

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for a limited proceeding to
approve third solar base rate adjustment, by
Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

DOCKET NO. 20200153-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-2020-0337-PCO-EI
ISSUED: October 2, 2020

ORDER GRANTING DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S
MOTION FOR TEMPORARY ABATEMENT OF HEARING

Pursuant to the Order Establishing Procedure, Order No. PSC-2020-0230-PCO-EI, issued in this docket on July 10, 2020, an administrative hearing to consider Duke Energy Florida, LLC's (DEF) Petition to approve its third solar base rate adjustment (Third SoBRA Petition) is scheduled on October 6, 2020. On October 1, 2020, DEF filed a motion to temporarily abate the October 6, 2020 hearing in this matter (Motion). DEF's Third SoBRA Petition requests the approval of five solar projects. In its Motion, DEF states that permitting for one of the five solar projects has not yet been completed; therefore, DEF contends that it needs additional time to obtain further clarity regarding the likelihood of approval for the permit. DEF states that it has conferred with the Office of Public Counsel (OPC), the other party in this proceeding, and is authorized to represent that OPC does not oppose the Motion.

Upon review and consideration of the Motion, DEF's request appears to be reasonable and does not appear to prejudice the parties, staff, or Commission regarding this proceeding. Furthermore, delaying the hearing at this time appears to be in the best interests of all parties and the Commission, as it will promote administrative efficiency and allow the matters under consideration in this proceeding to be better solidified before the hearing. Accordingly, DEF's Motion is hereby granted and the hearing originally scheduled for October 6, 2020, is cancelled. Additional proceedings will be established for this docket once the status of DEF's solar project has been clarified.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, that Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Motion for Temporary Abatement of the Third SoBRA Hearing is granted as set forth herein. It is further

ORDERED the hearing in this matter originally scheduled for October 6, 2020 is cancelled. Revised proceedings will be established for this docket at a later date.

By ORDER of Commissioner Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, this 2nd day of October, 2020.



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Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.