

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Consideration of the tax impacts associated with Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 for Florida Power & Light Company.

Docket No: 20180046-EI
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**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY'S RESPONSE
TO OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR EMERGENCY
HEARING CONCERNING SCHEDULING AND DISCOVERY PROCEDURES**

Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") hereby files its response to the Office of Public Counsel's ("OPC") Motion for Emergency Hearing Concerning Scheduling and Discovery Procedures, and Additional Comments ("Motion").

On April 30, 2018, OPC filed its Motion in the various dockets instituted by the Commission to address the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on nine regulated utilities (collectively, the "Tax Act Dockets"; individually, "FPL's Tax Act Docket"). In its Motion, OPC noted its resource limitations and requested a hearing to consider discovery procedures and scheduling in the various dockets, without specifying the relief it sought. On May 2, 2018, the Commission entered an order directing OPC to file additional comments including greater specificity regarding the relief requested. OPC filed Additional Comments on May 4, 2018, requesting that, as to all of the utilities involved except Tampa Electric Company,¹ the Commission (i) enlarge the timeframe for discovery responses to 30 days and (ii) spread the hearings in the Tax Act Dockets from January 2019 through April 2019.

FPL generally has no objection to OPC's proposal to modify the discovery deadlines and reschedule the hearings in the Tax Act Dockets, including separating the hearings for one or more of the utilities, to accommodate resource constraints. FPL favors the certainty that will come with the scheduling of a hearing to facilitate the ultimate and timely resolution of the FPL

¹ According to OPC, Tampa Electric is the only Company requiring a decision by December 21, 2018. OPC therefore suggests using a 25-day response time for discovery and set August 30-31, 2018 for Tampa Electric's hearing.

Tax Act Docket, however. Accordingly, FPL requests that, if the August 2018 hearing is postponed, the hearing for FPL's Tax Act Docket be rescheduled for a date in December 2018 or no later than January 2019. FPL emphasizes that, while willing to accommodate OPC's request for a delay in the currently scheduled hearing, FPL defers to the will and desire of the Commission, consistent with the Commission's scheduling and resource requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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