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From: Office of Commissioner Brown
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 5:41 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Letter from Rep. Jose Javier Rodriguez
Attachments: 5 4 16 Rodriguez letter to Eric Silargy FPL.pdf

Please place the attached in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 160021-EI.

Thank you.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 2:02 PM
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Subject: FW: Letter from Rep. Jose Javier Rodriguez

Good afternoon,

Please see attached a letter from Rep. Jose Javier Rodriguez to Florida Power and Light. You have been copied on the letter.

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To: 'eric.silagy@fpl.com'
Cc: 'John.Holley@fpl.com'; Rodriguez, Jose; Kennedy, Thomas
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Dear Mr. Silagy,

Please see attached a letter from Representative Jose Javier Rodriguez.

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Mr. Silagy,

With this letter I respectfully ask that Florida Power & Light forgo any pending or future requests for rate or fee increases from FPL customers until such time as issues related to salinity, nutrient load and other contaminants or hazards related to the cooling canal system at Turkey Point are resolved to the satisfaction of the appropriate local, state and federal regulatory agencies. Your repeated failures to contain these issues at Turkey Point impact our future water supply and critical ecosystems upon which we depend.

Putting it simply, it is inappropriate to seek higher profits from your customer base at a time when my constituents and all South Florida residents continue to be impacted by these failures at Turkey Point. There are several parts to this request.

First, do not seek to pass on the cost of remedying the contamination at Turkey Point onto your customers, and declare these intentions unequivocally to the public and policymakers. For more than thirty years different reports, including some issued by your own company, have documented the temperature and salinity issues and advancing contamination caused by the cooling canals. You have only recently been forced to take responsibility for the current state of affairs at Turkey Point -- and yet, at the Senate field hearing held on April 29th, 2016 your Vice-President of Governmental Affairs stated that FPL would seek to pass on an estimated cost of \$50 million dollars for clean up an advancing plume of saline water onto consumer.

This is unacceptable. The costs of clean-up should be borne by FPL. Forgo trying to seek recovery of the costs of clean-up by passing it on to your customers and inform the public and policy-makers that you have made this decision.

Second, I ask that FPL withdraw its base rate increase request. In March 2016 your company filed a rate case with the Florida Public Service Commission seeking a customer base rate increase of 23.7%. This would lead to a roughly \$14 monthly increase to customer bills by 2019 and a \$1.3 billion increase in revenues to FPL and its shareholders. In addition to this increase, FPL also requested to increase the rate of return it is allowed to earn to a maximum of 12.5%, greater than what the



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company is currently allowed to earn the current regulated monopoly system.

FPL should not reward its shareholders with higher profits while imposing on my constituents and my community the costs of cleaning up for FPL's repeated failure to address and contain contamination from the cooling canals at Turkey Point. Withdraw your request for a base rate increase and commit publicly not to seek another until FPL has resolved the issues at Turkey Point to the full satisfaction of local, state and federal authorities.

Third, forgo any more advanced nuclear cost recovery money from your customers related to Turkey Point Units 6 & 7 and reimburse what you have collected. In light of the dangers posted to our future water supply and critical ecosystems by your *existing* operations at Turkey Point, plans to build two new reactors at the same site are irresponsible. Expansion plans can only serve to exacerbate the problems you have caused.

Seeking to pass planning costs onto consumers for your expansion plans as advanced nuclear cost recovery is outrageous, especially at a time when you do not have control of the cooling canal problems for *existing* operations at Turkey Point. So far the proposed reactors have cost FPL customers up to \$281 million in pre-construction and pre-licensing costs and you are seeking \$22 million more. Although we have not prevailed in legislative attempts to force you to reimburse these funds collected from ratepayers, it would be a sign of good will as well as a moral and practical imperative for your company to voluntarily reimburse all moneys collected for your expansion plans.

I look forward to your response. As always I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this matter further.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "José Javier Rodríguez".

Thank you.

CC: Florida Public Service Commission Chair Julie Immanuel Brown
Florida Public Service Commission Commissioner Lisa Polak Edgar
Florida Public Service Commissioner Ronald Brise
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Florida Public Service Commissioner Jimmy Patronis
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