States Classes of Wind Power |
| 19 | | Density Map |
| 20 | Exhibit HGM-4 | NREL United States Solar Energy Potential |
| 21 | | Map |

22 **Q. Are you sponsoring any sections of the Need Study?**

23 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Section III.F titled Renewable Energy.

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

2 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe FPL's history of providing energy
3 from renewable energy sources to its customers, some of FPL's programs and
4 development work relating to renewable energy, the results of FPL's recent
5 request for proposals for new renewable energy in Florida, and FPL's
6 assessment of Florida's renewable energy resources.

7 **Q. Please summarize your testimony.**

8 A. U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) data released in July 2007 shows that
9 Florida does a very good job producing energy from its renewable resources.
10 This information shows that Florida ranks second in the nation in renewable
11 energy production when one considers that Florida does not have the abundant
12 hydroelectric and geothermal resources that the highest ranking states have.
13 This is shown in Exhibit HGM-2 to my testimony.

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15 FPL has been providing a portion of its customers' energy needs from
16 renewable resources since 1980. Currently, FPL provides more than 300 MW
17 of power from renewable resources yearly. This energy is purchased from
18 owners of waste-to-energy, biomass and landfill gas power plants located in
19 Florida. From 2001 to 2006, FPL has provided customers with about 1.5% of
20 net energy for load from renewable sources. During 2006, FPL provided its
21 customers with a total of 1,652,258 MWh of electricity from renewable
22 sources.

1 FPL is working to extract as much energy as technically and economically
2 possible from renewable resources and continues to explore the use of
3 emerging technologies. Today, FPL purchases more than 300 MW of firm
4 and non-firm capacity and energy from renewable resources yearly and has
5 asked for proposals to add even more.

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7 In July 2007, FPL concluded a renewable energy Request for Proposals (2007
8 Renewable RFP). The 2007 Renewable RFP sought proposals for new
9 renewable energy with expected in-service dates prior to June 2015. The
10 2007 Renewable RFP also sought information regarding new renewable firm
11 capacity and/or energy sources with expected in-service dates beyond 2015.
12 The 2007 Renewable RFP contained no restriction on price and provided
13 maximum flexibility for potential suppliers of renewable energy in order to
14 encourage as much participation as possible. The 2007 Renewable RFP was
15 available to potential bidders in Florida, across the country and beyond for
16 their consideration and response. As a result of the 2007 Renewable RFP,
17 FPL received proposals from five bidders totaling 144 MW of firm capacity.
18 FPL's incorporation of these potential resources in its Integrated Resource
19 Planning (IRP) analysis underlying this petition is discussed in greater detail
20 in the testimony of FPL witness Sim. In addition, FPL received a proposal for
21 the supply of 100 MW of non-firm capacity and energy from technology
22 under development based on harnessing ocean current energy.

1 FPL will continue to promote renewable generation in Florida through RFPs
2 and other purchase power agreements, and is exploring direct development of
3 renewable generation projects, including solar and wind. FPL is presently in
4 the process of considering and supporting development of wind and other
5 renewable energy sources in the State of Florida. Additionally, FPL recently
6 announced a major solar energy initiative in Florida which is expected to
7 result in installation of up to 300 MW of solar capacity at a cost of up to an
8 estimated \$900 million. FPL is committed to developing the maximum cost-
9 effective amount of renewable resources to serve its customers.

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11 FPL agrees with the general conclusions with respect to availability of
12 renewable energy stated in “An Assessment of Renewable Electric Generating
13 Technologies for Florida” issued by the Florida Public Service Commission
14 (FPSC or Commission) and the Florida Department of Environmental
15 Protection (FDEP) in 2003. While the overall expectation of energy
16 production from renewable sources in Florida is modest, FPL supports
17 development of Florida’s renewable resources to the maximum extent
18 feasible. There is ample room for all of the good renewable energy ideas that
19 can be brought forward, and FPL is warmly encouraging of their development
20 and Implementation.

1 **I. FPL's Use of Renewable Energy to Serve Customers**

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3 **Q. Does FPL use renewable energy to serve its customers?**

4 A. Yes. Since 1980, a portion of FPL's customers' electricity requirements have
5 been produced from renewable resources including waste-to-energy, biomass
6 and landfill gas. FPL procured this energy from the owners and operators of
7 renewable energy facilities. To this end, the Commission recently approved a
8 revised and improved Standard Offer Contract for renewable energy which is
9 available for renewable suppliers' use. The Standard Offer Contract
10 implements the FPSC's recent amendments to its rules concerning Standard
11 Offer Contracts. In addition to being willing to purchase renewable energy
12 for its customers using the Standard Offer Contract, FPL is also willing to
13 negotiate special contracts with renewable energy project owners and
14 operators. For example, FPL is willing to negotiate special contracts for
15 renewable energy with pricing based upon fossil units other than the natural
16 gas-fired combined cycle which is the basis for FPL's Standard Offer
17 Contract. In this regard, FPL is willing to negotiate pricing based upon the
18 economics of solid fuel-fired generating plants, if this is desired by owners or
19 operators of renewable energy facilities.

20 **Q. How much renewable energy does FPL provide to its customers?**

21 A. Today, FPL provides more than 300 MW of firm and non-firm capacity and
22 energy from renewable resources yearly. This energy is purchased from
23 owners of waste-to-energy, biomass and landfill gas power plants located in

1 Florida. From 2001 to 2006, FPL has provided customers with about 1.5% of
2 net energy for load from renewable sources. During 2006, FPL provided its
3 customers with a total of 1,652,258 MWh of electricity from renewable
4 sources.

