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**From:** Office of Commissioner Brown  
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**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket No. 160009  
**Attachments:** Florida PSC approves deferment of FPL nuclear costs until 2018 \_  
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Good afternoon:

Please place the e-mail below and attached documents in Docket No. 160009.

Thank you,

Joann Parsons

**From:** Beatrice Balboa [<mailto:beatricebalboa@gmail.com>]  
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**Subject:** Re: Concerns

I was reading the latest news media article(s) regarding the latest Florida Power & Light Co. (FPL) environmental activities in Southeastern Florida with great interest. Please review and implement an action plan to thoroughly address this extremely troubling issue. Media reports continue to underscore the ongoing environmental law violations by FPL, despite strong evidence of adverse impact of these activities. It is imperative that these FPL activities be brought into compliance with Federal, State and County environmental laws and statutes. And yet, FPL may be requesting ratepayers to "foot the bill" for their wanton disregard for the rule of law. Please coordinate, collaborate and cooperate on Federal, State and/or local jurisdictional levels in addressing these concerns potentially impacting adversely the public's health, finances, policies, trust, confidence, and quality of life issues. Thank you for your time in this matter and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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# FPL nuclear reactor costs deferred until 2018

BUSINESS

By [Susan Salisbury](#) - Palm Beach Post Staff Writer



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By the end of this year, Florida Power & Light Co. customers will have paid roughly \$282 million for costs related to two new nuclear reactors that might never be built. The company had sought approval to charge customers another \$22 million next year.

But on Thursday, the utility and regulators gave customers a reprieve. The Florida Public Service Commission granted FPL's request to defer the nuclear cost recovery approval until 2017.

If approved next year, the \$22 million would not be collected until 2018. Customers who use 1,000 kilowatt hours a month are paying 34 cents in nuclear fees each month this year, but next year will pay zero, FPL spokesman Peter Robbins said Thursday.

FPL, headquartered in Juno Beach, had also asked to be exempt from a required analysis to determine whether the \$20 billion nuclear project proposed for its Turkey Point nuclear plant in Homestead still makes economic sense.

In May, attorneys for the Office of Public Counsel, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, the City of Miami and others objected to FPL's exemption request.



In 2009, FPL submitted a license application to build two more nuclear reactors at the Turkey Point power plant.

Now FPL plans to provide the feasibility study next year.

SACE Florida Energy Policy Attorney George Cavros said in a statement Thursday: “It is clear that FPL could not prove this year that its proposed nuclear reactors were a good deal for customers. It’s good news that customers will not be throwing away another \$22 million dollars of good money after bad, but the burden remains on FPL in future proceedings to prove that any dollars spent on the project were based on a feasibility analysis.”

But FPL spokesman Robbins reiterated the utility still plans to move ahead with the project. “FPL continues to pursue the federal and state approvals necessary to create the opportunity to build new nuclear units at Turkey Point Nuclear Power Plant,” he said. “We believe there is tremendous value for our customers in FPL having the option to proceed with new, reliable, emissions-free nuclear energy.”

Power companies seeking to recover costs from their customers in advance for new nuclear power generation projects have been required to submit a feasibility study to prove that continued investment in the reactors is a good deal for customers, SACE said. This requirement is especially important as the controversial 2006 early cost recovery law shifted all the financial risk of construction

activities from shareholder to customers.

In 2009, FPL submitted a license application for the reactors, known as units 6 and 7, to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. A final environmental impact statement on the proposal is slated to be released in October.

Robbins said FPL expects to receive the NRC approval for the license no earlier than late 2017. It projects the reactors will be in service by 2027 and 2028.

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### What the Post Reported

FPL seeks to build two more nuclear reactors at the Turkey Point site in southern Miami-Dade County. The project could cost as much as \$20 billion. The state of Florida has given FPL the go-ahead, and the utility is waiting on approval from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Meanwhile, in the past year, FPL has faced questions, and criticism, about the salinity in its Turkey Point cooling canals and their impact on nearby national parks and a source of drinking water.

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# Regulators ok small break on Florida Power & Light bills

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - Customers of Florida's largest electric utility could get a small decrease on their power bills in 2017.

The Florida Public Service Commission on Thursday approved a request by Florida Power & Light to drop a controversial nuclear power bill charge for the coming year.

The decision, which would save customers about \$22 million, means that the average FPL customers will see a decrease of 34 cents on their monthly bill. But the savings could be short-lived. The utility that covers homes and businesses in South Florida may reinstate the charge in 2018 if regulators approve it.

Under Florida law, utilities may recover certain costs associated with investments in nuclear power plants while the plants are being licensed and constructed.

The move to reduce the nuclear power charge comes at the same time that FPL is asking regulators to raise its base rates.

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## Florida Power & Light takes year off from nuclear charges

By Jim Turner

The News Service of Florida

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TALLAHASSEE — Florida Power & Light got approval Thursday from state regulators to defer collecting money from customers for a year on plans to build a pair of nuclear reactors in Miami-Dade County.

The approval from the Public Service Commission is expected to knock 34 cents off the typical monthly bill of a residential customer who uses 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, according to a release from the Juno Beach-based utility.

Overall, the deferral will save customers \$22 million next year. FPL had earlier filed a request to collect the money under a controversial law that allows power companies to bill ratepayers for nuclear projects that are in the planning stages and may never be completed.

The deferral came as the company's separate request for a base-rate increase, which could hit 22.6 percent over three years, is scheduled to be heard by the commission next month.

Jessica Cano, an attorney for FPL, said the deferral doesn't change the company's plans to build the reactors at the Turkey Point complex in Miami-Dade County.

"We continue to work to obtain all the necessary federal and state and local approvals for future construction, and we expect that work to continue in 2016 and into 2017," Cano said.

Cano added that the waiver request was "an acknowledgement that we're nearing the end of the licensing process."

The company anticipates next year receiving a federal license needed for construction, she said.

In its vote Thursday, the commission ended the need for a hearing this year to consider the amount of nuclear-project costs that can be passed along to FPL customers.

Through the nuclear-cost recovery program, FPL has collected more than \$280 million since 2008 to design and secure government licenses for the reactors.

The deferral also technically replaced an FPL request for a waiver from filing an annual feasibility analysis on building the reactors.

The next analysis is now expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2017.

The waiver proposal had drawn opposition from attorneys for consumers, the city of Miami and business and environmental groups, who said FPL should be required to continue show the project is feasible.

Most of the opposition was lifted with the request to delay the nuclear-cost recovery fees for a year. But the Florida Industrial Power Users Group, a business



organization that frequently intervenes in utility cases, has argued that the annual analysis should be filed this year to show the company's commitment to completing the project.

The latest timeline indicated the new units could be in service in 2027 and 2028.

FPL hasn't revised its timeline for construction, but Cano said it would be "reasonable to assume" that with the deferral, the timeline would be simply pushed back one year.

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