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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: Petition for Approval of Modifications to Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Rate Schedule Tariff Sheet Nos. 2.0, 2.7, 6.383, and 7.500; Docket No. 20230036-EI

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

On behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF"), please find enclosed for electronic filing DEF's Response to Staff's First Data Request regarding the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (727) 820-4692.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dianne M. Triplett

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DMT/mw Enclosure

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Duke Energy Florida, LLC's ("DEF") Response to Florida Public Service Commission's First Data Request re. Petition for Approval of Modifications to Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Rate Schedule Tariff Sheet Nos. 2.0, 2.7, 6.383, and 7.500

Docket No. 20230036-EI

1. With reference to Third Revised Sheet No. 2.7, please state how many customers are taking service on the currently approved Optional Load Profiler Online Service (LPO) rate schedule.

Response:

There are 772 accounts currently on LPO.

2. Of those total LPO customers, how many are registered to obtain historic consumption data on a monthly, weekly, and daily basis?

Response:

Monthly: 0 Weekly: 58 accounts Daily: 714 accounts

3. What are, if any, differences between Load Profiler Online Service and Energy Profiler Online Service? How would Energy Profiler Online Service better reflect the nature of the service as stated in paragraph 6 of the petition?

Response:

There are no differences between Load Profiler Online and Energy Profiler Online. The word "energy" better reflects the type of load the product provides.

4. With reference to First Revised Sheet No. 6.383, please state how many commercial and industrial customers are currently taking service under Economic Development Rider Rate Schedule ED-2 which has been in effect since January 2022.

Response:

When the ED-2 went into effect in January 2022, Duke Energy's economic development team began to promote this rider to eligible customers. Several inquiries were fielded throughout 2022, and currently one customer is on the ED-2 Rider, with a second

customer application received and requested to take service on the rider once anticipated expansion is complete in Q2 of 2024.

5. Referring to First Revised Sheet No. 6.383, please explain proposed criteria 6 – Geographic location benefits and how this criteria would allow DEF to properly value a particular customer's new or expanded load as stated in paragraph 7 of the petition.

Response:

Geographic location benefits refer to customers locating in geographic areas perceived to be less desirable or in areas of distress, such as opportunity zones, brownfields, or rural areas of opportunity. Adding these criteria would allow for additional scoring points to provide credit on the application for projects locating in one of these areas of focus, which could benefit the local economy.

6. Referring to First Revised Sheet No. 6.383, please explain and discuss proposed criteria 7 – Economic multiplier. In your response, please explain how the multiplier will be used with an example of a typical customer in DEF's service territory who would take service under Rate Schedule ED-2 and how this criteria would allow DEF to properly value a particular customer's new or expanded load as stated in paragraph 7 of the petition.

Response:

The economic multiplier refers to research that allows us to identify the impact specific industry types could have on a community (i.e. from a jobs standpoint). It uses the input/output economic multiplier model from Lightcast, a labor market software. This information would be beneficial in evaluating a customer's project and eligible discount by taking into consideration the impact on the community.

7. Referring to First Revised Sheet No. 6.383, please explain under "Term of Service", why the effective date of the rider is being extended from 18 months to two years from the service delivery date.

Response:

The term extension is requested to allow for additional time to accommodate delays in the customers' construction or expansion project.

- 8. For the following data requests, please refer to First Revised Sheet No. 6.383, under the section titled "Economic Development Bill Reduction Factor: (Continued)."
 - a. Please explain the purpose of Duke's proposal to change the tariff language to state: "... evaluation shall include but is not limited to the following criteria..."
 - b. Please list any other criteria that may be included.
 - c. Is it Duke's intention to increase the percent discount of the Economic Development program for customers that would have otherwise not qualified for such a discount under the current program criteria? Please explain.

Response:

- a. Evaluation criteria factors are commonplace in the industry and can change periodically.
- b. There are no additional criteria at this time.
- c. No, the addition of additional criteria is intended to provide additional factors for consideration. These factors are typically considered in economic development incentive offerings and are commonplace in the industry. The additional criteria would help to better assess a project's potential economic impact.