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Adam J. Teitzman
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2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 20260064-EI, Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC, for a limited proceeding to approve large load tariff

Dear Mr. Teitzman,

On behalf of Intervenor Florida Rising, Inc., I have enclosed the testimony of Katina Rentas Negrón. Please file these documents in Docket No. 20260064-EI. Please contact me if there are any questions regarding this filing.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy and correct copy of the foregoing was served on this 24th day of June, 2026, via electronic mail on:

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DATED this 24th day of June, 2025.

/s/ Bradley Marshall
Attorney

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida,
LLC, for a limited proceeding to approve
large load tariff

DOCKET NO. 20260064-EI

DATED: June 24, 2026

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
KATINA RENTAS NEGRÓN**

**ON BEHALF OF
FLORIDA RISING**

JUNE 24, 2026

1 **Q: Please state your name and business address.**

2 **A:** My name is Katina Rentas Negrón. I’m based in Central Florida, but my business
3 address is 10800 Biscayne Blvd, Suite 900, Miami, FL 33161.

4 **Q: What is your current position?**

5 **A:** I am a Climate Justice Campaigner at Florida Rising.

6 **Q: What are your duties as a Climate Justice Campaigner?**

7 **A:** Driving the implementation of an intersectional climate justice campaign,
8 building power through coalition-building, policy advocacy, education, training,
9 and direct action.

10 **Q: Please summarize your qualifications and work experience.**

11 **A:** I have more than four years of experience in the climate justice movement. Since
12 July 2023, I have served as a Climate Justice Campaigner with Florida Rising,
13 where I advance campaigns focused on environmental and climate justice. Prior
14 to this role, I worked as an Organizer with Florida Rising from February 2022 to
15 July 2023, supporting community engagement, grassroots organizing, and
16 advocacy efforts across Florida. During my undergraduate studies at University
17 of Central Florida, I conducted disaster resilience research focused on
18 community preparedness, response, recovery, and adaptation to climate-related
19 impacts.

20 **Q: Have you ever testified before the Florida Public Service Commission**
21 **before?**

22 **A:** No, I have not.

23 **Q: On whose behalf are you testifying in this proceeding?**

24 **A:** I am testifying on behalf of Florida Rising.

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1 **Q: What is Florida Rising?**

2 **A:** Florida Rising is a membership-based organization powered by people and
3 driven to advance economic and racial justice across Florida. We build
4 independent political power that centers historically marginalized communities
5 so everyday Floridians can shape the future. As an organization, we engaged in
6 the 2019 FEECA Hearings, intervened in the 2021 and 2025 FPL Rate Cases,
7 commented on the energy-efficiency rulemaking proceeding, (Docket No.
8 20200181), including in the Rule hearing, commented in some of the fuel
9 dockets and storm recovery dockets, commented in the parent debt adjustment
10 and asset optimization dockets, intervened in the most recent Tampa Electric
11 Company Rate Case and FEECA case, and, regarding Duke Energy Florida, have
12 intervened in their most recent rate case in 2024, and in their most recent FEECA
13 case, also in 2024.

14 **Q: Does Florida Rising have members in Duke Energy Florida (“DEF”)’s**
15 **service territory?**

16 **A:** Yes. Florida Rising estimates that 190 of its members are current DEF customers.
17 This estimate is based on taking the number of Florida Rising members in each
18 Florida county and applying the pro rata share of customers in the county that
19 DEF serves, rounded down. In Pinellas County alone, which is almost entirely
20 served by DEF, Florida Rising has 65 members. Additionally, through my climate
21 justice work in the organization, I am in regular contact with our members
22 throughout the state. Through these conversations, I estimate that 15 Florida
23 Rising members have directly identified themselves as DEF customers residing
24 in the Central Florida region, and Pinellas County. Three Florida Rising members

1 who are DEF customers have volunteered to have their membership made public,
2 and they are:

- 3 • Amber Woods, 1024 Jordan Park Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712
- 4 • Sandra Harris, 2432 Kingston St. S., St Petersburg, FL 33711
- 5 • Torrancia Nelson, 4546 10th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711

