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### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Nuclear Cost Recovery Clause Docket No. 140009-EI Submitted for Filing: July 11, 2014

## DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.'S NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVITS IN SUPPORT OF SEVENTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Duke Energy Florida, Inc. ("DEF" or the "Company"), hereby gives notice of filing the Affidavits of Christopher M. Fallon and Michael T. Delowery in support of Duke Energy Florida, Inc.'s Seventh Request for Confidential Classification regarding portions of the Staff's Direct Testimony Exhibit CH-1.

Respectfully submitted on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014:

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to counsel and parties of record as indicated below via electronic mail and U.S. Mail this 11th day of July, 2014.

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## AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER M. FALLON IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.'S SEVENTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION REGARDING PORTIONS OF STAFF DIRECT TESTIMONY EXHIBIT CH-1

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Christopher M. Fallon, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Christopher M. Fallon. I am employed by Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke Energy") in the capacity of Vice President of Nuclear Development. I am over the age of 18 years old and I have been authorized to give this affidavit in the above-styled proceeding on Duke Energy Florida's ("DEF" or the "Company") behalf and in support of DEF's Seventh Request for Confidential Classification. The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

2. As Vice President of Nuclear Development, I am responsible for the licensing and engineering design for the Levy nuclear power plant project ("LNP" or "Levy"). I am responsible for reporting on the LNP to senior management.

3. The Company is requesting confidential classification of portions of the Staff Direct Testimony of William Coston and Jerry Hallenstein, Exhibit CH-1 because it contains proprietary and confidential information received from third-party vendors pursuant to contractual agreements with those vendors. Those agreements contain non-disclosure provisions that limit the use and forbid the dissemination of the information. The disclosure of this would impair the Company's ability to contract on favorable terms, or at all, for such information. The Company requires this information for use in analyzing the continued feasibility of its projects and to aid its management in long-term planning. The Company and its customers would be harmed if DEF were not able to contract for the use of this information on favorable terms.

4. The disclosure of this information would compromise DEF's competitive business interests and in certain instances violate contractual confidentiality provisions with DEF's vendors, as well as cost numbers and information relating to on-going and future negotiations with its vendors.

5. Portions of the Exhibit reflect the Company's internal strategies for evaluating its projects, risk evaluations, as well as contractual pricing arrangements between DEF and providers of equipment and services required for the LNP and would adversely impact DEF's competitive business interests and impede on-going negotiations if disclosed to the public. The Company must be able to assure these vendors that sensitive business information, such as the pricing, payment and quantity terms of their contracts, will be kept confidential. Indeed, most of the contracts at issue contain confidentiality provisions that prohibit disclosure of contractual terms to third parties. If third parties were made aware of confidential contractual terms that the Company has with other parties, they may offer DEF less competitive contractual terms in future contractual negotiations. Without DEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive terms in contracts between DEF and these nuclear contractors, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive contracts for the LNP would be undermined. Absent such measures, DEF would run the risk that sensitive business information regarding what the Company is willing to pay for necessary equipment, goods, supplies and real property would be made available to the public and, as a result, other potential sellers of similar materials and services could change their position in their negotiations to the detriment of DEF.

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6. The Exhibit also includes information gleaned from the Company's internal audit procedures and reports, the release of which would harm DEF's ability to conduct internal audits. Public disclosure of the documents and information in question would compromise DEF's ability to effectively audit the Company's major projects. If the Company were to know that its internal auditing controls and process were subject to public disclosure, it would compromise the level of cooperation needed with auditors to efficiently conduct audits.

7. Upon receipt of all this confidential information, and with its own confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of the documents and information provided, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company. At no time has the Company publicly disclosed the information at issue. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

(Signature) Christopher M. Fallon

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>10</u><sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014, by Christopher M. Fallon. He is personally known to me, or has produced his driver's license, or his as identification.

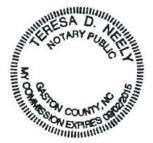
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## AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL R. DELOWERY IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.'S SEVENTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION REGARDING PORTIONS OF STAFF DIRECT TESTIMONY EXHIBIT CH-1

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### COUNTY OF MECKELENBURG

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Michael R. Delowery, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Michael R. Delowery. I am over the age of 18 years old and I have been authorized by Duke Energy Florida (hereinafter "DEF" or the "Company") to give this affidavit in the above-styled proceeding on DEF's behalf and in support of DEF's Seventh Request for Confidential Classification. The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

2. I am employed by Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke Energy") and currently serve as the acting Vice President of the Project Management and Construction ("PMC") department. Duke Energy Florida, Inc. ("DEF" or the "Company") is a fully owned subsidiary of Duke Energy.

3. DEF is requesting confidential classification of portions of the Staff Direct Testimony of William Coston and Jerry Hallenstein, Exhibit CH-1 because it contains confidential contractual information and numbers concerning the Crystal River Unit 3 ("CR3") Extended Power Uprate ("EPU") Project ("CR3 Uprate"), the disclosure of which would impair DEF's competitive business interests and violate DEF's confidentiality agreements with third parties and vendors; information gleaned from internal audit controls and reports; and other information the disclosure of which would impair the Company's competitive business interests.

4. The Company is requesting confidential classification of this information because the Exhibit contains proprietary and confidential information that would impair DEF's competitive business interests if publicly disclosed, as well as information concerning contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the Company's ability to contract on favorable terms and, in many cases, the information constitutes trade secrets of the Company and its contract partners. In many instances, the disclosure of this information would violate contractual confidentiality provisions or is the result of recent negotiations with DEF vendors or ongoing contracts with vendors. Portions of these documents reflect the Company's internal strategies for evaluating projects. The information contains sensitive information concerning the CR3 Uprate the release of which would place DEF's competitors at a relative competitive advantage, thereby harming the Company's and its customer's interests.

5. Furthermore, portions of the information in the Exhibit were taken from internal audit reports which are confidential. If the Company were to know that its internal auditing controls and process were subject to public disclosure, it would likely compromise the level of cooperation needed to efficiently conduct audits.

6. DEF considers this information to confidential and proprietary and continues to take steps to protect against its public disclosure, including limiting the personnel who have access to this information. If such information was disclosed to DEF's competitors and/or other potential suppliers, DEF's efforts to obtain competitive nuclear equipment and service options that provide economic value to both the Company and its customers could be compromised by the Company's competitors and/or suppliers changing their offers, consumption, or purchasing behavior within the relevant markets. If other third parties were made aware of confidential

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contractual terms that DEF has with other parties, they may offer less competitive contractual terms in future contractual negotiations. Without the Company's measures to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive terms in contracts with these nuclear contractors, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive contracts could be undermined to the detriment of DEF and its ratepayers.

7. Upon receipt of this confidential information, as with all confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of the documents and information provided therein. Such procedures include, but are not limited to, restricting access to the documents and information to only those persons who require it to assist the Company. At no time since developing or entering the contracts in question has DEF publicly disclosed the contracts' confidential terms; DEF has treated and continues to treat the information contained in the subject contracts and other documents as confidential.

8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated this 10 day of July 2014.

(Signature) Michael R. Delowery

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this day of July, 2014, by Michael R. Delowery. He is personally known to me, or has produced his n/a driver's license, or his \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

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