5 **Q. How does FPL encourage the development of renewable resources?**

6 A. FPL has a multi-pronged approach to encouraging and supporting the
7 development of renewable resources in Florida. For example, as discussed in
8 greater detail in FPL witness Brandt's testimony, FPL's Product Management
9 and Operations Department supports the development of renewable energy
10 projects and the management of renewable programs offered to FPL's
11 customers. FPL's Project Development organization, of which I am a
12 member, supports the development of renewable supply side generation
13 projects. In addition, as addressed in FPL witness Silva's testimony, FPL's
14 Resource Assessment and Planning organization supports the negotiation of
15 renewable purchase power agreements.

16 **Q. Is FPL actively seeking to maintain and increase the amount of renewable
17 energy that it purchases to serve its customers?**

18 A. Yes. FPL's representatives are in frequent contact with people and entities
19 interested in providing renewable energy. FPL is actively working with the
20 representatives of several prospective suppliers of renewable energy
21 representing a total of up to 179 MW of new renewable energy production,
22 from such resources as landfill gas, waste-to-energy, and solar photovoltaic
23 (PV). This is in addition to the possible new resources that have been

1 proposed in response to FPL's 2007 Renewable RFP, discussed below, which
2 are being evaluated for possible negotiation. Also as discussed below, FPL is
3 actively working to support development of renewable technologies in
4 Florida.

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6 **II. FPL's Support for and Development of Renewable Energy Projects.**

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8 **Q. In addition to achieving more than 300 MW of renewable energy**
9 **purchases from waste-to-energy, biomass and landfill gas, is FPL**
10 **involved in other activities to increase the use of renewable energy in**
11 **Florida?**

12 A. Yes. In addition to its renewable energy procurement activities, FPL is
13 actively involved in developing and performing due diligence with respect to
14 wind energy and solar energy. FPL is also assisting Florida universities and
15 others with the investigation of possible electric generation using ocean
16 currents. In addition, FPL recently issued a 2007 Renewable RFP, and
17 received several responses totaling 144 MW of firm capacity, described
18 below.

19 **Q. Please comment on the investigation of ocean currents as a source of**
20 **possible electric generation.**

21 A. Florida is one of the few places in the world that has a major ocean current
22 located near electric load centers. The Gulf Stream that flows off of Florida's
23 coast is a potential future source of ocean current energy. The flowing waters

1 could turn ocean turbine generators in much the same way that wind turns
2 wind turbine generators. While the technology to do this is still in the
3 research stage, FPL is actively involved with Florida Atlantic University's
4 Florida Center of Excellence in Ocean Energy Technology in developing this
5 non-emitting renewable technology. FPL is hopeful that it may be
6 commercially deployed to serve its customers first in experimental and
7 ultimately in commercial amounts in the future. For example, in response to
8 the 2007 Renewable RFP, FPL received a proposal for the provision of 100
9 MW of non-firm capacity and energy from ocean current energy. The ocean
10 current energy bid is an instance where FPL, due to its relationships with
11 entities developing innovative new technologies, actively encouraged the
12 submission of a bid where, absent such encouragement, no bid would have
13 been forthcoming.

14 **Q. Please describe FPL's consideration of and approach to developing wind**
15 **energy in Florida.**

16 **A.** Since 2004, FPL has attempted to site a wind project along Florida's coast,
17 utilizing several potential locations, but has not yet obtained site approval for
18 a project. Concerns raised with respect to the possible siting of the project
19 have included potential radio signal interference, avian concerns, aircraft
20 flight paths, land availability, and other local land use matters. In June 2007,
21 FPL announced the St. Lucie Wind Project, a 3 to 4.5 MW project, which FPL
22 hopes to site near its St. Lucie nuclear generating plant. FPL is pursuing the
23 necessary permits and performing due diligence required for this project. In

1 addition, FPL will be pursuing additional wind opportunities that would add to
2 its renewable portfolio, which FPL will build, own and operate to provide
3 renewable energy for customers.

4 **Q. Has FPL supported the development and testing of solar technology?**

5 A. Yes. Much of this work has been managed as part of FPL's successful
6 demand side management (DSM) initiatives, and is described in the testimony
7 of FPL witness Brandt in this proceeding.

8 **Q. Is FPL currently supporting deployment of solar energy technology in
9 Florida?**

10 A. Yes. FPL recently announced a major solar energy initiative in Florida which
11 is expected to result in installation of up to 300 MW of solar capacity at a cost
12 of up to an estimated \$900 million. This is expected to begin with installation
13 of about 10 MW of capacity at an existing FPL generating site. While this
14 major new initiative is subject to regulatory, land use and other approvals as
15 well as business due diligence, FPL is optimistic about the potential of using a
16 new solar generating technology to provide service to customers in Florida.
17 FPL witness Brandt's testimony describes FPL's activities with PV
18 technology used for DSM purposes. I am responsible for the supply side
19 deployment of PV. On the supply side, for example, FPL has a solar PV
20 project at its Martin plant site that was first energized in the 1990s. Under
21 FPL's Sunshine Energy Program, a 250 kW PV array is being built in
22 Sarasota, Florida that is expected to be in commercial operation around the
23 end of 2007.

1 **Q. Is FPL participating in the investigation of other renewable energy**
2 **sources?**

3 A. Yes. FPL has established alliances with several Florida academic institutions,
4 as well as the Florida Solar Energy Center, the Electric Power Research
5 Institute and private companies developing technology concerning
6 investigating other possible future renewable energy sources, such as
7 generating electricity from ocean currents. As I previously mentioned, FPL is
8 actively working with Florida Atlantic University exploring ocean current and
9 ocean thermal (utilizing cold water from deep in the ocean for district cooling)
10 energy, and is spearheading a study to further analyze Florida's off-shore
11 wind potential. In addition, FPL is financially supporting meteorological
12 tower research by the University of Florida. The research results should be
13 useful in better understanding the specifics of using renewable resources such
14 as wind in Florida. FPL is also providing information to the Florida Energy
15 Commission's Renewable Energy Task Force which is assessing various
16 aspects of renewable energy in Florida.

