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# VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

# Re: Duke Energy Florida, LLC: Undocketed — Financial impacts on utility customers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Please find enclosed for electronic filing, on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF"), DEF's financial impacts on utility customers for the month of May 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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/cmw Enclosure

## **Customer Impact Data Related to COVID-19**

#### Utility: DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC

#### **Reporting Month: MAY**

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Delinquent Accounts		
Number of Accounts 60 -89 days past due	Reporting Month	Prior Year Month
	Number of Accounts	Number of Accounts
Residential	8,860	34,820
Commercial / Industrial	760	3,579
Number of Accounts 90+ days past due	Reporting Month	Prior Year Month
	Number of Accounts	Number of Accounts
Residential	4,707	30,289
Commercial / Industrial	598	2,775
Amo	ount in Arrears <sup>1</sup>	
Amount 60 -89 days past due	Reporting Month	Prior Year Month
Residential	\$1,066,965	\$7,985,046
Commercial / Industrial	\$356,487	\$3,594,940
Amount 90+ days past due	Reporting Month	Prior Year Month
Residential	\$434,657	\$4,554,077
Commercial / Industrial	\$321,374	\$1,061,007

<sup>1</sup> Balances under a payment arrangement are excluded from arrears balances

Payment Arrangements		
Number of New Payment Arrangements	Reporting Month	March 2020 through
Residential	2,421	105,441
Commercial / Industrial	52	2,811
Average Duration of New Payment Arrangement	Reporting Month	
Residential	7.90 months	
Commercial / Industrial	6.48 months	
Percent of Customers Under a Payment Arrangement	Reporting Month	
Residential <sup>2</sup>	1.37%	
Commercial / Industrial <sup>3</sup>	0.20%	

<sup>2</sup> Number of residential customers under a payment arrangement/total number of residential customers.

<sup>3</sup> Number of commercial-industrial customers under a payment arrangement/total number of commercial-industrial customers.

Bad Debt		
Incremental Bad Debt	<b>Reporting Month</b>	March 2020 through
Incremental Bad Debt <sup>4</sup>	\$398,252	\$12,769,980

<sup>4</sup> Difference between reporting month and the average of the same month for the prior three years; excluding any prior months that were impacted by named hurricanes. No storm impacts to chargeoffs in the reporting period.

Late Fee	s			
Number of Assessed Late Fees	Reportin	ng Month	Prior Y	ear Month
Residential	\$1,166,005	223,181	\$0	-
Commercial / Industrial	\$242,679	21,269	\$0	-

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Discontinuance of Service		
Number of Customers who received a Notice of Discontinuance of Service <sup>5</sup>	<b>Reporting Month</b>	Prior Year Month
	Total Notices	Total Notices
Residential	223,916	0
Commercial / Industrial	21,206	0

<sup>5</sup> Total Notices reported reflects the cumulative number of notices sent to customers during the reporting period and does not reflect the number of delinquent customers as of report month end.

Number of Customers Disconnected from Service	<b>Reporting Month</b>	Prior Year Month
	Total Disconnections	Total Disconnections
Residential	12,149	0
Commercial / Industrial	709	0
Number of Customers Reconnected to Service	<b>Reporting Month</b>	Prior Year Month
	Total Reconnections	Total Reconnections
Residential	11,117	0
Commercial / Industrial	556	0
Customer Commu	nications	
Communications (Please Note: this excludes communications made via non-traditional channels such as local government presentations, word-of-mouth, marquee banners, etc.)	Reporting Month	March 2020 through Current (cumulative)
Customer-wide COVID-related mass communications (paper, email, phone calls, social media, etc.)	4	143
Targeted Covid-related communications to individual customers (paper, email, phone calls, text, etc.)	0	1,203,769
Customer Commu	nications	1
Please provide the following two responses starting i	n October 2020, and all sub	sequent filings
Please provide samples of any new communication/media notices provided to arrangements / late payment waivers / disconnection / reconnection policies is		y's past-due accounts / paymen N/A

In the past 30-days, has the utility made changes to, or implemented new, policies related to past-due accounts / payment arrangements / late payment waivers / disconnection / reconnection? If so, please explain. N/A