BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In re: Petition for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricane Michael and approval of second implementation stipulation, by Duke Energy Florida, LLC. | DOCKET NO. 20190110-EI  ORDER NO. PSC-2020-0288-PCO-EI  ISSUED: August 27, 2020 |

THIRD ORDER MODIFYING ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE

AND ORDER GRANTING THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL   
AND DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC’S JOINT MOTION TO ABATE HEARING   
AND POST-HEARING PROCESS

Order No. PSC-2020-0039-PCO-EI (Procedural Order), issued on January 30, 2020, established hearing procedures to govern this docket, including controlling dates. On June 24, 2019, the Office of Public Counsel’s (OPC) intervention was acknowledged by Order No. PSC-2019-0239-PCO-EI. On May 11, 2020, Order No. PSC-2020-0138-PCO-EI (First Modified Procedural Order) was issued to modify the controlling dates in Section VIII of the Procedural Order. On July 1, 2020, Order No. PSC-2020-0226-PCO-EI (Second Modified Procedural Order) was issued to modify the controlling dates in Section VIII of the Procedural Order a second time. On August 20, 2020, OPC filed a joint motion on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC to temporarily abate the hearing and post-hearing process (Joint Motion). The Procedural Order set the Prehearing Conference for August 31, 2020, and the Hearing for September 15-16, 2020, with Briefs due October 14, 2020. In the Joint Motion, OPC states that temporary abatement will enable further communication between the parties, may eliminate potential misunderstandings, and may allow for the narrowing of disputes relating to the known issues under dispute. The Joint Motion is unopposed.

Pursuant to Rule 28-106.211, F.A.C., the Prehearing Officer before whom a case is pending may issue any order necessary to effectuate discovery, to prevent delay, and to promote the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of all aspects of the case. Additionally, Rule 28-106.204(4), F.A.C., provides that motions for extension of time shall state good causefor the request. Based on the facts alleged in the parties’ Joint Motion, it appears that allowing more time for the parties to communicate will promote the just determination of this case. Accordingly, the Joint Motion is hereby granted.

At this time, it is necessary to modify the Procedural Order to establish new controlling dates and modify discovery response times. As such, Section VIII of the Procedural Order will be modified as follows:

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| (7) | Prehearing Conference | November 19, 2020 |
| (8) | Hearing | December 8-9, 2020 |
| (9) | Briefs | January 8, 2021 |

All other requirements established by the Procedural Order are hereby reaffirmed in all other aspects.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Andrew Giles Fay, as Prehearing Officer, that the Office of Public Counsel and Duke Energy Florida, LLC’s joint motion to abate the hearing and post-hearing procedures is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that the Procedural Order, First Modified Procedural Order, and Second Modified Procedural Order are modified as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that all other requirements established by the Procedural Order, First Modified Procedural Order, and Second Modified Procedural Order in this docket that are not inconsistent with this Order shall remain in full force and effect.

By ORDER of Commissioner Andrew Giles Fay, as Prehearing Officer, this 27th day of August, 2020.

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|  | /s/ Andrew Giles Fay |
|  | ANDREW GILES FAY  Commissioner and Prehearing Officer |

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