17 **Q. You mentioned FPL's 2007 Renewable RFP. Please describe the RFP.**

18 A. FPL has been soliciting proposals for renewable energy for many years, and
19 this is an established part of FPL's business. FPL's 2007 Renewable RFP was
20 issued on April 23, 2007 in order to identify a variety of proposals for new,
21 viable, renewable firm capacity and/or energy with expected in-service dates
22 prior to June 2015. The RFP also sought to obtain information regarding new

1 renewable firm capacity and/or energy sources with expected in-service dates
2 beyond 2015.

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4 The RFP solicited proposals for New Renewable Generation Facilities
5 (NRGFs). In order to encourage maximum participation, the RFP encouraged
6 creative proposals, and did not place any conditions on pricing or payment
7 structure, terms and conditions, or any other item, except that the facility is a
8 new facility and that the proposals include the sale of renewable energy
9 credits to FPL. The deadline for submission of proposals was July 2, 2007.
10 FPL is currently evaluating the proposals it received. FPL's incorporation of
11 these potential resources in its IRP analysis underlying FPL's petition in this
12 matter is discussed in greater detail in the testimony of FPL witness Sim.

13 **Q. What were the results of the 2007 Renewable RFP?**

14 A. FPL found that there was widespread interest in the 2007 Renewable RFP,
15 with inquiries from throughout the country, from New York to California.
16 But despite the absence of any pricing limits, the great flexibility afforded for
17 proposals, and the wide dissemination of the RFP, FPL received only five
18 proposals, totaling 144 MW of firm capacity in addition to the 100 MW of
19 non-firm ocean current energy.

20 **Q. Were the results of the 2007 Renewable RFP consistent with results of**
21 **prior RFPs?**

22 A. Yes. The results were consistent in the sense that prior RFPs, including a
23 prior renewable-only RFP, resulted in proposals ranging from zero to very

1 little renewable energy being proposed. For example, in 2001 FPL issued a
2 renewable energy RFP which resulted in no offers of firm capacity and only
3 about 580,000 MWh of energy, mainly from biomass and landfill gas.

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5 **III. Overview of Renewable Energy Resources In Florida**

6
7 **Q. Have any major assessments been performed of renewable energy**
8 **resources in Florida?**

9 A. Yes. During 2003 the FPSC and the FDEP issued “An Assessment of
10 Renewable Electric Generating Technologies for Florida” (the FPSC/FDEP
11 Renewable Assessment). The FPSC/FDEP Renewable Assessment contained
12 several key conclusions which in FPL’s view accurately describe the overall
13 range of technologies and aggregate capability of renewable resources
14 reasonably available in Florida. FPL has done additional work assessing
15 renewable resources and has also recently conducted the 2007 Renewable
16 RFP, described above. FPL’s observations based on its own assessments,
17 including consideration of the results of its 2007 Renewable RFP, are
18 consistent with the FPSC/FDEP Renewable Assessment.

19 **Q. What definition of renewable resources does Florida use?**

20 A. The FPSC/FDEP Renewable Assessment acknowledged that the definition of
21 renewable resources varies from state to state. This makes sense because
22 different renewable resources are available in various states. The FPSC/FDEP
23 Renewable Assessment used a definition of renewable resources consistent

1 with the present definition of renewable energy stated in the Florida Statutes.

2 Section 366.91, Florida Statutes, defines renewable energy as follows:

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4 ...electrical energy produced from a method that uses one or
5 more of the following fuels or energy sources: hydrogen
6 produced from sources other than fossil fuels, biomass, solar
7 energy, geothermal energy, wind energy, ocean energy, and
8 hydroelectric power. The term includes the alternative energy
9 resource, waste heat, from sulfuric acid manufacturing
10 operations.

11 **Q. Using the definition in Section 366.91, Florida Statutes, of renewable**
12 **energy, discussed above, what did the FPSC/FDEP Renewable**
13 **Assessment conclude concerning aggregate availability of renewable**
14 **energy in Florida?**

15 A. The FPSC/FDEP Renewable Assessment concluded that as of 2003 Florida as
16 a whole had approximately 680 MW of potential renewable capacity,
17 exclusive of waste heat from sulfuric acid manufacturing operations, which
18 the Renewable Assessment estimated as providing an additional 340 MW of
19 potential capacity from renewable resources. The FPSC/FDEP Renewable
20 Assessment also reported, based on anecdotal information, an estimate of 651
21 MW of “potential and commercially feasible, near term, and new renewable
22 capacity that could be developed in Florida.”

1 The FPSC/FDEP Renewable Assessment noted that nationally the vast
2 majority of renewable energy is provided by hydroelectric sources, of which
3 Florida has very little (about 50 MW in the Panhandle of the state, outside of
4 FPL's service territory, the last electric generator of which was built in 1957).
5 The FPSC/FDEP Renewable Assessment observed that Florida's renewable
6 electric production is largely derived from municipal solid waste-to-energy,
7 biomass materials such as agricultural waste product and wood residues used
8 as fuel in boilers, and waste heat recovered from industrial manufacturing
9 processes. The FPSC/FDEP Renewable Assessment also noted that there are
10 a few photovoltaic installations but that their total generating capacity is not
11 significant because most of these are only a few kilowatts in size. Feasible
12 and commercially mature technologies identified in the FPSC/FDEP
13 Renewable Assessment were biomass derived fuels, municipal solid waste
14 (MSW), landfill and digester gas, hydroelectric, solar PV and cogeneration.

