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Cindy Mulkey, Program Coordinator
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RE: Agency Report for the Florida Power and Light Company's Port Everglades Next Generation Energy Center Site Certification Application.

Dear Ms. Mulkey:

The South Florida Regional Planning Council has reviewed the above-referenced site certification application for completeness and has made the determination that no pending issues will be submitted at this time. Issues identified by Council staff have been adequately addressed in the Site Certification Application, and in several rounds of additional information requests. Council concerns that were fully addressed included: (1) anticipated safety and security risks; (2) impacts to Natural Resources of Regional Significance and (3) the protection of water quality, as identified in the *SRPP*; and (4) assurances about local hiring practices.

The Goals and Policies of the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*, in particular those indicated below, should be observed when making decisions regarding this project:

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| Goal 2 | Increase employment opportunities and support the creation of jobs with better pay and benefits for the Region's workforce. |
| Policy 2.4 | Ensure that decisions with regard to the location of infrastructure investments by local governments are made with priority for the lowest income neighborhoods. |
| Goal 3 | Promote the health, safety, and welfare of South Florida's residents. |
| Policy 3.7 | Reduce exposure to environmental contaminants and hazards in the Region's ground, air, and water. |
| Goal 7 | Protect, conserve, and enhance the Region's water resources. |
| Policy 7.11 | Encourage the implementation and further development of water conservation measures. |
| Goal 9 | Develop clean, sustainable, and energy-efficient power generation and transportation systems. |
| Policy 9.2 | Encourage the development of renewable, clean fuels and energy-efficient enterprises to serve our communities and national markets. |
| Goal 14 | Preserve, protect, and restore Natural Resources of Regional Significance. |
| Policy 14.7 | Restore, preserve, and protect the habitats of rare and state and federally listed species. For those rare and threatened species that have been scientifically demonstrated by past or site specific studies to be relocated successfully, without resulting harm to the |

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relocated or receiving populations, and where *in-situ* preservation is neither possible nor desirable from an ecological perspective, identify suitable receptor sites, guaranteed to be preserved and managed in perpetuity for the protection of the relocated species that will be utilized for the relocation of such rare or listed plants and animals made necessary by unavoidable project impacts. Consistent use of the site by endangered species, or documented endangered species habitat on-site shall be preserved on-site.

Goal 18 Ensure regional coordination, preparation, and response to emergencies.

- Policy 18.14 Achieve flexible, comprehensive, and coordinated emergency planning for a variety of emergencies.
- Policy 18.5 Enhance public awareness and education regarding appropriate responses to a variety of emergencies.
- Policy 18.6 Promote the federal, state, and regional coordination of a public information and awareness program concerning various types of hazards and appropriate responses.

The South Florida Regional Planning Council is an affected agency, as identified in Florida Statute 403.507 (2) (a), and has been actively involved in review and comment during the Site Certification process. If you require further information, please contact me at 954-985-4416.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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cc: Sam Goren, Esquire