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Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: *Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC, for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian, Nicole and Tropical Storm Fred; Docket No. 20230020-EI*

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

On January 23, 2023, Duke Energy Florida (“DEF”) filed a petition for a limited proceeding seeking authority to implement an interim storm restoration recovery charge to recover estimated Recoverable Storm Costs that DEF incurred in the amount of \$442.1 million in connection with the Storms (the “Ian Interim Storm Charge”) in the above-referenced docket. The Commission approved the Ian Interim Storm Charge for collection over the April 2023 through March 2024 timeframe. *See* Order No. PSC-2023-0111-PCO-EI. The Commission further ordered DEF to “file documentation of the total storm costs for our review and true-up of any excess or shortfall” after actual storm costs are known. *See id.* at p. 4.

In accordance with Order No. PSC-2023-0111, on September 29, 2023, DEF filed its Petition for Approval of Actual Incremental Storm Costs. That filing sought approval of \$431.4 million in actual incremental storm costs incurred in responding to the named storms (a reduction of approximately \$10.7 million from its earlier, estimated filing). DEF also proposed that any over- or under-recovery resulting from the Ian Interim Storm Charge should be collected or refunded through the capacity cost recovery clause as part of the normal true up process. DEF also proposed to inform the Commission of the actual over- or under-recovery by making a supplemental filing in the form of Exhibit No. __ (CAM-1) on or before June 1, 2024. By Order No. PSC-2023-0330-PCO-EI, the Commission set Docket No. 20230020-EI for final hearing on May 21-22, 2024.

On October 16, 2023, DEF filed a petition for a limited proceeding seeking authority to implement an interim storm restoration recovery charge to recover estimated Incremental

Recoverable Storm Costs that DEF incurred in responding to Hurricane Idalia (“Idalia Petition”). *See* Docket No. 20230116-EI. As part of the Idalia Petition, DEF proposed to combine the remaining Hurricane Idalia storm restoration costs (otherwise scheduled to be collected through the Ian Interim Storm Charge from January-March 2024) with the Hurricane Idalia estimated Incremental Recoverable Storm Costs and collect the total amount through a Combined Interim Storm Charge over the 12-month period beginning with the first billing cycle of January 2024 and ending with the last billing cycle of December 2024 (“Storm Recovery Period”). DEF further proposed to file a one-time true up after the Storm Recovery Period for collection or refund through the capacity recovery clause in the normal course of that docket.

The Commission is scheduled to vote on the Idalia Petition’s request for an Interim Storm Charge at its December 5, 2023, Agenda Conference. After approval of the relief sought in the Idalia Petition, DEF will amend its filings in the instant docket to the extent necessary to align with the relief sought in Docket No. 20230116-EI.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (850) 521-1428.

Respectfully,

s/Matthew R. Bernier

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MRB/vr

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Docket No. 20230020-EI

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic mail this 16th day of November, 2023, to the following:

/s/ Matthew R. Bernier
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