15 **Q. What are some of the major differences between the many types of**
16 **renewable resources that the FPSC/FDEP Renewable Assessment**
17 **considered?**

18 A. The FPSC/FDEP Renewable Assessment noted that significant differences
19 exist between renewable technologies in the areas of cost-effectiveness,
20 environmental impact, developmental stage and how they are dispatched as
21 part of an integrated supply system. For example, the report stated as follows:

1 Cost – effectiveness: Renewable technologies often require significant capital
2 to develop, construct and in many cases operate. This higher capital cost is
3 often offset by lower fuel costs depending on the technology. The lifecycle
4 cost of energy provided must also consider the overall amount of generation
5 that the technology will provide, making low capacity factor technologies less
6 cost-effective.

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8 Environmental Impact: Renewable technologies vary widely in the
9 magnitude and type of environmental impact they may have. Some renewable
10 technologies have poor emission profiles while others have no emissions.
11 However, no emissions does not mean no environmental impact as these
12 technologies require significant land resources for unit placement as well as
13 transmission and distribution infrastructure to deliver widely distributed
14 smaller generation to load centers.

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16 Developmental Stage: Renewable technologies vary widely in the level of
17 technical maturity. For example, wind technology is relatively mature in
18 contrast to emerging technologies such as ocean current energy. Even
19 technologies such as solar PV require significant technological improvement
20 to reduce costs.

21
22 System Dispatch: Some renewable technologies are dependent on a natural
23 resource that is intermittent in availability. This presents challenges to system

1 operators who must have adequate backup generation and spinning reserves to
2 accommodate generation that fluctuates with, for example, wind speed or
3 cloud cover.

4 **Q. Is FPL's view of the availability of renewable energy resources in Florida**
5 **generally consistent with the FPSC Renewable Assessment that you have**
6 **described?**

7 A. Yes. Without understating the importance of renewable energy for Florida,
8 nor FPL's interest in utilizing and promoting the use of such resources, FPL's
9 view is that the FPSC/FDEP Renewable Assessment's conclusions remain
10 correct in terms of the comparatively small potential contribution of
11 renewable energy to overall electricity production in Florida. The resources
12 recognized as reasonably available in the FPSC/FDEP's Renewable
13 Assessment on a commercial basis were modest.

14 **Q. How does Florida's renewable energy production compare with the**
15 **renewable energy production of other states?**

16 A. One needs to recall that the definition of renewable energy varies from state to
17 state. That said, based upon the most recent DOE data released in July 2007,
18 Florida ranked fourteenth in the nation in renewable energy production,
19 despite the fact that Florida does not have the abundant hydroelectric,
20 geothermal and wind resources that higher ranking states have. A chart
21 showing Florida's comparative renewable energy production is attached to my
22 direct testimony as Exhibit HGM-1.

1 **Q. Does Exhibit HGM-1 fairly represent how well Florida is doing overall**
2 **among states in terms of renewable energy production?**

3 A. No. It is not fair to compare Florida, which has no major rivers that can be
4 dammed and used to generate electricity, with states like Washington,
5 California, Oregon and New York, which all have electricity produced by
6 using dams and hydroelectric generators. In fact, nearly every state that
7 ranked ahead of Florida for renewable energy production, as shown in the
8 most recently issued DOE data, includes extensive use of conventional
9 hydroelectric power. Some states have other resources that Florida simply
10 does not have. As just one example, California utilizes geothermal energy for
11 electricity production.

12 **Q. How does Florida's renewable energy production compare with other**
13 **states when one takes into account the renewable resources available in-**
14 **state?**

15 A. A more apples-to-apples comparison shows that Florida is a very successful
16 state in renewable energy production, taking into account available resources.
17 For example, review of the DOE information released in July 2007 shows that
18 Florida ranks second in the nation when one takes into account that Florida
19 does not have the abundant hydroelectric and geothermal resources that the
20 highest ranking states have. Florida has substantially developed its available
21 waste-to-energy, landfill gas, wood, wood waste and other biomass resources.
22 A chart showing Florida's comparative renewable energy production taking
23 into consideration available in-state resources is attached as Exhibit HGM-2.

1 **Q. In addition to the availability of different renewable resources, are there**
2 **other factors that should be considered in assessing the development of**
3 **renewable energy resources compared with other energy resources?**

4 A. Yes. There are many important factors to consider, but among the most
5 important is cost, which translates into the price paid by customers. Some
6 renewable resources can be used to produce electricity at costs comparable to
7 other generation, and these resources are the ones that have been most
8 developed. Others can be used to produce electricity but at a higher cost in
9 comparison with other generation, and this factor along with availability of the
10 resource is important in determining the economic viability of a specific
11 technology. For example, conventional hydropower is both renewable and
12 provides very low-cost electricity where it is available. In contrast, the cost of
13 electricity from solar PV is high where there is a great deal of solar energy
14 available.

15 **Q. Please comment on wind as a potential renewable resource in Florida.**

16 A. For several years, FPL has been diligently seeking sites in Florida with wind
17 speeds sufficient to provide net positive generation, and is presently working
18 to develop locations at which the Company can install wind turbine
19 generators. It should be also noted that in locations where wind speed is
20 sufficient for some turbine generators to be installed, that there are other
21 barriers to development. For example, as I previously discussed, FPL's siting
22 efforts in Florida have encountered opposition to installing wind turbine
23 generators based on aesthetic, wildlife preservation and other concerns.

