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**From:** Betty Leland  
**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2018 10:34 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Letter re: FPL Dania Beach Clean Energy Center  
**Attachments:** Letter Treasure Coast Democratic Environmental Caucus.pdf

Good Morning:

Please place the attached letter in docket correspondence consumers and their representatives in Docket No. 20170225.

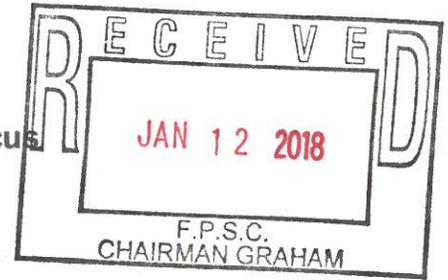
Thanks.

Docket # 20170225

Treasure Coast Democratic Environmental Caucus

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Dear Governor Rick Scott:

As one of the many organizations and more than 40 mayors throughout Florida who have committed to 100% clean energy, I am writing to add my voice to the thousands of Floridians who oppose the Dania Beach fracked gas plant that is being proposed by Florida Power & Light.

***The fact that Broward and Miami-Dade face potential devastation to many communities due to rising sea levels, how can you justify putting a gas fed electrical plant in the same area. It is the methane from natural gas extraction that is one of the main contributors feeding this change in climate?? This power plant will have a serious effect on the relationship between the customer and FPL at a time when they should be building better relations in view of the Turkey Point environmental issues they have created.***

The Union of Concerned Scientists found that ["The drilling and extraction of natural gas from wells and its transportation in pipelines results in the leakage of methane, primary component of natural gas that is 34 times stronger than CO2 at trapping heat over a 100-year period and 86 times stronger over 20 years \[3\]."](#)

The solution is to make more significant investments in clean, renewable energy such as solar power, energy storage, and energy efficiency.

In 2015, Florida Power & Light's parent company NextEra Chairman and CEO Jim Robo laid out a vision to become the ["the largest, most profitable clean energy provider in the United States"](#) and even predicted that by 2020 energy storage would replace the need for "gas peakers."

We urge you to hold NextEra and FPL to this commitment by asking your Public Service Commissioners to deny approval of the Dania Beach fracked gas plant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Paul Laura".

Paul Laura - Chair, Treasure Coast Democratic Environmental Caucus

Cc: Eric Silagy  
Florida Public Service Commissioners