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## **Statewide Poll Shows Florida Voters Most Concerned About Energy and Economy**

*Floridians say cost of oil and energy are top priorities*

**June 11, 2008** – A recent nonpartisan opinion poll crystallizes Floridians’ concerns about the economy with energy and oil prices as top concerns. The poll shows that an overwhelming majority – 72 percent – of voters support moving forward on projects that would provide Florida with more energy at less cost. Four of every five persons (81%) polled wanted to see a proposed deep water natural gas port slated for 8 to 10 miles off the coast of Fort Lauderdale completed.

“The reality of higher fuel and energy costs are hitting home for Florida residents,” said Gene Ulm, professional pollster and primary researcher on the project. “Climbing fuel costs combined with worries about the economy have converged to reshape priorities for Floridians. In these times, Floridians strongly welcome any solution to short energy supplies and high costs.”

Key findings of the survey include:

- When asked which issues should be the top priorities for Florida’s elected officials, 46 percent chose as their top answer either “cutting the cost of oil and energy” or “improving the job and economic situation”
- 64 percent of voters strongly support expanding Florida’s use of natural gas for electricity generation and other forms of environmentally clean energy that are less expensive than oil
- When initially asked about the project, about six in 10 voters favor the building of the deepwater Liquefied Natural Gas port. After learning some basic facts about the project, support increased to a full 81 percent, with 52 percent expressing “strong support.” In Broward County, the closest county to the proposed off-shore site, 47 percent of residents strongly favor the building of the Calypso Deepwater Port.

The statewide poll was conducted of 800 likely voters in Florida by Public Opinion Strategies for SUEZ Energy North America. The telephone study was completed between May 28 and June 1, 2008 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.46%.

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### **About the Calypso Deepwater Port**

Calypso LNG Deepwater Port (DWP) is being developed by SUEZ Energy North America’s subsidiary, Calypso LNG. The safe and environmentally-friendly project is being designed to be located approximately 8 to 10 miles offshore of Broward County northeast of Port Everglades, and will provide South Florida with a much-needed new supply of clean natural gas. This new source of natural gas, to be used to power Florida’s power plants is less vulnerable to hurricanes, improving electricity service reliability during and after storms. For more information about the Calypso Deepwater Port, please visit [www.calypsodwp.com](http://www.calypsodwp.com) and sign up for an RSS feed.

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