1 Wind turbine generators can only generate electricity when there is sufficient
2 wind to turn the turbine blades and the generator, producing power. Attached
3 to my testimony as Exhibit HGM-3 is a National Renewable Energy
4 Laboratory (NREL) map showing wind resource potential in the United
5 States. Looking at the map, one sees that Florida has very little wind
6 resource, in contrast to California and areas like West Texas, or the upper
7 Midwest/Great Plains states and portions of the Northeast – all areas where a
8 great deal of U.S. wind development has been successfully implemented. The
9 velocity and consistency of wind in Florida are such as to produce little
10 reliable power and a low capacity factor. Capacity factor is a percentage
11 calculated by dividing how much electricity a generator produces annually
12 compared with how much would be produced if the generator were to operate
13 all of the time during the year (i.e., if the wind were to blow constantly at the
14 wind generator's electric output rating speed at all times and the generator was
15 always available, then the capacity factor would be 100%). This is important
16 because the economic efficiency of wind generation depends very much upon
17 the capacity factor at which wind turbine generators operate.

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19 Capacity factor is also important to consider when comparing wind generation
20 with other kinds of generation that can be installed in Florida. For example, a
21 Florida wind turbine generator might achieve a capacity factor of 15%, while
22 a Florida nuclear plant might achieve a capacity factor of more than 90%.
23 This means that for any assumed installed capacity, the nuclear base load

1 technology would produce six times the amount of energy as the wind
2 technology.

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4 Also in contrast with a base load generating resource, wind energy provides
5 intermittent electric energy and is not a dependable source of electrical
6 capacity, meaning that wind generation cannot be counted on to provide
7 electricity upon demand when customers require it.

8 **Q. Has FPL commissioned any special studies/reports of wind resources**
9 **available in Florida?**

10 A. Yes. FPL has been assessing the commercial wind energy potential of the
11 State of Florida for several years. In this regard, FPL commissioned three
12 wind studies of the State of Florida. These studies are much more detailed
13 than information commonly available through government and general
14 industry sources. The first study addressed the state of Florida as a whole.
15 Two more recent studies focused on the Southwest and Northeast Florida
16 geographical regions. The studies all had similar overall findings:

- 17 • Florida's wind resource is minimally adequate to produce some
18 power along portions of its coast;
- 19 • The wind resources decline significantly inland; and
- 20 • Florida's wind resource is seasonal, and is more productive during
21 winter (October through March).

22 **Q. What conclusions does FPL draw from the wind studies from a wind**
23 **energy development perspective?**

1 A. From these studies, and FPL's other work assessing possible wind energy
2 development in Florida, FPL concludes that (i) the wind energy that may be
3 subject to development is on or near Florida's beaches (including possible
4 offshore wind); and (ii) while wind power might offset some winter energy
5 use, it is not meaningfully available during FPL's Summer load peak and,
6 therefore, cannot contribute to meeting FPL's reserve margin on a reliable
7 basis. As discussed in FPL witness Sim's testimony, FPL's Summer reserve
8 margin is the primary driver of FPL's resource needs.

9 **Q. Please comment on solar energy as a potential renewable resource.**

10 A. Solar PV and large scale solar thermal energy are comparatively expensive
11 sources of electricity. Solar energy is intermittent in nature, as it is dependent
12 on time of day and weather conditions. Solar energy provides intermittent
13 electric energy and is not a dependable source of electrical capacity, meaning
14 that solar energy plants cannot be counted on to provide electricity upon
15 demand when customers require it, unless electricity storage is integrated into
16 the solar facility.

17 **Q. Where is the best solar resource in the U.S.?**

18 A. The best U.S. solar resource is in deserts where there is a great deal of
19 sunlight and heat, low humidity and little cloud cover. An example of this is
20 California's Mojave Desert, where insolation (the amount of solar energy) is
21 among the best available in the United States. Since 1990, FPL's sister
22 company, FPL Energy, has operated the world's largest solar power plant
23 there. The Solar Energy Generating Systems (SEGS) facility in the Mojave

1 Desert has over 900,000 mirrors and covers 2,400 acres (nearly 10 square
2 kilometers), with just over 300 MW of installed capacity using parabolic
3 trough solar thermal technology and natural gas. Natural gas is necessary in
4 order that the SEGS plant can be relied upon to provide capacity as well as
5 energy. This illustrates that without natural gas or some other supplementary
6 fuel source, solar power plants cannot provide capacity to serve customers
7 when customers require service.

8 **Q. Please describe some of the considerations in utilizing solar energy in**
9 **Florida.**

