

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Duke
Energy Florida, LLC

Docket No. 20240025

In re: Petition for rate increase by Tampa
Electric Company

Docket No. 20240026

Dated: April 24th, 2024

**SIERRA CLUB'S NOTICE OF JOINDER IN CITIZENS' EXPEDITED MOTION FOR
RECONSIDERATION OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, NOTICE OF JOINDER IN
FLORIDA RISING'S & LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS'
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE**

Sierra Club, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby joins in the Citizens of the State of Florida ("Citizens")'s Motion for Reconsideration of Order Nos. PSC-2024-0092-PCO-EI and PSC-2024-0096-PCO-EI, or in the alternative, joins in Florida Rising and League of United Latin American Citizens of Florida ("LULAC")'s motion to continue the hearing and corresponding key activity dates. Sierra Club was granted intervenor status in Duke Energy Florida, LLC's rate case on Friday, April 19, and was granted intervenor status in Tampa Electric Company's rate case on Tuesday, April 23.

The current schedules in these dockets provide only six to seven weeks following the Commission's grant of Sierra Club's intervention for our expert witnesses to prepare their direct testimony. Additionally, given the 20-day response period for discovery requests, our expert witnesses will be waiting to receive responses to discovery requests for approximately half of this time. Moreover, our expert witness in the TECO rate case will be traveling overseas—and thereby completely unreachable—for the period from May 10 to May 25. This short time period for preparing and filing expert testimony seriously prejudices our ability for a fair hearing in both of these cases, and especially the TECO rate case.

Accordingly, Sierra Club strongly supports the Citizens' and Florida Rising & LULAC's respective motions for reconsideration and continuance, and urges this Commission to grant a continuance of the deadlines—and at a minimum, the deadlines for filing intervenor testimony—in the above-captioned dockets.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 24th day of April, 2024.

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