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Mr. Adam J. Teitzman
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Re: Docket No. 20250011-EI
In re: Petition for Rate Increase by Florida Power & Light Company –
FPL Response to Non-Settling Parties' Request for Oral Argument

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, please find Florida Power & Light Company's Response in opposition to the Joint Request for Oral Argument filed by the Office of Public Counsel, Florida Rising, Inc., LULAC Florida, Inc., Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, Inc., and Floridians Against Increased Rates, Inc. on their Joint Motion for Reconsideration of Commission Order No. PSC-2026-0022-S-EI. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Copies of this filing are being electronically served on all parties of record as reflected in the attached Certificate of Service.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (561) 691-7255.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Rate Increase by Florida
Power & Light Company

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**FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY’S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO
THE JOINT REQUEST OF OPC, FEL, AND FAIR FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

Florida Power & Light Company (“FPL”) hereby files this response in opposition to the joint request of the Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”), Florida Rising, Inc., LULAC Florida, Inc., Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, Inc. (“FEL”), and Floridians Against Increased Rates, Inc. (“FAIR”) (collectively, herein referred to as the “Non-Signatory Parties” or “NSPs”) for oral argument (“Request”) on their pending Motion for Reconsideration (“Motion”). As explained below, the NSPs’ Request fails the legally requisite obligation to demonstrate why oral argument would aid the Commission and, therefore, the NSPs’ Request should be denied. In support, FPL states as follows:

1. Granting or denying a request for oral argument is within the sole discretion of the Commission. Fla. Admin. Code R. 25-22.0022(3). However, a request for oral argument is not guaranteed or automatically approved. Rather, a “request for oral argument *shall state with particularity why oral argument would aid* the Commissioners ... in understanding and evaluating the issues to be decided. Fla. Admin. Code R. 25-22.0022(1) (emphasis added). Thus, the party requesting oral argument has the burden to affirmatively demonstrate why argument is necessary.

2. In their Request, the NSPs claim that oral argument would aid the Commission in understanding and evaluating the issues raised in the NSPs’ Motion, which they assert are relatively novel and recent because, according to the NSPs, they only became apparent upon

issuance of the Commission’s Final Order in this docket on January 22, 2026. *See* NPSs Request, p. 1. The NSPs further assert that oral argument will allow the NSPs to further refine the arguments in their Motion and provide them with an opportunity to answer any questions. *See* NPSs Request, pp. 1-2. FPL submits that the NSPs’ Request falls well short of the legal threshold for oral argument.

3. With respect to their claim of novelty, other than stating their Motion raises novel issues, the NSPs have failed to identify with any specificity which issues in the Motion they assert are new or novel and why oral argument is necessary for the Commission to understand those unknown, allegedly novel issues.

4. The NSPs’ claim that the issues raised in their Motion are recent also fails to warrant oral argument. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, all requests for reconsideration of final orders must be filed within 15 days of the order’s issuance. The NSPs’ claim that oral argument is appropriate because the issues raised in the Motion only became known after the Final Order shows no circumstance that is different than any other request for reconsideration of a final Commission order – *i.e.*, the order necessarily serves as a precursor to the motion for reconsideration that follows within 15 days. The NSPs’ theory for oral argument, if accepted, would essentially mean that oral argument would be automatic upon a request for reconsideration of a final order. Such a conclusion is directly contrary to Rule 25-22.0022 and the affirmative showing required from the requesting party.

5. The NSPs’ claim that oral argument will be “especially helpful to understanding the [Motion] such that it will assist in providing the Commission a fair opportunity to correct [its] errors,” *see* NPSs Request, p. 1-2, is nothing more than a restatement of the standard required by Rule 25-22.0022 for oral argument. The flaw is that the NSPs fail to offer any reason *why* oral

argument would aid the Commission in understanding and evaluating the issues raised in the NSPs' Motion.

6. Likewise, the NSPs' claim that oral argument will allow the NSPs to provide additional context and further refine the arguments in their Motion falls short of their affirmative duty under Rule 25-22.0022 to plead with *particularity why oral argument would aid* the Commissioners. This failure cannot be cured through the oral argument itself.

7. In summary, the NSPs' Request fails on its face to meet the affirmative burden required to trigger oral argument – and the NSPs' “trust us and we'll tell you later at oral argument” approach falls well short of meeting this burden.

8. FPL therefore submits that the NSPs' Motion, and FPL's response to the Motion, are sufficient on their face to evaluate and decide the Motion without the need for further argument or explanation.

9. Under the specific facts and circumstances present here, FPL submits that oral argument is entirely unnecessary and would not be a prudent use of time and resources of the Commission, Staff, or the parties.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, FPL respectfully requests that the Commission deny the Non-Signatory Parties' Request for Oral Argument.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of February 2026,

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