



March 7, 2018

Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County
Stephen P. Clark Government Center
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 220
Miami, Florida 33128

RE: Proposed Reclaimed Water Project with Florida Power & Light

Dear Commissioners,

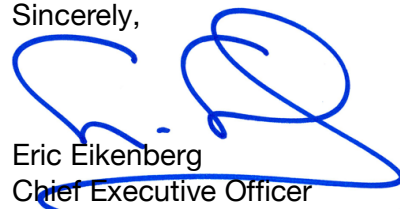
The Everglades Foundation was very pleased to hear Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez announce a potential collaboration with Florida Power & Light to treat and reuse 60 million gallons of County wastewater. The plan calls for the water that is currently being injected deep into the aquifer, reclaiming it for beneficial use.

The Foundation, along with others in the environmental community, work tirelessly to support, develop, and act on solutions that help protect our water resources and wetlands. For that reason, we support the collaborative effort that will identify appropriate treatment technologies resulting in the beneficial reuse of a precious commodity while reducing FPL's reliance on groundwater resources.

Managing our water resources within the Everglades ecosystem is key to a healthy Everglades. It's our view that the use of treated wastewater to support South Florida's energy needs, while eliminating the use of groundwater or other surface water resources, is a win-win.

In closing, we applaud Mayor Gimenez and FPL for exploring this public-private partnership to enhance our water management strategies within the Everglades ecosystem. We are in full support of this effort and would be glad to see the Commission do the same and vote in favor of moving forward on this important initiative.

Sincerely,



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