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RE: Reclaimed Water Project Proposal for Turkey Point

Dear Miami-Dade Board of County Commission,

Audubon Florida has worked across the state to protect and restore critical habitat for birds and humans for more than a hundred years. Part of that work also includes protecting freshwater sources for the environment. As our population continues to grow, this becomes an increasingly difficult challenge. The reclaimed water project at Turkey Point by Florida Power & Light (FP&L) provides an opportunity to switch their source of water for industrial use from potable to reclaimed, leaving more water supply for human use and for the natural systems.

This project has the potential to decrease water demands on the environment and reduce reclaimed water lost to tide in Miami-Dade County. Water discharged from the plant could also have natural resource value and we are eager to learn more about the standards to which this water will be treated, to ensure it will be a benefit to Biscayne Bay and its surrounding wetlands. By moving forward with this partnership, the county and FPL can better explore and negotiate these standards.

We are grateful for your willingness to explore innovative ways to save more water for the environment.

Sincerely,

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