BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In re: Petition for determination that the Osprey Plant acquisition or, alternatively, the Suwannee Simple Cycle Project is the most cost effective generation alternative to meet remaining need prior to 2018, by Duke Energy Florida, Inc. | DOCKET NO. 150043-EI  DATED: May 6, 2015 |

COMMISSION STAFF’S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-15-0110-PCO-EI, filed February 20, 2015, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. All Known Witnesses

There are no known witnesses at this time.

2. All Known Exhibits

There are no known exhibits at this time.

3. Staff’s Statement of Basic Position

Staff’s positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the 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 :

Does DEF have a need for additional generation capacity prior to 2018?

POSITION:

No position at this time.

ISSUE : Is the acquisition of Calpine's Osprey Plant the most cost-effective way to meet DEF's generation need prior to 2018?

POSITION:

No position at this time.

ISSUE : Does the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Osprey Plant contain adequate provisions to protect DEF's customers?

POSITION:

No position at this time.

ISSUE : If the Osprey Plant cannot be acquired under the terms and conditions of the Asset Purchase and Sale Agreement, is construction of the DEF Suwannee Generation Project the next most cost-effective way to meet DEF's generation need prior to 2018?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE : Given the resolution of the foregoing issues, how and when may DEF request recovery of the final costs for the Osprey Plant acquisition or the Suwannee Simple Cycle Project?

POSITION: No position at this time.

5. Stipulated Issues

None.

6. Pending Motions

None.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff anticipates that all such requests will be resolved by order prior to the prehearing.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

None.

9. Compliance with Order No. PSC-15-0110-PCO-EI

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

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of May, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with Office of Commission Clerk and one copy has been furnished to the following by electronic mail, on this 6th day of May, 2015:

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