

April 5, 2018

Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.  
Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 320  
Miami, FL 33128

**Re: FPL Joint Participation Agreement with Miami-Dade County**

Dear Honorable Chairman Bovo:

Protecting our coasts is among the most important responsibilities we have as residents of Miami-Dade County. The coasts are the lifeblood of our community and support the economy, tourism and future development. Thus, ensuring the health of our beaches is a shared responsibility between government and the private sector -- something I am very familiar with as a former Assistant Director of the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department and now as Town Manager of Golden Beach.

Our Town sits on 1.3 miles of land in northeast Miami-Dade at the Broward County line, and is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the intercostal waterway to the west. The coasts are a part of who we are as a town. Ensuring they are cleaner today and cleaner for future generations is vital to our residents and the future of our community.

Each day more than 100 million gallons of partially treated waste water is dumped into Biscayne Bay and the ocean off our coasts. The State has ordered Miami-Dade to discontinue this practice by 2025. To meet the mandate, a new approach needs to be taken. Which is why I was encouraged to learn of the agreement between Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez and Florida Power & Light. If approved by the County Commission, the effort could result in approximately 60 million gallons of waste water being treated prior to being reused at Turkey Point to lower salinity levels in its cooling canals and eliminate the need for the plant to rely on other County water sources. This water would no longer be released into Biscayne Bay or any other location.

I support this Miami-Dade-FPL proposal and am hopeful that our County Commissioners will vote in favor of it at your April 10 meeting. We need cleaner coasts, and I am confident this is an issue we can all support in Miami-Dade County.

Sincerely,

Alexander Diaz  
Town Manager