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Mr. Adam J. Teitzman
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: *Environmental Cost Recovery Clause; Docket No. 20200007-EI*

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

On behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC (“DEF”), I am writing to advise the Commission that at this time, DEF has identified the following new environmental project for which it intends to seek approval for cost recovery in the above-referenced on-going docket:

Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act - The Commission approved ECRC recovery of costs to comply with new rules adopted by the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) pursuant to section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act (“316(b) Rules”) affecting cooling water intake in Order No. PSC-2004-0990-PAA-EI. The 316(b) Rules established new performance standards for reducing the mortality of fish and shellfish associated with cooling water intake structures.

The Commission previously approved DEF’s 316(b) Rules Compliance Plan associated with Crystal River North (“CRN”) in Order PSC-2018-0014-FOF-EI. As explained in the prior testimonies of DEF witnesses Patricia West and Kim McDaniel in Dockets 20170007-EI, 20180007-EI, and 20190007-EI, DEF has been conducting 316(b) studies at the Anclote and Bartow stations, and study results, along with proposed compliance strategies, will be filed with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (“FDEP”) in July and August 2020, respectively, as part of the NPDES renewal process. Proposed compliance strategies for both will be evaluated by FDEP as part of the NPDES permit renewal.

The full extent of compliance activities and associated expenditures cannot be determined until FDEP’s review of the proposed options has been completed and the NPDES permit renewal

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issued; however, preliminary engineering and design activities could begin as early as the fourth quarter of 2021. Once the NPDES permit renewal is issued with the required 316(b) Rule compliance strategies, DEF will provide the Commission with initial project scope details, project timelines, and preliminary cost estimates for the Anclote and Bartow stations.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me at (850) 521-1428 should you have any questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully,

/s/ Matthew R. Bernier

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MRB/cw/cmK

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic mail to the following this 1st day of July, 2020.

/s/ Matthew R. Bernier

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