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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division
South Permits Branch
Miami Permits Section
SAJ-2016-02462 (SP-MLC)

Mr. Larry Williams
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
South Florida Ecological Services Office
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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has reviewed the information provided and finds that the proposed action is not likely to adversely affect any federally listed species or designated critical habitat protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq.). A record of this consultation is on file at the South Florida Ecological Service Office.

This fulfills the requirements of section 7 of the Act and further action is not required. If modifications are made to the project, if additional information involving potential effects to listed species becomes available, or if a new species is listed, reinitiation of consultation may be necessary.

Roxanna Hinzman
Roxanna Hinzman, Field Supervisor

6/29/17
Date

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter refers to a request on behalf of Florida Power & Light to authorize the placement 181,000 cubic yards of fill over 7.5 acres. The project is for the backfilling of 1.9 acres of a remnant canal and 5.6 acres of an active barge basin to improve water quality and mangrove habitat. The Turtle Point canal will be restored to -7 NAVD with the west 1/3 of the canal proposed to be restored to +1 NAVD. The canal was previously dredged to approximately -30 feet NAVD during the initial construction of the Plant in order to allow deeper draft vessels and fuel barges to access the site. The Barge Canal/Basin is to be restored to -15 NAVD allowing for continued use of vessel access. The backfilling will not cause erosion or shoaling as this area does not have a large tidal range and minimal current. Temporary pilings will be installed during construction for the installation/stabilization of turbidity curtains. The project is as described on the enclosed copy of the public notice for the project. The project is located at the existing Turkey Point facility east of Homestead, in Section 34, Township 57 South, Range 40 East, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has completed an evaluation of the impacts the work may have on the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). Based on information available from a variety of sources, our initial determination is the project may affect but is not likely to adversely affect the West Indian Manatee or its critical habitat. Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act we request your concurrence with this determination within 30 days.

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Good afternoon,
Please see attached. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.
Thanks,

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