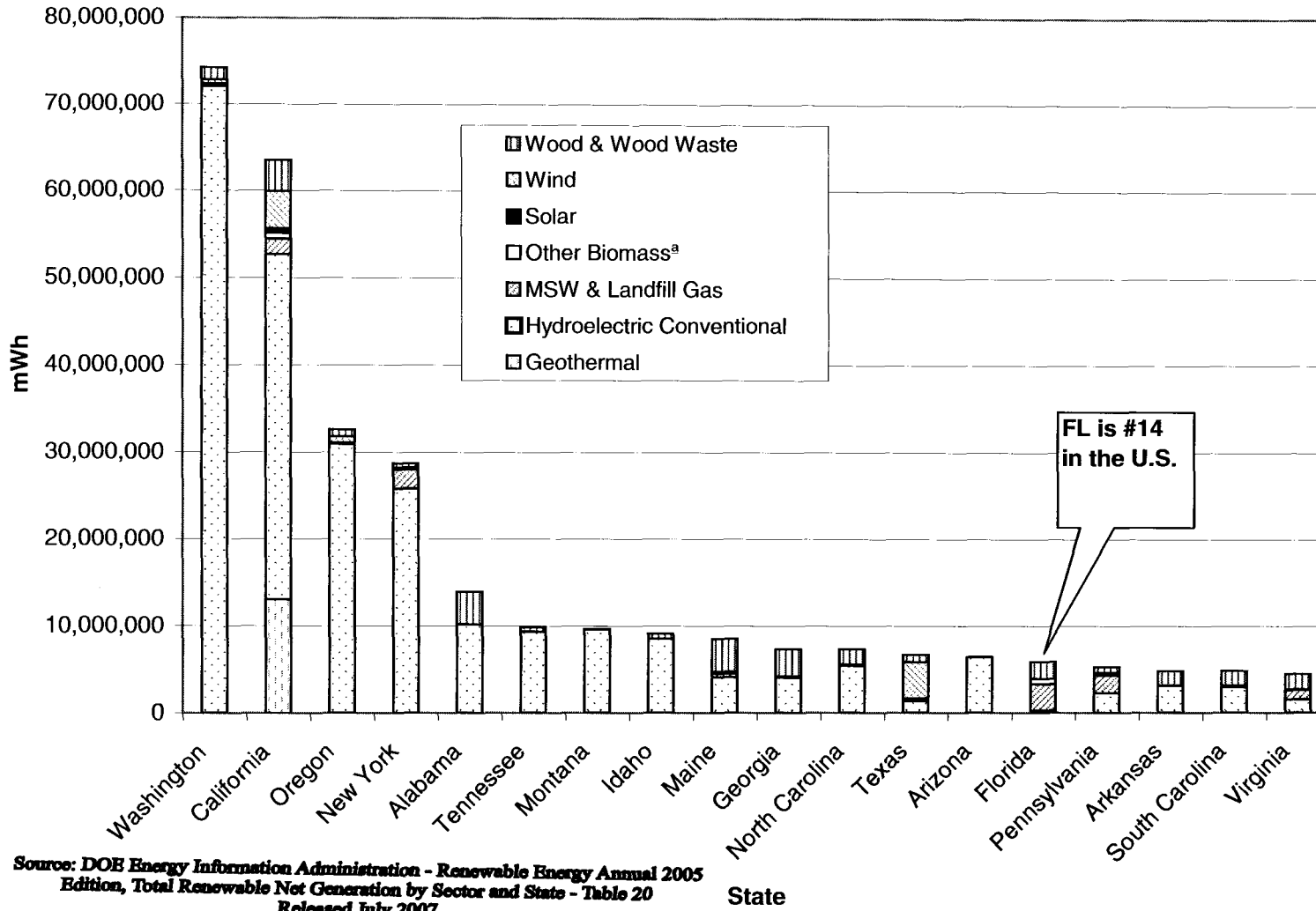
10 A. Attached to my testimony as Exhibit HGM-4 is an NREL map showing
11 United States solar energy potential. Looking at the map, one can see that
12 Florida's solar energy potential is not as robust as that in the Mojave Desert
13 where the SEGS facility is located. FPL is commissioning a study to better
14 evaluate the potential solar resource in FPL's service territory. Development
15 of utility scale solar projects in Florida requires extensive land resources,
16 estimated to be in the range of 10 acres/MW. This means that a Florida
17 developer for a facility comparable to the SEGS facility (assuming adequate
18 insolation existed to support a large solar thermal facility), would need to own
19 or acquire the right to use about 3,500 acres. It should be kept in mind that
20 the largest PV installation in the United States is less than 18 MW.
21 Distributed installations of rooftop solar PV generation is feasible, but due to
22 low capacity factor, high cost, and intermittent availability, it is not a
23 substitute for high capacity factor, high reliability base load generation.

1 Because solar power is an intermittent resource with a low capacity factor,
2 many more MW of solar would need to be installed to equate with the energy
3 production of reliable base load electric generating resources.

