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Senator Joseph Abruzzo, Chairman
Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council
111 West Madison St.
Room 874
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400

Dear Chairman Abruzzo:

This letter serves as my notification to the Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council that I will not be seeking reappointment to an additional term. I would like to express my gratitude to Governor Crist and Governor Scott for giving me the opportunity and privilege to serve the citizens of Florida as a Commissioner for the last four years. I would also like to thank each of the previous members of the nominating council as well as the members of the Florida Senate that voted in favor of me for my current term.

Since taking office in 2010, I am proud of my time as a Commissioner, and I am proud of the improvements and accomplishments of the Commission over the last four years. In the last four years, we have created a stable regulatory environment that benefits all stakeholders, including the rate payers. We have made tremendous strides in improving our emissions by replacing older oil fired plants with cleaner, more efficient, natural gas power generation facilities, installing emission control systems in our coal fired plants and adding over 500 megawatts of additional nuclear capacity. We have ensured Florida's infrastructure is moving in a safer direction by approving accelerated gas pipeline replacement programs. We have also mitigated against natural gas supply interruptions by approving a third supply pipeline as Florida imports all of its natural gas. Additionally, by taking advantage of consistent, low cost natural gas, it is estimated that customers have saved over 2.5 billion dollars in fuel costs since 2010.

Although there are more challenges ahead for the Commission, I am confident I am leaving the Commission in a better state than when I arrived. While my fellow commissioners and I have not always agreed on every issue, we always conducted ourselves in a collegial, professional manner. After many discussions with my family and those closest to me, I have decided the time is right to seek new challenges in other arenas after the expiration of my current term. I was privileged to have the opportunity to serve on the Commission and work with a great, dedicated staff, and I believe the Commission has served the consumers, the stakeholders, and the State of Florida well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Balbis".

Eduardo E. Balbis, P.E.
Commissioner