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BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20170122-EI

PETITION FOR EXEMPTION UNDER  
RULE 25-22.082(18), F.A.C., FROM  
ISSUING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
(RFPS) FOR MODERNIZATION OF THE  
LAUDERDALE PLANT, BY FLORIDA  
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA  
ITEM NO. 9

COMMISSIONERS  
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN JULIE I. BROWN  
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM  
COMMISSIONER RONALD A. BRISÉ  
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN

DATE: Thursday, July 13, 2017

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center  
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Tallahassee, Florida

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## 1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN BROWN: All right. Moving on to  
3 Item 9.

4 MR. ELLIS: Good morning, Commissioners,  
5 again. Phillip Ellis with Commission Staff.

6 Item 9 is FPL's petition seeking exemption  
7 from the requirements of the Commission's bid rule  
8 for its modernization of the Lauderdale Power  
9 Plant, known as the Dania Beach project. It  
10 involves the reuse of the existing plant site and  
11 associated infrastructure and the replacement of a  
12 pair of older natural-gas-fired combined cycle  
13 units with a single larger combined cycle unit.

14 Based on the staff's evaluation, the project  
15 meets the three criteria outlined in the rule in  
16 that it is likely to lower cost, increase  
17 reliability, and produce other public benefits by  
18 reusing an existing plant site.

19 Staff recommends approval of the RFP  
20 exemption, but notes that granting the exemption  
21 will not relieve FPL of any requirements during a  
22 future Power Plant Siting Act proceeding.

23 Staff would like to note that a modification  
24 to staff's recommendation on Page 4 has been  
25 previously provided to your offices to reflect an

1 updated data response. And staff would also note  
2 that comments were filed in this docket by the  
3 Sierra Club.

4 Staff and the utility are available for any  
5 questions you may have.

6 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you.

7 Would the company like to address us, now?

8 MR. COX: Sure.

9 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Good morning.

10 MR. COX: Good morning, Chairman Brown,  
11 Commissioners. Will Cox on behalf of Florida  
12 Power & Light Company. With me is Dr. Steve Sim,  
13 who is our director of integrated resource  
14 planning.

15 We are pleased to support the staff  
16 recommendation today. This request will -- if  
17 granted, will enable us to expedite a great  
18 project. It will bring cost savings to our  
19 customers, result in lower emissions, and lower, on  
20 a system-wide basis, our natural gas usage.

21 So, we, again, support the staff  
22 recommendation and thank you for the opportunity to  
23 address you today.

24 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you.

25 Ms. Christensen.

1 MS. CHRISTENSEN: Briefly, we reviewed the  
2 staff recommendation and, based on the  
3 representations in the staff recommendation, did  
4 not foresee any issue with the recommendation.

5 And we were also comforted with our  
6 conversation with staff counsel that, should an  
7 issue arise that there's a more-appropriate  
8 alternative in some future need-determination  
9 proceeding, that the Commission is not foreclosed  
10 from acting on such information or, in fact,  
11 reopening the RFP process, if that were based on  
12 the evidence adduced at some future need  
13 proceeding.

14 And based on that, then, we are comforted with  
15 the recommendation as stated and going forward.

16 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you, Ms. Christensen.  
17 You took the words right out of my mouth, actually.

18 Commissioners, any questions or comments?

19 We are ripe for a motion.

20 COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: Move staff.

21 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Any further discussion?

24 All those in favor, say aye.

25 (Chorus of ayes.)

1                   CHAIRMAN BROWN: Motion passes. Thank you.

2                   We will see you again.

3                   (Agenda item concluded.)

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