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Docket No. 140057-EI – Petition for approval of 2014 nuclear decommissioning study, by Duke Energy Florida, Inc.

Issue 1: What is the estimated cost to decommissioning the CR3 nuclear power plant in 2013 dollars? **Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Commission find the total estimated cost to decommission the Crystal River Nuclear Power Plant in the amount of \$1,180,128,000 in 2013 dollars is reasonable. This total cost amount, inclusive of a 13.5 percent contingency allowance, is comprised of three categories of costs; license termination costs of \$861,902,000, spent fuel management costs of \$265,505,000, and site restoration costs of \$52,721,000.

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<u>Issue 2:</u> What is the appropriate annual accrual in equal dollar amounts necessary to recover the future decommissioning costs of the CR3 nuclear power plant for DEF?

Recommendation: Staff recommends a continuation of the suspension of the accrual for nuclear decommissioning as approved by the Commission in Order Nos. PSC-02-0655-AS-EI, PSC-05-0945-S-EI, and PSC-12-0225-PAA-EI. Accordingly, the appropriate jurisdictional annual accrual amount necessary to recover future decommissioning costs for the CR3 nuclear unit is zero. Additionally, staff recommends that the assumptions included in DEF's 2014 decommissioning study to determine the annual accrual are reasonable.

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<u>Issue 3:</u> What should be the effective dates for adjusting the annual decommissioning accrual amount? <u>Recommendation:</u> If the staff recommendations in Issues 1 and 2 are approved, there is no change to the current approved zero decommissioning accrual. Therefore, an effective date for adjusting the annual decommissioning accrual is moot.

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<u>Issue 4:</u> When should DEF file its next nuclear decommissioning study?

<u>Recommendation:</u> DEF's next decommissioning cost study for CR3 should be filed no later than March 21, 2019.

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See Order No. PSC-02-0655-AS-EI, issued May 14, 2002, in Docket No. 000824-EI, <u>In re: Review of Florida Power Corporation's earnings</u>, including effects of proposed acquisition of Florida Power Corporation by Carolina Power & Light.

See Order No. PSC-05-0945-S-EI, issued September 28, 2005, in Docket No. 050078-EI, <u>In re: Petition for rate increase by Progress</u> Energy Florida, Inc.

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** See Order No. PSC-12-0225-PAA-EI, issued April 30, 2012, in Docket No. 100461-EI, In re: Petition for approval of nuclear decommissioning cost study, by Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

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Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the Commission's Proposed Agency Action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

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