



MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM #7a

DATE: JULY 6, 2009
TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FROM: STAFF
SUBJECT: TURKEY POINT EXPANSION

The purpose of this presentation is to provide information on the review and comment process for the proposed Turkey Point Expansion Application.

Background

Florida Power and Light (FPL) will be seeking approval to expand nuclear energy production at Turkey Point Plant, in Miami-Dade County. The proposed "Turkey Point Expansion Project" consists of the construction of two new nuclear units, 6 and 7, and the placement of new transmission lines. These would be two separate applications but since the transmission lines are proposed as associated facilities to the plant, they are addressed in the same application. The State of Florida will license both the transmission facilities and new electrical power plants in one proceeding pursuant to the State Power Plant Siting Act (PPSA), Chapter 403, Part II, F.S. FPL is currently submitting applications for state and federal approvals for the project. If approved, the new units would add 2,200 mill watts of electrical generation.

FPL is in the process of submitting a Site Certification Application for the Turkey Point Expansion Project to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The South Florida Regional Planning Council is one of several affected agencies actively involved in the review of the application, as identified in Florida Statute 403.507(2)(a). This process will provide Council staff the opportunity to assess the project's consistency with the *Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida (SRPP)*.

Review Schedule

Although power plant and transmission lines sitings are contained in the same application, the review process will be conducted on separate but parallel tracks. DEP will provide a proposed schedule of dates for both the power plant and transmission line review. The opportunities for Council engagement are described below.

1. The Council shall determine if both applications contain sufficient information to conduct reviews. The Council can find the applications complete or find the applications incomplete and request additional information. If DEP finds the applications incomplete, FPL must file statements with the Division of Administrative Hearings agreeing to provide additional information, agreeing with DEP and requesting an extension to provide additional information, contesting DEP's determination or withdrawing the applications.
2. The review process allows the Council to hold an informational public meeting. Council and Miami-Dade County staff will coordinate efforts and host a joint meeting. Attendees will be

given an overview of the project and the review process. The public will also have an opportunity to ask questions and provide input. Information received will be recorded and incorporated into the Council's statements of issues and final reports.

3. The Council is required to submit preliminary statements of issues.
4. Final agency reports must be submitted by the Council. The reports will contain a discussion of potential public impacts, recommendations for approval or denial, and any proposed conditions of certification.

Recommendation

Information only