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Attorney General Merrick Garland
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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RE: Request review of reports of corruption and breaches of public trust by Florida's largest electric utility Florida Power & Light

Dear Attorney General Garland:

Recent press reports have exposed apparent corruption, influence peddling and breaches of the public trust by Florida's largest electric utility Florida Power & Light (FPL) and its officers. Numerous state and federal laws govern the operation of electric utilities to protect consumers from market manipulation and unfair trade practices. Generally, electric utilities should operate in the public interest, and it appears that FPL and its officers use dark money, pressure campaigns and illicit, and possibly illegal, activity to disadvantage the citizens of the State of Florida.

Numerous public corruption scandals involving electric utilities across the country have resulted in federal public corruption criminal and civil probes, and it appears that such oversight is needed in Florida now. Huge sums of secret political spending by FPL should be scrutinized. I am especially concerned with the financial impact on everyday Floridians and small businesses. How much more are Floridians paying unnecessarily? Why has FPL so adamantly fought against lower cost clean energy? Floridians deserve answers to these questions, and an honest examination of these reports of very troubling actions by FPL, its CEO and officers.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Department of Justice investigate the matter pursuant to your guidelines and policies. I have attached recent press reports for your edification. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Castor".

Kathy Castor
U.S. Representative
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