6 **Q: Why is Florida Rising concerned about data centers?**

7 **A:** As I stated above, Florida Rising, as an organization, is made up of members
8 dedicated to empowering marginalized communities to advance racial and
9 economic justice across Florida. Our climate justice work focuses on ensuring a
10 future where the frontline, and most impacted communities are at the center of
11 energy policy, disaster response, and all climate change initiatives. For example,
12 a significant portion of Florida Rising’s work focuses on ensuring access to clean
13 air through zero waste initiatives to avoid municipal waste incineration and
14 advocating for a cleaner power grid. DEF’s proposal for its potential large load
15 customers, most significantly data centers, threatens a crisis of environmental
16 justice by posing a risk of encouraging data center presence in DEF’s service
17 territory. These data facilities bring a host of environmental and health damages
18 that disproportionately impact low-income and Black and Brown communities
19 due to the chosen sites for their construction in rural, marginalized communities.¹
20 Data centers emit pollutants that have been linked to severe respiratory
21 infections, deplete local water reserves amidst already record-breaking droughts,

¹ See Echo D. Cartwright, *The Environmental Justice Impacts of Data Centers*, 42 Climate & Energy 15, 16–17 (2026); Molly Elise Bush, *Construction and Consequences: The Human Impacts of Artificial Intelligence Data Centers*, UAB Inst. for Human Rights Blog (Oct. 2, 2025), <https://sites.uab.edu/humanrights/2025/10/02/construction-and-consequences-the-human-impacts-of-artificial-intelligence-data-centers/>.

1 and further the disastrous effects of climate change, such as extreme heat and
2 natural disasters.²

3 Furthermore, our mission of promoting economic justice intersects with
4 our energy policy goals where DEF residential customers, including Florida
5 Rising’s members, are already burdened with some of the highest electricity bills
6 in the nation. Florida Rising members, alongside much of the state, are in an
7 active affordability crisis due in part to these rising bills. DEF’s proposal, if
8 approved by this Commission, presents a threat of even higher energy bills
9 through forcing the subsidization of large load customer costs by primarily
10 residential customers. This impact, too, will disproportionately affect
11 marginalized households; a 2025 report found that Black, Latino, and indigenous
12 energy consumers face higher energy burdens than the average white household.³
13 Florida Rising and its members therefore stand to face potential increased
14 financial burdens and negative environmental impacts from the outcome of this
15 decision. I’ve attached Florida Rising’s articles of incorporation as exhibit KRN-
16 -1.

² Adam Wierman & Shaolei Ren, *We Need to Talk About AI’s Impacts on Public Health*, IEEE Spectrum (May 1, 2025), <https://spectrum.ieee.org/data-centers-pollution>; Jon Gorey, *Data Drain: The Land and Water Impacts of the AI Boom*, Lincoln Inst. of Land Pol’y (Oct. 17, 2025), <https://www.lincolninst.edu/publications/land-lines-magazine/articles/land-water-impacts-data-centers/>; Seth Borenstein, *Record US Drought Sparks Worries About Fires, Water Supply and Food Prices*, AP News (Apr. 18, 2026), <https://apnews.com/article/drought-us-food-prices-wildfire-water-supply-3625f832e5122c988904fc66d39906f7>; Miguel Yañez-Barnuevo, *Data Center Energy Needs Could Upend Power Grids and Threaten the Climate*, Env’tl & Energy Study Inst. (Apr. 15, 2025), <https://www.eesi.org/articles/view/data-center-energy-needs-are-upending-power-grids-and-threatening-the-climate>.

³ Yael Nidam Kirsht et al., *Race, Rates, and Energy Insecurity: Exploring Racial Disparities in Electricity Costs and Consumption in U.S. Utility Service Areas*, Sci. Reps. (2025), <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-025-16419-1>.

1 **Q:** **Does this conclude your testimony?**

2 **A:** Yes.

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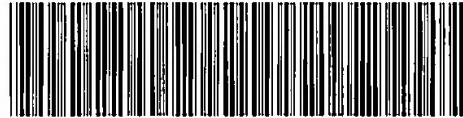
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SUBJECT: New Florida Majority, Inc. t/b/k/a Florida Raising, Inc.
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Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the restated articles of incorporation and a check for:

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January 5, 2021

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SUBJECT: NEW FLORIDA MAJORITY, INC.
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We have received your document for NEW FLORIDA MAJORITY, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The date of signing cannot be prior to the date of adoption.

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ARTICLES OF RESTATEMENT
AMENDING AND RESTATING THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
NEW FLORIDA MAJORITY, INC.

to be known as

FLORIDA RISING, INC.

