UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of

FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT CO.

Docket Nos. 50-250-SLR 50-251-SLR

(Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Units 3 and 4)

<u>ORDER</u>

On May 2, 2018, the NRC provided notice in the *Federal Register* of Florida Power & Light Company (FPL)'s application for the subsequent license renewal of its operating licenses for Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Unit Numbers 3 and 4.¹ The *Federal Register* notice set a deadline of July 2, 2018, for members of the public to file a request for a hearing and petition for leave to intervene on FPL's application.

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the Friends of the Earth (FOE) request a 120-day extension of time to file hearing petitions on FPL's application.² NRDC/FOE explain that they seek an extension of time because FPL's license-renewal application is the first request from a nuclear operator to extend the life of an operating reactor to eighty years. FPL opposes NRDC/FOE's extension request, although FPL explains that it would not be

¹ Florida Power & Light Company; Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 3 and 4, 83 Fed. Reg. 19,304 (May 2, 2018).

² Extension of Time for Opportunity to Request a Hearing and Petition for Leave to Intervene in the NRC's Review of FPL License Renewal Application, Docket ID NRC-2018-0074 (June 4, 2018) (ADAMS accession no. ML18158A185).

opposed to a short extension of time because the current filing deadline falls within a holiday week.³

The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE) also requests an extension of time. SACE requests a 91-day extension of time until October 1, 2018, to file hearing petitions, and SACE also requests that the deadline be extended for all potential parties.⁴ Like NRDC/FOE, SACE primarily argues that the first-of-its-kind nature of FPL's subsequent license renewal application—an application that would allow Turkey Point to operate for eighty years—is sufficient grounds for an extension of time. The NRC Staff opposes SACE's 91-day extension request, although the NRC Staff explains that it would not oppose a "reasonable" extension of time.⁵

After reviewing all pleadings, I hereby grant, in part, NRDC/FOE's and SACE's requests by extending the deadline an additional thirty days for all interested persons to file hearing petitions. All interested persons now have until August 1, 2018, to file hearing petitions on FPL's license application.

³ Applicant's Answer to the Natural Resources Defense Council's and Friends of the Earth's Request for Extension (June 15, 2018) (ML18166A133).

⁴ Southern Alliance for Clean Energy's Motion to Extend Deadline for All Hearing Requests Regarding Turkey Point Subsequent License Renewal Application (June 20, 2018) (ML18171A406).

⁵ NRC Staff's Answer to Southern Alliance for Clean Energy's Motion for Extension of Time to File Petitions to Intervene and Requests for Hearing (June 21, 2018) (ML18172A241).

This Order is issued under my authority in 10 C.F.R. § 2.346(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

For the Commission

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Denise L. McGovern Acting Secretary of the Commission

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of June, 2018

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **ORDER (Granting a Partial Extension of Time)** have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange.

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