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## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Duke Energy Florida, LLC,

for Approval of Depreciation Rates for Solar

Photovoltaic Generating Units

DOCKET NO. 160017-EI

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION REGARDING PORTIONS OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S RESPONSE TO STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST

Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF" or the "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), submits this Notice of Intent to Request for Confidential Classification concerning portions of DEF's response and a confidential document provided in response to Staff's First Data Request. DEF's confidential Response to Staff's First Data Request and the confidential document have been filed with the clerk and the redacted version of the attachment will be filed as part of DEF's forthcoming Request for Confidential Classification. Specifically, portions of DEF's response to questions 2c and 3d, along with a document provided in response to question 3e of Staff's First Data Request, contain confidential warranty information provided by the solar equipment vendor, General Electric Co. ("GE"), the release of which would violate contractual agreements with this equipment vendor. GE has requested, and DEF has agreed, that DEF maintain this information as confidential. The release of this confidential information and warranty document would violate DEF's agreement with GE and adversely impact DEF's competitive business interests. Specifically, if GE, and other similarlysituated potential business partners, could not be assured that DEF abided by its agreements to maintain information as confidential, GE and other potential third parties may be unwilling to

participate in similar vendor transactions, which would potentially be detrimental to DEF's customers and future solar equipment purchases.

A highlighted copy of the above-referenced confidential documents labeled as Exhibit A, has been filed under a separate cover letter.

Pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(3)(a)(1), DEF will file its Request for Confidential Classification for the confidential information contained herein within twenty-one (21) days of filing this request.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic mail to the following this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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