Under the provisions of Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes (Florida Not for Profit Corporations Act), New Florida Majority, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation, hereby applies for a Certificate of Restated Articles of Incorporation and for that purpose submits the statement below:

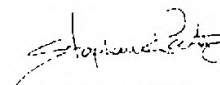
- FIRST: The name of the Corporation is Florida Rising, Inc.
- SECOND: The text of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation is attached hereto.
- THIRD: The Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation supersede the original Articles of Incorporation and all amendments to them.
- FOURTH: The Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation contain amendments. The Corporation does not have members with voting rights with respect to the amendments. The Corporation's Board of Directors adopted the amendments on January 7, 2021.

FLORIDA RISING, INC.

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that the false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

January 8, 2021

Date



Stephanie Porta, Co-Executive Director

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that the false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

01/08/2021

Date



Andrea Mercado, Co-Executive Director

RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
FLORIDA RISING, INC.

The name of the corporation is Florida Rising, Inc. (the "Corporation").

The Corporation hereby adopts these Restated Articles of Incorporation (these "Articles") as follows:

FIRST
(NAME)

The name of the Corporation is Florida Rising, Inc.

SECOND
(PRINCIPAL
OFFICE)

The principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation is:

10800 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 1050
Miami, FL 33161

THIRD
(PURPOSES)

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Within the limitations established by the preceding sentence, the Corporation is organized and shall be operated primarily to build broader multiracial movements with individuals from historically marginalized communities to seize power and govern to advance social, economic, and racial justice.

FOURTH
(ELECTION OF
DIRECTORS)

The manner in which directors are elected or appointed is as provided for in the bylaws.

FIFTH
(REGISTERED
AGENT)

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Andrea Mercado
10800 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 1050
Miami, FL 33161

SIXTH
(DISSOLUTION)

The Corporation may be dissolved in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Any plan of dissolution of the Corporation shall provide that (a) all liabilities and obligations of the Corporation shall be paid and discharged, or adequate provisions be made therefor; (b) assets held by the Corporation upon condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance, which condition occurs by reason of the dissolution, shall be returned, transferred, or conveyed in accordance with such requirements; and (c) assets received and held by the Corporation and subject to limitations permitting their use only for charitable, religious, educational, or similar purposes, but not held upon a condition requiring return, transfer, or conveyance by reason of the dissolution, and any remaining

assets of the Corporation shall be transferred or conveyed, in such proportions as the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall determine, in accordance with such limitations and to one or more organizations which are exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to Code Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4), or to a State or the United States or any political subdivision or agency of the foregoing for exclusively public purposes.

SEVENTH
(TAX-EXEMPTION
REQUIREMENTS)

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any director, employee, or other individual, partnership, estate, trust, or corporation having a personal or private interest in the corporation. Compensation for services actually rendered and reimbursement for expenses actually incurred in attending to the affairs of the corporation shall be limited to reasonable amounts.

The Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office to an extent that would disqualify it for tax exemption under Code Section 501(c)(4).

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles or of any Bylaws adopted thereunder, the Corporation shall not take any action not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Code Section 501(c)(4) or by any other laws then applicable to the Corporation.

EIGHTH
(BYLAWS)

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall specify whether the Corporation has members; the composition of the membership, if any; the members' voting rights, powers, and duties, if any; the time and place of member meetings; and such other regulations relating to the members as desired.

NINTH
(NO PERSONAL
LIABILITY)

The officers and directors of the Corporation shall not be personally liable for the payment of any debts or obligations of the Corporation, nor shall any property of any officer or director be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of the Corporation.

TENTH
(AMENDMENTS)

These Articles may be amended as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ELEVENTH
(ARTICLE
CONSOLIDATION)

These adopted restated Articles supersede the original articles of incorporation and all amendments to them.

TWELFTH
(ADOPTION)

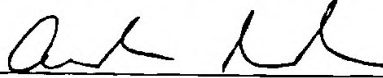
These restated articles of incorporation were adopted by the board of directors. The amendments do not require member approval.

THIRTEENTH
(EFFECTIVE
DATE)

These Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation shall be effective when filed with the Department of State.

Acceptance of Duties of Registered Agent

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Mercado', is written over a horizontal line.

Andrea Mercado, Registered Agent