BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian, Nicole, and)))	Docket No. 20230020 Filed: March 27, 2024
Tropical Storm Fred, by Duke Energy Florida, LLC.)) _)	

PETITION TO INTERVENE OF WHITE SPRINGS AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS, INC. d/b/a PCS PHOSPHATE – WHITE SPRINGS

Pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes and Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code, White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, Inc. d/b/a PCS Phosphate – White Springs ("PCS Phosphate"), through its undersigned attorneys, files its Petition to Intervene. In support thereof, PCS Phosphate states as follows:

1. The name and address of the affected agency is:

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

2. The name and address of the petitioner is:

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3. All pleadings, motions, orders and other documents directed to the petitioner should be served on:

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4. PCS Phosphate is a manufacturer of fertilizer products with plants and

operations located within Duke Energy Florida's ("DEF") electric service territory. PCS

Phosphate receives service under various DEF rate schedules.

5. Statement of Affected Interests. By Order No. PSC-2023-0375-PCO-EI

("Order"), issued December 19, 2023 in this docket, the Commission authorized DEF to

implement an amended interim storm restoration recovery charge of approximately \$166.1

million, subject to refund, and to implement a modified recovery period of January 2024

through December 2024, subject to true-up, that combines Hurricane Idalia estimated charges

with the remaining uncollected charges from Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Ian, Isaias, Nicole, and

Tropical Storm Fred. The Order approved DEF's proposal to revise the interim storm

restoration surcharges, as found in Appendix A of the Docket No. 20230116-EI petition.² The

approved recovery mechanism for the Storm Cost Recovery Surcharge is an energy charge

(\$/kWh), with any excess or shortfall refunded or collected through the capacity cost recovery

clause.³ The Order requires this docket to remain open pending final reconciliation of actual

recoverable storm costs with the amount collected pursuant to the interim storm restoration

recovery charge and the calculation of a refund or additional charge if warranted.⁴ As a large

¹ Order No. PSC-2023-0375-PCO-EI, issued December 19, 2023, at 3.

³ Docket No. 20230116-EI, In re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC, for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricane Idalia, Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC, for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricane Idalia at 4,

Appendix A (Oct. 13, 2023).

⁴ Order No. PSC-2023-0375-PCO-EI, issued December 19, 2023, at 4.

customer of DEF, PCS Phosphate will be directly and substantially affected by the final amount of storm-related costs recovered in rates and the manner in which those costs are collected.

- 6. <u>Disputed Issues of Material Fact.</u> PCS Phosphate anticipates that disputed issues of material fact will be identified in the course of these proceedings. Disputed issues of material fact currently include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) What are the final, actual storm restoration costs for Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian, Nicole, and Tropical Storm Fred that DEF may recover from customers?
 - (b) Based on the final, actual storm restoration costs for Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian, Nicole, and Tropical Storm Fred that DEF may recover from customers, has DEF over- or under-recovered these costs from customers while the interim storm cost recovery factors were in effect?
- 7. <u>Disputed Legal Issues</u>. PCS Phosphate anticipates that disputed legal issues may be identified in the course of these proceedings.
- 8. <u>Statement of Ultimate Facts Alleged.</u> Alleged ultimate facts include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (a) Based on the final, actual storm restoration costs for Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian, Nicole, and Tropical Storm Fred that DEF may recover from customers, has DEF over- or under-recovered these costs from customers while the interim storm cost recovery factors were in effect?

PCS Phosphate anticipates that additional alleged ultimate facts will be identified in the course of these proceedings.

9. <u>Laws Entitling Petitioner to Relief and Relation to Alleged Facts</u>. The rules and statutes entitling PCS Phosphate to relief include but are not necessarily limited to the

following: Sections 120.569 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, and Sections 366.04 through 366.07, Florida Statutes; and Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code.

10. <u>Relief.</u> PCS Phosphate requests that it be permitted to intervene as a full party in this docket.

11. <u>Statement Required by Rule 28-106.204(3)</u>, Florida Administrative Code. Counsel for PCS Phosphate has conferred with counsel for DEF, the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC"), and Walmart. OPC supports PCS Phosphate's intervention. DEF and Walmart take no position regarding PCS Phosphate's intervention.

WHEREFORE, White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, Inc. d/b/a PCS Phosphate – White Springs respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order allowing it to intervene as a full party in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene has been furnished by electronic mail and/or U.S. Mail this 27th day of March 2024 to the following:

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