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

Re: Docket No. 20240099-EI - Petition for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing, please find FPUC's Responses to Staff's 37th Set of Data Requests.

Sincerely,

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### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Florida | DOCKET NO. 20240099-EI Public Utilities Company.

# FPUC's Responses to Staff's 37<sup>th</sup> Set of Data Requests

1. Referring to Paragraph III, section b., of the Stipulation and Settlement, please clarify if the reference to March 30, 2026 is a scrivener's error and if the correct date should be March 20, 2026.

#### **COMPANY RESPONSE:**

Yes, the correct date should be March 20, 2026.

2. Referring to the footnote on page 3 of the petition, please state whether the reference to March 30, 2026 is a scrivener's error (similar to the question above) and the \$7.4 million would be for the period March 20, 2025 through March 19, 2026.

### **COMPANY RESPONSE:**

Yes, the correct dates should be March 20, 2025 through March 19, 2026.

3. Referring to Paragraph III, section d., of the Stipulation and Settlement, please state when the substation and transmission projects are expected to be placed in service and provide the residential 1,000 kWh bill impact (on base rates and the purchased power cost recovery clause) when these assets are placed into service.

### **COMPANY RESPONSE:**

At this time, the Company is still in the process of completing the substations and does not have an exact date of when they will be completed or how much the final revenue requirement would be. Current contractor projections show full completion in December 2026. However, as stated in settlement paragraph III.d., the Company will file a notice of intent to implement this increase with the proposed tariff sheets when the work is complete and with all revenue requirement calculations. If the Company were to recover the maximum allowed amount, this would increase a residential 1,000 kWh bill by \$1.11.

4. Please provide the residential 1,000 KWH bill impacts on the base rates portion of the bill that will go into effect on March 20, 2026.

### **COMPANY RESPONSE:**

The Company is not able to determine the rates that will go into effect on March 20, 2026 until the over-recovery between the current rates and the settlement rates are approved and the 3-year average of that difference is computed. Paragraph XV.a. states that the "tariffs reflective of the rates that will be effective March 20, 2026 and for the subsequent years of the Minimum Term will be provided within 90 days of the data a Commission Order approving this 2025 Agreement becomes final. This is necessary to enable the Company to determine the over-recovery and thus the adjusted recovery for March 20, 2026 forward and to have our consultants determine the rates based on that adjusted number.

5. Please confirm the following table is correct; or provide a corrected table:

Period	Base Rates Revenue Req. Increase	Miscellaneous Charges Increase	Deferral of collection of \$1 M first year rev req increase (over 3 years)	Difference between revenues received from PAA rates and Settlement rates (over 3 years)
3/20/25-7/1/25	- \$9.6M	+ \$164,495		

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7/1/25-3/19/26	\$7.4M	+ \$164,495		
3/20/26-3/19/27	\$8.4M	+ \$164,495	+ \$1 M / 3 = \$0.33 M	- amount to be determined
3/20/27-3/19/28	\$8.4M	+ \$164,495	+ \$1 M / 3 = \$0.33 M	- amount to be determined
3/20/28-3/19/29  Until Next Rate  Proceeding	\$8.4M	+ \$164,495	+ \$1 M / 3 = \$0.33 M	- amount to be determined

## **COMPANY RESPONSE:**

This table is correct except for any addition for the substation step-up when the substation work is completed and the correction highlighted above. For clarity, the last column will reflect the difference in revenues received from the PAA rates and the Settlement rates for the period that the PAA rates were in effect; i.e. March 20, 2025 until the date the Settlement is approved.

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Data Responses have been furnished by Electronic Mail to the following parties of record this 28th day of May, 2025:

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