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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Ms. Carlotta Stauffer, Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket 150171-EI
Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Sixteenth Request for Confidential Classification

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Attached is Duke Energy Florida, LLC's ("DEF") Sixteenth Request for Confidential Classification of certain information provided by DEF to the Bond Team in the above-referenced matter. This filing includes:

- Exhibit A (confidential slipsheet only)
- Exhibit B (2 slipsheets identifying redacted information)
- Exhibit C (justification matrix)
- Exhibit D (Affidavit of Bryan Buckler)

DEF's confidential Exhibit A that accompanies the above-referenced filing, has been submitted under separate cover.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (727) 820-4692.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dianne M. Triplett

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Attachments

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for approval to include in base rates the revenue requirement for the CR3 regulatory asset, by Duke Energy Florida, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 150148-EI

In re: Petition for issuance of nuclear asset-recovery financing order, by Duke Energy Florida, Inc. d/b/a Duke Energy.

DOCKET NO. 150171-EI

DATED: February 18, 2016

**DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S SIXTEENTH REQUEST
FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Duke Energy Florida, LLC (“DEF” or the “Company”), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), submits this Sixteenth Request for Confidential Classification concerning portions of DEF’s documents provided to the Bond Team. Those confidential documents were filed in this docket on January 29, 2016 with DEF’s Notice of Intent to request confidential classification (DN 00562-16). This request is timely. *See* Rule 25-22.006(3)(a)1., F.A.C. In support of this request, DEF states:

1. As further explained below, portions of documents provided to the Bond Team, contain “proprietary confidential business information” under section 366.093(3), F.S.
2. The following exhibits are included with this request:
 - (a) Sealed Composite Exhibit A is a package containing an unredacted copy of all the documents for which DEF seeks confidential treatment. Composite Exhibit A is being submitted separately in a sealed envelope labeled “CONFIDENTIAL.” In the unredacted version, the information asserted to be confidential is highlighted in yellow.

(b) Composite Exhibit B encompasses two copies of redacted versions of the documents for which the Company requests confidential classification. The specific information for which confidential treatment is requested has been blocked out by opaque marker or other means.

(c) Exhibit C is a table which identifies by page and line the information for which DEF seeks confidential classification and the specific statutory bases for seeking confidential treatment.

(d) Exhibit D is an affidavit attesting to the confidential nature of information identified in this request.

3. As indicated in Exhibit C, the information for which DEF requests confidential classification is “proprietary confidential business information” within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S. Specifically, the information at issue relates to confidential communications between DEF and representatives of Citi. DEF has been engaging in discussions with Citi as to whether Citi is willing to participate as a joint book runner in the securitization bond transaction. Citi has requested, and DEF has agreed, that DEF maintain this information as confidential. The release of these confidential communications would violate DEF’s agreement with Citi and adversely impact DEF’s competitive business interests. *See* § 366.093(3)(d), F.S.; Affidavit of Bryan Buckler at ¶ 5. The disclosure of that information to the public would also adversely impact the competitive business interest of parties contracting with DEF. *See* § 366.093(3)(e), F.S.; Affidavit of Bryan Buckler at ¶ 6. Accordingly, such information constitutes “proprietary confidential business information” which is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act pursuant to Section 366.093(1), F.S.

4. The information identified as Exhibit “A” is intended to be and is treated as

confidential by the Company. *See* Affidavit of Bryan Buckler at ¶¶ 5-7. The information has not been disclosed to the public, and the Company has treated and continues to treat the documents at issue as confidential. *See* Affidavit of Bryan Buckler at ¶ 7.

5. DEF requests that the information identified in Exhibit A be classified as “proprietary confidential business information” within the meaning of section 366.093(3), F.S., that the information remain confidential for a period of at least 18 months as provided in section 366.093(4) F.S., and that the information be returned as soon as it is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, DEF respectfully requests that this Sixteenth Request for Confidential Classification be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of February, 2016.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic mail to the following this 18th day of February, 2016.