4 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

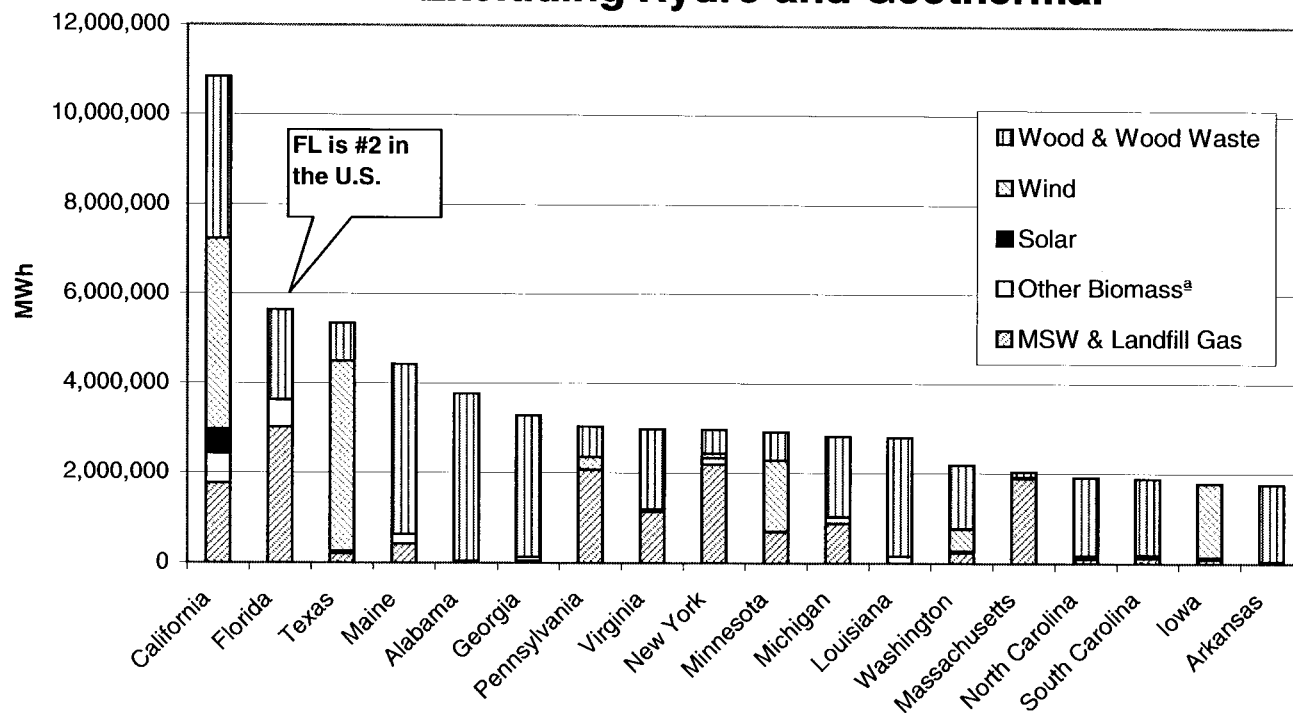
5 **A. Yes.**

Renewable Energy Production by State



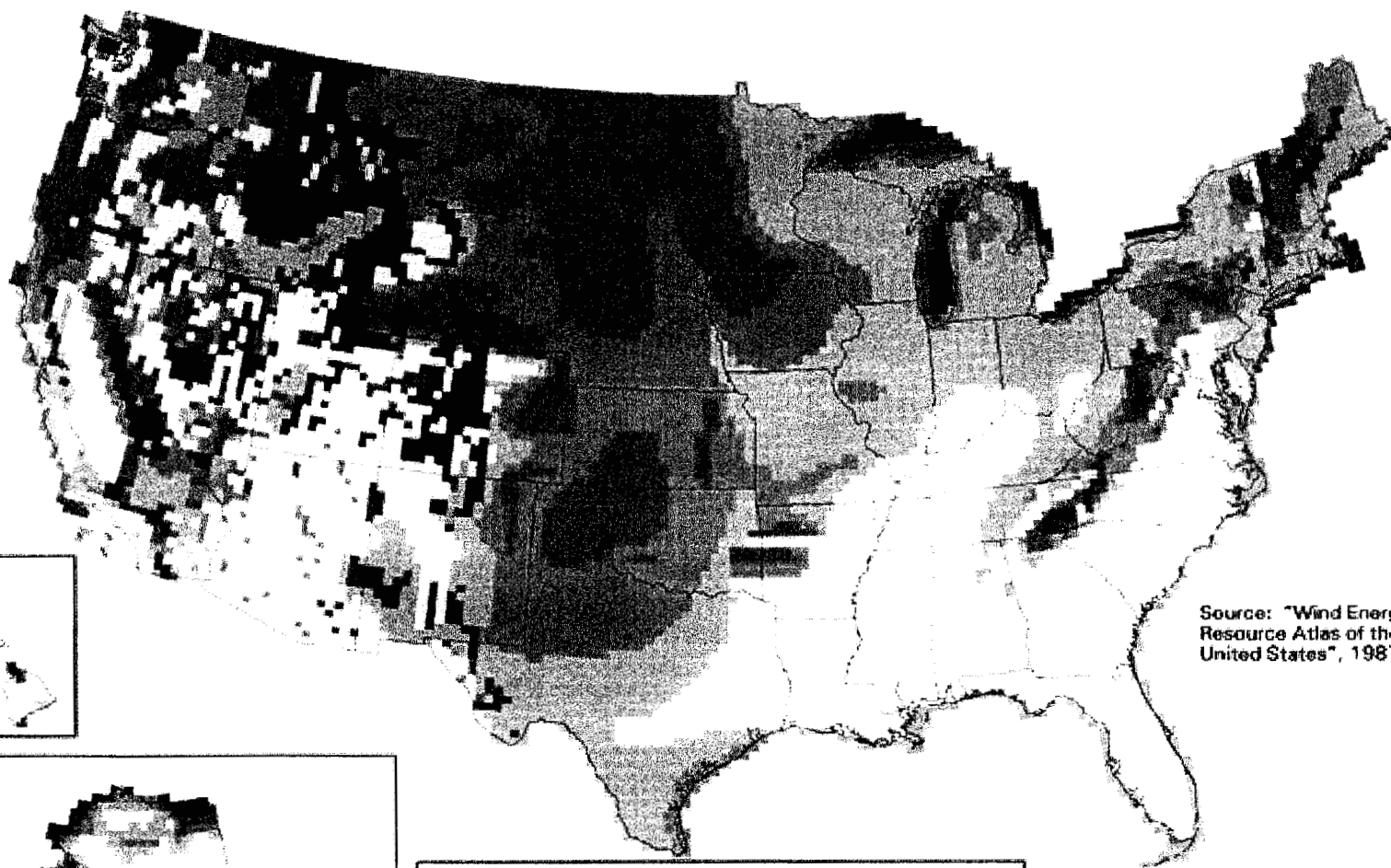
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Renewable Energy Production by State Excluding Hydro and Geothermal

