BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for a limited proceeding to approve third solar base rate adjustment, by Duke Energy Florida, LLC. DOCKET NO. 20200153-EI

DATED: September 4, 2020

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2020-0230-PCO-EI, filed July 10, 2020, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. <u>All Known Witnesses</u>

Staff has no witnesses.

2. <u>All Known Exhibits</u>

Staff has no prefiled exhibits.

3. <u>Staff's Statement of Basic Position</u>

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

- 4. <u>Staff's Position on the Issues</u>
- **ISSUE 1:** Are the installed costs of the Solar Projects proposed by DEF (Twin Rivers, Santa Fe, Charlie Creek, Duette, and Archer) within the Installed Cost Cap of \$1,650 per kWac pursuant to subparagraph 15(a) of the 2017 Settlement?
- **POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.
- **ISSUE 2:** Are the Solar Projects proposed by DEF cost effective pursuant to subparagraph 15(c) of the 2017 Settlement?
- **POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.
- **ISSUE 3:** Are the Solar Projects proposed by DEF needed pursuant to subparagraph 15(c) of the 2017 Settlement?
- **POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

- **ISSUE 4:** Are the Solar Projects proposed by DEF otherwise in compliance with the Terms of paragraph 15 of the 2017 Settlement?
- **POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.
- **ISSUE 5:** What is the annual revenue requirement associated with each of the Solar Projects proposed by DEF?
- **POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.
- **ISSUE 6:** Should the Commission give staff administrative authority to approve the tariffs for Duke reflecting the base rate increases for the Solar Projects determined to be appropriate in this proceeding?
- **POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.
- **ISSUE 7:** Should the docket be closed?
- **POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.
- 5. <u>Stipulated Issues</u>

There are no stipulated issues at this time.

6. <u>Pending Motions</u>

Commission staff has no pending motions.

7. <u>Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests</u>

Commission staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests.

8. <u>Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert</u>

Commission staff has no objections to witness qualifications as an expert.

9. <u>Compliance with Order No. PSC-2020-0230-PCO-EI</u>

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

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Respectfully submitted this 4th day of September, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with the Office of Commission Clerk and that a true copy has been furnished to the following by electronic mail this 4th day of September, 2020:

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