

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 6

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20220050-EI – Review of Storm Protection Plan, pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

**Issue 1C:** Does DEF’s Storm Protection Plan contain all of the elements required by Rule 25-6.030, Florida Administrative Code?

**Recommendation:** Yes, DEF appears to have met the criteria and intent of the SPP Rule with its filing and the Commission has adequate information in order to satisfy its statutory requirements.

**APPROVED**

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

  
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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:**

*Commissioner Passidomo dissents.*

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**Issue 2C:** To what extent is DEF’s Storm Protection Plan expected to reduce restoration costs and outage times associated with extreme weather events and enhance reliability?

**Recommendation:** DEF utilized the Guidehouse model to support its 2023 SPP program evaluation and prioritization. The results of this model demonstrate that DEF’s SPP is projected to reduce restoration costs and outage times associated with extreme weather events.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 3C:** To what extent does DEF’s Storm Protection Plan prioritize areas of lower reliability performance?

**Recommendation:** DEF’s SPP appears to prioritize areas of lower reliability performance.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 4C:** To what extent is DEF’s Storm Protection Plan regarding transmission and distribution infrastructure feasible, reasonable, or practical in certain areas of the Company’s service territory, including, but not limited to, flood zones and rural areas?

**Recommendation:** With the exceptions discussed in Issues 6C and 10C, DEF’s SPP appears feasible, reasonable, and practical within the Company’s service territory.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 5C:** What are the estimated costs and benefits to DEF and its customers of making the improvements proposed in the Storm Protection Plan?

**Recommendation:** The estimated costs of DEF’s SPP programs are shown in Table 5C-1 of staff’s memorandum dated September 26, 2022. The estimated benefits, characterized by the reduction in CMI, are discussed in Issue 2C.

**APPROVED**

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**Issue 6C:** What is the estimated annual rate impact resulting from implementation of DEF’s Storm Protection Plan during the first 3 years addressed in the plan?

**Recommendation:** The estimated annual rate impact, as provided by DEF, is projected to increase approximately 108 percent the first three years of its Storm Protection Plan. In order to mitigate the rate impact to DEF’s customers, staff recommends DEF’s Distribution Lateral Hardening Program continue at the 2022 annual spending levels, approximately \$187.3 million per year, beginning in 2023.

**DENIED**

**Issue 10C:** Is it in the public interest to approve, approve with modification, or deny DEF’s Storm Protection Plan?

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends DEF’s SPP meets the requirements of Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., as discussed in Issue 1C. Staff recommends that DEF’s SPP, with the following modifications, is in the public interest and should be approved: ~~(1) continue the level of spending for the Distribution Lateral Hardening Program at the 2022 level;~~ and, (2) remove the Transmission Loop Radially Fed Substation Program. DEF should file an amended SPP within 30 days of issuance of the final order for administrative approval by Commission staff.

**APPROVED as MODIFIED**

**Issue 11C:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** No. As discussed in Issue 10C, DEF should file an amended SPP within 30 days of issuance of the final order for administrative approval by Commission staff. Therefore, the docket should remain open for staff’s verification that the amended SPP has been filed and complies with the Commission’s order. Once these actions are complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

**APPROVED**