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From: Office of Commissioner Brown
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 4:52 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: FW: Docket No. 20170007 – Deny FPL’s request to bill families for clean up costs

Good Afternoon,

Please place the following email in Docket Correspondence, Consumers and their Representatives, in Docket No. 20170007-EI.

Thank you,
Shalonda

From: Adrienne Kaltman [<mailto:kaltman82@aol.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 4:47 PM
To: Office of Commissioner Brown
Subject: Fwd: Docket No. 20170007 – Deny FPL’s request to bill families for clean up costs

December 3, 2017

Dear Chairman Brown and Members of the Florida Public Service Commission:

I am writing on behalf of the Broward County Chapter of the Democratic Environmental Caucus of Florida. FPL customers shouldn’t have to pay to clean up the company’s mess at its Turkey Point plant. It’s not fair for customers of a company, which made record profits last year, to pay clean up costs for a mess that’s been developing on FPL’s watch for 40 years. Polluters should fairly pay for the damage and injury that they cause.

The company should have known long ago that its cooling canals were creating a growing underground contamination plume in the drinking water aquifer. FPL should have acted prudently in addressing its problems - it did not. It sat on its hands for decades and only recently began to consider a solution to the problem. Why should Florida residents and businesses pay for decades of irresponsible behavior by FPL?

FPL was recently granted a rate hike and will also be requesting recovery over \$1 billion from customers due to storm damage. Florida’s families and businesses should not have to pay over \$200 million to FPL to cover FPL’s inaction to address pollution from its cooling canals.

Like every other person, business, and corporate entity, FPL should pay to clean up the situation it created. As a public utility, it should be held to a higher standard. Customers should not have to bear this burden. We urge you to please vote to deny FPL’s unfair request to saddle families and businesses with more costs and higher bills.

Thank you for your consideration.

Adrienne Kaltman, Chair
Broward County Chapter Democratic Environmental Caucus of Florida

CC: DECF Board