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DATE: November 22, 2021

TO: Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk

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FROM: Katherine L. Hamrick, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Executive Director,

Technical

RE: Docket No. 20210000-OT – Letters to utilities reporting COVID-19 customer

impact data

Please place the attached letters in the 20210000-OT docket file. These letters state that utilities can discontinue filing monthly reports on COVID-19 customer impact data.

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Mr. Chris Snow Utilities, Inc. of Florida 200 Weathersfield Avenue Altamonte Springs, FL 32714-4027

Re: Reporting of COVID-19 Customer Impact Data - Docket No. 20210000-OT

Dear Mr. Snow:

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Mr. Matthew Bernier Duke Energy Florida 106 East College Avenue, Suite 800 Tallahassee, FL 32301

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Mr. Richard Hume Gulf Power One Energy Place Pensacola, FL 32520-0100

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Mr. Derrick Craig Florida Public Utilities 208 Wildlight Avenue Yulee, FL 32097

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