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Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

## Re: Docket No. 150263-EI

Petition for determination of need for Duval-Raven 230 kV transmission line in Baker, Columbia, Duval, and Nassau Counties, by Florida Power & Light Company

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

On January 11, 2016, Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") filed its petition for determination of need for Duval-Raven 230 kV transmission line in Baker, Columbia, Duval, and Nassau Counties and supporting testimony. On December 23, 2015, the Prehearing Officer in this docket issued an order establishing procedure (Order No. PSC-15-0585-PCO-EI), providing a hearing date of February 24, 2016. Section 403.537(1)(a), Florida Statutes, requires the Commission to render its decision on FPL's petition within sixty days of the filing of the petition, which would be March 11, 2016. Accordingly, the latest Commission agenda conference prior to March 11, 2016 would be March 1, 2016, just four business days after the scheduled February 24, 2016 hearing.

Recognizing the limited time that would be afforded to the Commission and its Staff to reach a decision by March 1, 2016, and taking into account the time needed by FPL to obtain the necessary permits for this transmission line project, FPL hereby provides a limited waiver of its right to a Commission decision on the instant petition within the sixty day timeframe established by Section 403.537(1)(a), so that the Commission would have up until its April 5, 2016 agenda conference to reach a decision on FPL's petition. This limited waiver assumes a bench decision is not made at the February 24, 2016 hearing in this docket. This waiver is limited to and based on the specific circumstances of this docket and is consistent with Section 403.537(3), Florida Statutes, which states that any time limitation in Section 403.537 may be altered by the Commission upon stipulation between the Commission and the applicant.

If there are any questions regarding this limited waiver, please contact me at (561) 304-5662.

Sincerely,

s/ William P. Cox

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