/s/ Dianne M. Triplett

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Exhibit A

CONFIDENTIAL
FILED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

Exhibit B

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SLIP SHEET FOR REDACTED PAGES

**Bates Numbers: CR3BondTeam00131 through
CR3BondTeam00140**

Exhibit B

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(2nd copy)

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CR3BondTeam00140**

**DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA – EXHIBIT C - Docket 150171-EI
Confidentiality Justification**

DOCUMENT/RESPONSES	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
<p>DEF documents provided to the Bond Team</p>	<p>Attachment bearing Bates numbers CR3BondTeam00131 through CR3BondTeam00140, is entirely confidential.</p>	<p>§366.093(3)(d), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information, the disclosure of which would impair DEF’s efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms.</p> <p>§366.093(3)(e), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information relating to competitive business interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider/owner of the information.</p>

Exhibit D

AFFIDAVIT OF BRYAN BUCKLER

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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DOCKET NO. 150148-EI

In re: Petition for issuance of nuclear asset-recovery financing order, by Duke Energy Florida, Inc. d/b/a Duke Energy.

DOCKET NO. 150171-EI

DATED: February 19, 2016

**AFFIDAVIT OF BRYAN BUCKLER IN SUPPORT OF
DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA'S
SIXTEENTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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

1. My name is Bryan Buckler. 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 Sixteenth Request for Confidential Classification. The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

2. I am the Director of Regulated Accounting for Duke Energy Business Services, LLC, a service company affiliate of DEF.

3. Effective August 15, 2015, I became the Director of Regulated Accounting for Duke Energy Corporation (“Duke Energy”). In this role I am responsible for accounting and financial reporting for all of Duke Energy’s regulated subsidiaries, including Duke Energy Florida. However, I will still serve as DEF’s Treasury witness in this proceeding, and will continue to report to Stephen De May, Senior Vice President and Treasurer of Duke Energy and DEF, for purposes of the nuclear asset-recovery bond transaction.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for portions of DEF’s documents provided to the Bond Team. The confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Exhibit A to this Request and is outlined in DEF’s Justification Matrix that is attached to DEF’s Sixteenth Request for Confidential Classification as Exhibit C. DEF is requesting confidential classification of this information because it contains sensitive business information, the disclosure of which would impair the Company’s efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms.

5. Portions of the documents provided to the Bond Team (specifically Bates numbers CR3BondTeam000131 through CR3BondTeam000140), contain sensitive business information including communications between DEF and representatives of Citi. DEF has been engaging in discussions with Citi as to whether Citi is willing to participate as a joint book runner in the securitization bond transaction. Citi is experienced in such transactions and can assist DEF in obtaining the lowest all-in cost of funds for the Nuclear Asset Recovery Bonds. Portions of these Bond Team documents contain negotiations concerning underwriter compensation for joint book runners that would adversely impact DEF’s competitive business interests if disclosed to the public. In order to obtain specialized book runner assistance, DEF must be able to assure financial

institutions that sensitive business information, such as compensation awarded to bookrunners will be kept confidential. With respect to the information at issue in this request, DEF has kept confidential and has not publicly disclosed confidential compensation rates and similar competitive information. Absent such measures, financial marketing firms who otherwise would contract with DEF might decide not to do so if DEF did not keep the compensation negotiations confidential. If other third parties are made aware of confidential compensation negotiations that DEF has with other parties, they may offer DEF less competitive contractual compensation rates in the future. Without DEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive negotiations in these communications between DEF and third parties, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive prices for its financial needs could be compromised by competitors changing their position or behavior in future contractual negotiations.

6. Additionally, the above-referenced Bates numbered attachments contain sensitive business information which could adversely impact competitive business interests of the financial marketing firms providing financial services to DEF for the securitization project. Citi has requested, and DEF has agreed, that DEF maintain this information as confidential. If Citi and other similarly situated potential business partners could not be assured that DEF abided by its agreements to maintain information as confidential, Citi and other potential third parties may be unwilling to participate in this transaction. Absent such confidentiality measures, third party financial marketing firms would run the risk that sensitive business information that they provided in their communications with DEF would be made available to the public and, as a result, end up in possession of potential competitors. Faced with that risk, the efforts to competitively

negotiate financial service agreements with companies such as DEF could be undermined.

7. Upon receipt of confidential information from financial marketing firms working with DEF, and with its own confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the documents and information provided, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company, and restricting the number of, and access to the information and documents. At no time since receiving the emails in question has the Company publicly disclosed this information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the documents at issue as confidential.

8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 11th day of February, 2016.

Bryan Buckler
(Signature)
Bryan Buckler
Director of Regulated Accounting
Duke Energy Business Services, LLC
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THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of February, 2016 by BRYAN BUCKLER. He is personally known to me, or has produced his _____ driver's license, or his _____ as identification.



Heather Paige Blum
(Signature)
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