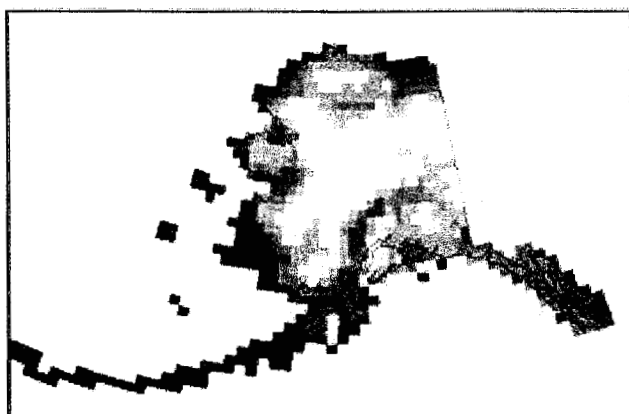
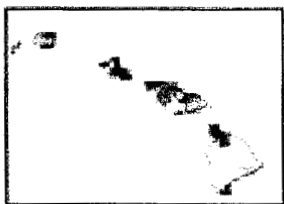


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United States - Wind Resource Map



Source: "Wind Energy Resource Atlas of the United States", 1987



Wind Power Classification				
Wind Power Class	Resource Potential	Wind Power Density at 50 m W/m ²	Wind Speed ^a at 50 m m/s	Wind Speed ^a at 50 m mph
2	Marginal	200 - 300	5.6 - 6.4	12.5 - 14.3
3	Fair	300 - 400	6.4 - 7.0	14.3 - 15.7
4	Good	400 - 500	7.0 - 7.5	15.7 - 16.8
5	Excellent	500 - 600	7.5 - 8.0	16.8 - 17.9
6	Outstanding	600 - 800	8.0 - 8.8	17.9 - 19.7
7	Superb	800 - 1600	8.8 - 11.1	19.7 - 24.8

^a Wind speeds are based on a Weibull k value of 2.0

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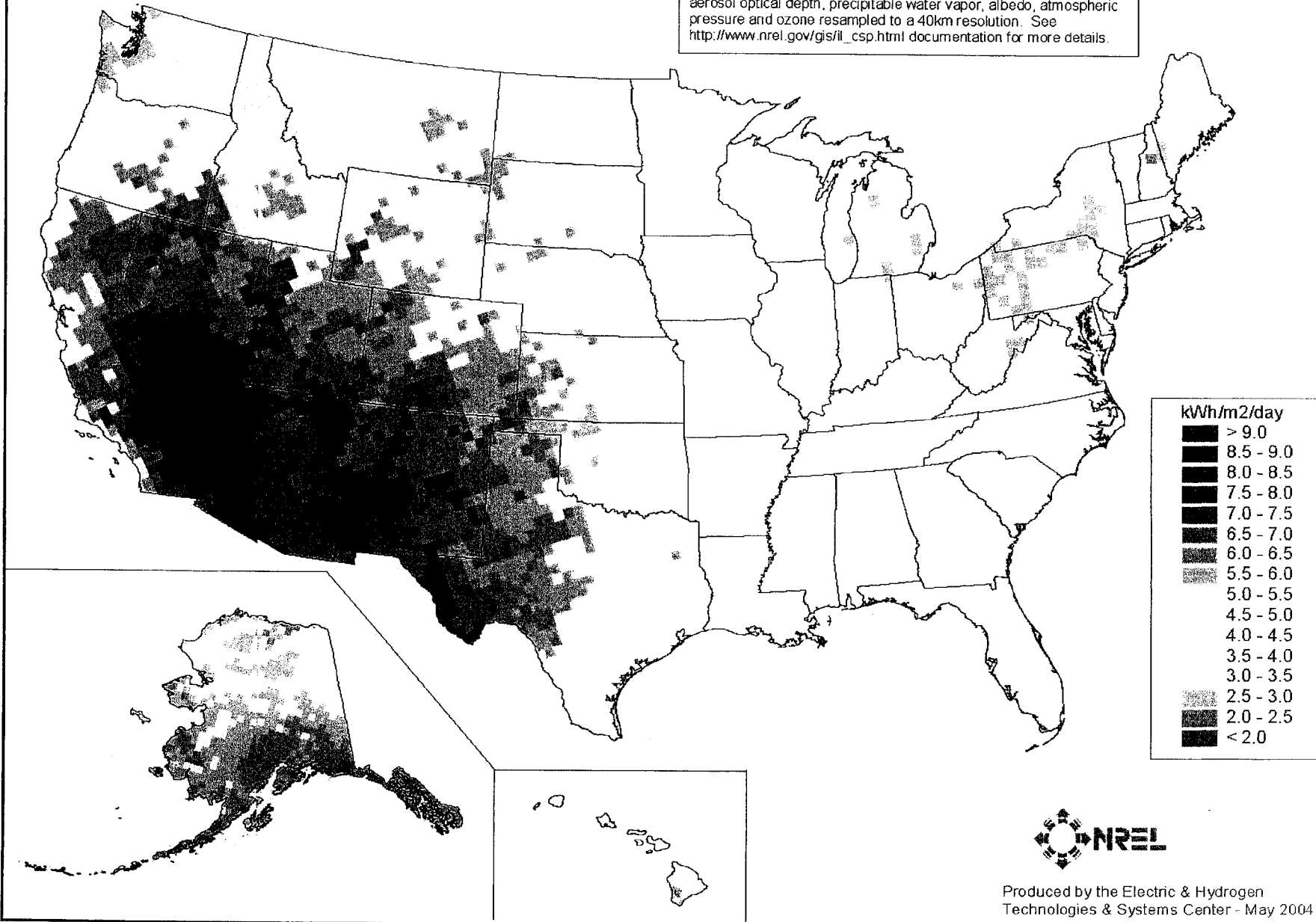


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Direct Normal Solar Radiation (Two-Axis Tracking Concentrator)

Annual

Model estimates of monthly average daily total radiation using inputs derived from satellite and/or surface observations of cloud cover, aerosol optical depth, precipitable water vapor, albedo, atmospheric pressure and ozone resampled to a 40km resolution. See http://www.nrel.gov/gis/ll_csp.html documentation for more details.



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