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## **Public Service Commission**

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Staff's First Data Request Via E-mail

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## **Re: Docket No. 20210180-EI - Petition by Florida Public Utilities Company to Reinstate the Non-Firm Energy Program and Tariff.**

Dear Ms. Keating:

By this letter, the Commission staff respectfully requests the following information from Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC or Company).

- 1. Please refer to FPUC's responses to staff's first data request in Docket No. 20190132-EI, data response No. 12.<sup>1</sup> In its response, FPUC stated that it would petition the Commission to continue, modify, or discontinue the tariff just prior to the December 31, 2020 expiration date.
  - a. Please explain why FPUC opted to allow the Non-Firm Energy program tariff to expire, as opposed to petitioning the Commission prior to the program's expiration date.
  - b. Are any customers currently receiving service under the expired Non-Firm Energy program tariff? If so, please explain.

<sup>1</sup> DN 05912-2019.

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- 2. For the following questions, please refer to FPUC's responses to staff's first data request in Docket No. 20190132-EI, data response No. 11.
  - a. In its response, FPUC explained that the success or failure of the pilot program would be based upon the total utilization of non-firm energy by customers involved in the pilot program. Please discuss the total utilization of non-firm energy by customers during the pilot program.
  - b. FPUC further states in its response that the goal is to provide a benefit to all customers while improving the overall load factor for the electrical usage on Amelia Island. Did the overall load factor for electrical usage on Amelia Island improve during the life of the Non-Firm Energy pilot program? If so, please provide supporting documentation to demonstrate.
- 3. In Paragraph 7 of the Petition FPUC stated that it reviewed the effectiveness of the Non-Firm Energy program and customer needs. How did FPUC's review identify that there is customer demand to continue the program on a permanent basis? Please explain.
- 4. In Paragraph 7 of the Petition FPUC noted that it is seeking approval to open the Non-Firm Energy program to all eligible customers, as opposed to a maximum of three customers. Please explain if FPUC anticipates additional eligible customers and if additional eligible customers have expressed interest in the Non-Firm Energy program.
- 5. Please confirm that the costs to purchase and any revenue received for non-firm energy for all eligible customers will not be included in FPUC's annual Purchased Power Cost Recovery filings.

Please file all responses electronically no later than December 17, 2021, via the Commission's website at www.floridapsc.com by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form. If you have any questions please contact me at champson@psc.state.fl.us or at (850) 413-6676.

Thank you,

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cc: Office of the Commission Clerk