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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause with generating performance incentive factor; Docket No. 20210001-EI

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Please find enclosed for electronic filing on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF"), DEF's First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification concerning certain information contained in DEF's Response to OPC's Fourth Set of Interrogatories, originally filed in docket no. 20190001-EI and Revised Exhibit D, Affidavit of Jeff Swartz. The original Request included Exhibits A, B, and C.

There are no changes to the original Request's Exhibit A consisting of the confidential unredacted documents, Exhibit B containing two (2) redacted copies of the confidential document, or Exhibit C containing a justification table in support of DEF's original Request. The aforementioned exhibits remain on file with the Clerk.

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/mw Enclosures

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause with generating performance incentive factor.

Docket No. 20210001-EI

Dated: April 15, 2021

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA LLC'S FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF" or "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes ("F.S."), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code ("F.A.C."), submits its First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification (the "Request") for certain information provided in response to Office of the Public Counsel's ("OPC") Fourth Set of Interrogatories Documents (Nos. 18-31). In support of this Request, DEF states:

1. On September 24, 2019, DEF filed a Request for Confidential Classification for DEF's responses to OPC's Fourth Set of Interrogatories, specifically questions 23 and 27, as it contains "proprietary confidential business information" under Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes.

2. DEF's September 24, 2019, Request was granted by Order No. PSC-2019-0424-CFO-EI on October 16, 2019. The period of confidential treatment granted by that order will expire on April 16, 2021. The information continues to warrant treatment as "proprietary confidential business information within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S. Accordingly, DEF is filing its First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification.

3. DEF submits that the information contained in DEF's Response to OPC Fourth Set of Interrogatories, questions 23 and 27, identified in Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "C" to the September 24,

2019, Request¹ continue to be "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of section 366.093(3), F.S. and continue to require confidential classification. *See* Affidavit of Jeffrey Swartz at ¶ 5, attached as Revised Exhibit "D". This information is intended to be and is treated as confidential by the Company. The information has not been disclosed to the public. Pursuant to section 366.093(1), F.S., such materials are entitled to confidential treatment and are exempt from the disclosure provisions of the Public Records Act. *See* Affidavit of Jeffrey Swartz ¶¶ 5-6.

4. Nothing has changed since the issuance of Order No. PSC-2019-0424-CFO-EI to render the information stale or public such that continued confidential treatment would not be appropriate. Upon a finding by the Commission that this information continues to be "proprietary confidential business information," it should continue to be treated as such for an additional period of at least 18 months and should be returned to DEF as soon as the information is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business. *See* §366.093(4), F.S.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 15th day of April, 2021.

s/Matthew R. Bernier

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¹ DEF hereby incorporates Exhibits A, B, and C to the original Request, Document No. 09003-2019 submitted on September 24, 2019 in docket no. 20190001-EI as if attached hereto

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Duke Energy Florida, LLC Docket No.: 20210001-EI CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic mail this 15th day of April, 2021 to all parties of record as indicated below.

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Exhibit A

"CONFIDENTIAL"

(ON FILE)

Exhibit B



Exhibit C

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA Confidentiality Justification Matrix (ON FILE)

Revised Exhibit D

AFFIDAVIT OF JEFFREY SWARTZ

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery Clause with generating performance incentive Factor Docket No. 20210001-EI

Filed: April 15, 2021

AFFIDAVIT OF JEFFREY SWARTZ IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA'S FIRST REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

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

1. My name is Jeffrey Swartz. 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 Request for Confidential Classification (the "Request"). The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

2. I am the Vice President of Florida Generation in the Regulated and Renewable Energy Department. This section is responsible for overall leadership and strategic direction of DEF's power generation fleet.

3. As the Vice President of Florida Generation, I am responsible, along with the other members of the section, for strategic and tactical planning to operate and maintain DEF's non-nuclear generation fleet, generation fleet project and additions recommendations, major maintenance programs, outage and project management, and retirement of generation facilities.

4. DEF is seeking an extension of confidential classification for certain information contained in DEF's Response to OPC's Fourth Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 18-31), specifically interrogatory numbers 23 and 27, submitted on September 3, 2019 in docket number 2090001-EI. There are no changes to the information contained in DEF's confidential Exhibit A, redacted Exhibit B, and justification matrix C. The referenced Exhibits are on file with the Clerk. DEF is requesting an extension of confidential classification of this information because it contains sensitive business information, the disclosure of which would impair the Company's competitive business interests.

5. The confidential information at issue is confidential proprietary information. 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 or services on favorable terms. DEF has not publicly disclosed the information. Without DEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality of this sensitive business information, DEF's ability to contract with third parties could detrimentally impact DEF's ability to negotiate favorable contracts, thereby harming its competitive interests, ultimately to its customers' detriment.

6. Upon receipt of confidential information from third-party vendors, and with its own confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of the documents and information provided, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company. At no time since receiving the contracts and information in question has the Company publicly disclosed that

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information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information and contracts at issue as confidential.

7. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the <u>6</u>⁴⁴ day of April, 2021.

(NE Swart (Signature)

Vice President Florida Generation Duke Energy Florida, LLC

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of <u>Apicit</u>, 2021 by Jeffrey Swartz. He is personally known to me or has produced his ______ driver's license, or his ______ as identification.



(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

(Signature) Barbara Martinuzzi (Printed Name)

(Printed Name) / NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF Florida

(Commission Expiration Date) GG 080341 (Serial Number, If Any)