

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for determine of need for a new combined cycle generating unit and onsite associated facilities located at St. Johns River Power Park Unit 3 in Duval County, by JEA.

DOCKET NO. 20260087-EM

DATED: July 28, 2026

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2026-0213-PCO-EM, filed June 11, 2026, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. All Known Witnesses

Staff does not intend to call any witness on direct examination at this time.

2. All Known Exhibits

Staff has no prefiled exhibits to introduce on direct examination at this time.

3. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by JEA and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

4. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Is there a need for the proposed St. Johns River Power Park Unit 3, taking into account the need for electric system reliability and integrity, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 2: Are there any renewable energy sources and technologies or conservation measures taken by or reasonably available to JEA, which might mitigate the need for the proposed St. Johns River Power Park Unit 3?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 3: Is there a need for the proposed St. Johns River Power Park Unit 3, taking into account the need for adequate electricity at a reasonable cost, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 4: Is there a need for the proposed St. Johns River Power Park Unit 3, taking into account the need for fuel diversity and supply reliability, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 5: Will the proposed St. Johns River Power Park Unit 3 provide the most cost-effective alternative available, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 6: Based on the resolution of the foregoing issues and other matters within its jurisdiction which it deems relevant, should the Commission grant JEA's petition to determine the need for the proposed St. Johns River Power Park Unit 3?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 7: Should this docket be closed?

POSITION: Yes, upon the issuance of a final order.

5. Stipulated Issues

None at this time

6. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

None at this time.

9. Compliance with Order No. PSC-2026-0213-PCO-EM

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of July, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with the Office of Commission Clerk and that a true copy has been furnished to the following by electronic mail this 28th day of July, 2026:

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