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

Re: *Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Demand Side Management Annual Report for Calendar Year 2025*; Undocketed

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Please find enclosed for electronic filing Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Response to Staff's Second Data Request (Nos. 1-4).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (850) 521-1425.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephanie A. Cuello

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DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S (DEF)
RESPONSE TO STAFF'S SECOND DATA REQUEST
REGARDING THE 2025 DSM ANNUAL REPORT

1. Refer page 9 of DEF's Report regarding the Business Energy Check program. For 2025, DEF projected 400 participants and reported 298 participants. In addition, refer to page 8 of DEF's 2024 Demand Side Management Annual Report. These reports indicate this program has fallen short of its projected annual participation levels each year from 2021 through 2025.

   a. Describe the marketing strategy and methods used by the utility in 2025 to promote this program.

      Response:
      Marketing strategy and methods have pivoted post Covid due to several reasons and have continued through 2025. In the past few years customers have not been receptive to allowing Assessors to personally visit their site to perform on-site audits. Subsequently, the program focused more marketing efforts on promoting the installation of the Smart Saver measures available in the portfolio. The program continued to exceed its yearly impact goals through increased participation in the Smart Saver Program.

      In addition, Assessor staffing is at a much lower level than in previous years and levels will remain low due to labor costs. Continued efforts will be made to promote the program's on-site audits, and marketing efforts will continue to focus primarily on promoting awareness of the available measures within the program.

   b. Given the program's participation history from 2021 through 2025 and the conservation goals established in Docket No. 20240013-EG, please explain how the Company plans to increase participation in the Business Energy Check program to support achievement of the Commission-approved DSM goals.

      Response:
      The company plans to move forward with continued efforts being made to promote the program's on-site audits. Marketing efforts will continue to focus primarily on promoting awareness of the available measures within the program. This strategy should ensure that the overall program goals continue to be achieved.

2. Refer to DEF's Response to Staff's First Data Request, question 3, page 2, regarding the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program. The Company states that participation decreased due to "fluctuations in agency funding."

   a. Identify the agency or agencies referenced in the response.

   Response:

Attachment 1
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U.S. Department of Energy
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
WEATHERIZATION ANNUAL FILE WORKSHEET
Grant Number: SE0001816, **State:** FL, **Program Year:** 2025
Recipient: Florida State of

IV.1 Subgrantees

Subgrantee (City)	Planned Funds/Units
Bay County Council on Aging, Inc. (Panama City)	$83,804.00 6
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners (Melbourne)	$100,110.00 7
Capital Area Community Action Agency, Inc. (Tallahassee)	$202,495.00 14
Central Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. (Gainesville)	$226,385.00 16
Centro-Campesino Farmworker Center, Inc. (Florida City)	$573,896.00 42
Community Action Program Committee, Inc. (Pensacola)	$357,969.00 26
Lake Commuity Action Agency, Inc. (Eustis)	$61,431.00 4
Meals on Wheels, Etc., Inc. (Sanford)	$76,979.00 6
Miami-Dade County (Miami)	$224,163.00 16
Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. (Brooksville)	$144,731.00 10
Monroe County Board of County Commissioners (Key West)	$39,338.00 3
Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. (Jacksonville)	$396,483.00 28
Osceola County Council on Aging, Inc. (Kissimmee)	$284,783.00 20
Pinellas County Urban League, Inc. (St. Petersburg)	$145,994.00 10
St. Johns Housing Partnership, Inc. (St. Augustine)	$177,303.00 13
Step Up Suncoast, Inc. (Sarasota)	$129,688.00 9
TO BE DETERMINED (Brooksville)	$554,776.00 41
TO BE DETERMINED (Tallahassee)	$123,621.00 9
Total:	**$3,903,949.00** **280**

   b. Describe the funding fluctuations that occurred, including the nature of the funding changes and how those changes affected program participation in 2025.

Response:
The 2025 federal government shutdown began at midnight on October 1, 2025, and lasted for 43 days. The funding impasse was resolved on November 12, 2025, during this time State and local funding was at a standstill. When funding resumed there were significant delays for funding release to the State programs.

3. Refer to DEF's Response to Staff's First Data Request, question 7, page 2. Also, refer to page 15 of DEF's Report regarding the Curtailable Service Program. The Company reported that no declared events occurred during 2025. However, the Report indicates total winter and summer demand reductions of 6,626 kW.

   a. Clarify whether the reported demand reductions represent potential (available) demand reductions or actual demand reductions achieved during 2025.

   Response:
   The 6,626kW represents potential demand reduction.

   b. The Report indicates that the number of actual participants in this program for 2025 exceeded the number of eligible participants, resulting in a negative cumulative penetration level. Please explain the discrepancy between the reported number of eligible participants and the actual participants for 2025.

   Response:
   Due to human error, the report indicated eight customers instead of seven which caused a discrepancy in the reported number. Four customers were added in 2025, three existed for a total net of seven participants.

4. Refer to DEF's Response to Staff's First Data Request, question 10, page 4 regarding the Smart $aver Custom program.

   a. For each year from 2021 through 2025, provide the number of project requests submitted for evaluation and the number rejected.

   Response:
   Although there were a few inquiries made by customers through the Custom Program during the above timeframe, only two applications were submitted and evaluated after initial discussions. One of those two did not pass the mandated RIM test. The other, a Thermal Storage Project for Seminole County Schools, did pass, and the initial incentive payout started in 2026 after a thorough evaluation of the project's potential in 2025.

b. Explain the primary reasons submitted projects did not satisfy the required RIM test.

Response:
The primary reason projects do not satisfy the RIM requirement is that their projected kwh savings are too high relative to their projected demand savings.

c. Given that the program has reported no participants since 2021, please explain whether the Company has evaluated modifications to the program's design to improve participation. If so, describe the evaluation and any planned changes. If not, explain why no evaluation has been conducted.

Response:
Since 2021 the company has explored various options to help improve participation. The RIM test is the only evaluation for program participation and that test cannot be modified to increase participation. No additional evaluation can be conducted for participation. The program does continue to refer projects to the Technology Development Program within the portfolio for these projects to be properly evaluated and considered.