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DATE: January 5, 2024

TO: Suzanne S. Brownless, Special Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

FROM: Lee Smith, Public Utility Analyst IV, Division of Economics

RE: Duke Energy Florida- Docket No. 20190140-EI - Confidentiality Request Extension - Document No. 03171-2020, [x-ref DNs 02817-2020, 03046-2020]

On December 19, 2023, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, Duke Energy Florida (DEF or Company) requested a second extension of confidential classification for certain highlighted information contained within the direct testimony and exhibits RAP-4, RAP-5, RAP-6, RAP-7, and RAP-8 of the Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”) witness, Richard A. Polich, P.E., as appears in Document No. 03171-2020, filed on May 28, 2020, and the cross-referenced documents (DNs. 02817-2020 and 03046-2020).

On June 18, 2020, DEF filed the original Request for Confidential Classification related to these documents. DEF’s Request was granted by Order No. PSC-2020-0360-CFO-EI on October 9, 2020. Subsequently, on April 4, 2022, DEF filed its First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification for this document. That request was granted by Order No. PSC-2022-0234-CFO-EI on June 27, 2022.

The Company is claiming confidentiality for certain information contained within the direct testimony and exhibits RAP-4, RAP-5, RAP-6, RAP-7, and RAP-8 of OPC witness Richard A. Polich, P.E., under Section 366.093(3), F.S. Per the Statute, propriety of confidential business information includes, but is not limited to: Subsections (d) “[i]nformation concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms,” and (e) “[i]nformation relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.” The information provided in the aforementioned direct testimony and exhibits for which confidential treatment is being sought can be described as information revealing vendor-specific information related to DEF’s request for proposal process.

Staff has reviewed the information within the direct testimony and exhibits RAP-4, RAP-5, RAP-6, RAP-7, and RAP-8 of OPC witness Richard A. Polich, P.E., as well as the Company’s confidentiality request. In staff’s opinion, the information that is the subject of the confidentiality request does meet the criteria for confidentiality contained in Section 366.093(3)(d) and (e), F.S. Therefore, staff recommends that the request for extension of confidentiality of the afore-mentioned, highlighted information included in Document No. 03171-2020, and cross referenced Document Nos. 02817-2020 and 03046-2020, be approved.



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DATE: December 20, 2023

TO: Division of Economics, Office of Primary Responsibility

FROM: OFFICE OF COMMISSION CLERK

RE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION

DOCKET NO: 20190140-EI

DOCUMENT NO: 03171-2020

DESCRIPTION: Duke Energy (Hernandez) - (CONFIDENTIAL) Certain information contained in direct testimony and exhibits of the OPC witness, Richard A. Polich, P.E.

SOURCE: Duke Energy Florida, LLC

The above confidential material was filed along with a second request for extension of confidential classification. Please complete the following form by checking all applicable information and forward it to the attorney assigned to the docket, along with a brief memorandum supporting your recommendation.

- The document(s) is (are), in fact, what the utility asserts it (them) to be.
- The utility has provided enough details to perform a reasoned analysis of its request.
- The material has been received incident to an inquiry.
- The material is confidential business information because it includes:
- (a) Trade secrets;
 - (b) Internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors;
 - (c) Security measures, systems, or procedures;
 - (d) Information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms;
 - (e) Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of information;
 - (f) Employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities;
- The material appears to be confidential in nature and harm to the company or its ratepayers will result from public disclosure.
- The material appears not to be confidential in nature.
- The material is a periodic or recurring filing and each filing contains confidential information.

This response was prepared by /s/ Gary L Smith II on 1/5/2024, a copy of which has been sent to the Office of Commission Clerk and the Office of General Counsel.