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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket 20240025-EI, Petition for Rate Increase by Duke Energy Florida, LLC

Dear Mr. Teitzman,

Please find enclosed for electronic filing on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF'), DEF's Request for Confidential Classification for certain information provided in its Response to Sierra Club's Fourth Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 22-25). The filing includes the following:

- DEF's Request for Confidential Classification
- Slip-sheet for confidential Exhibit A
- Redacted Exhibit B (two copies)
- Exhibit C (justification matrix), and
- Exhibit D (affidavits of Reginald Anderson)

DEF's confidential Exhibit A that accompanies the above-referenced was submitted with DEF's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification on May 21, 2024, under separate cover.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me at (727) 820-4692 should you have any questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully,

/s/ Dianne M. Triplett

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DMT/mw Attachments



BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 20240025-EI

Dated: June 11, 2024

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF" or "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), submits this Request for Confidential Classification ("Request") for certain information contained in its Response to Sierra Club's Fourth Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 22-25). DEF's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification was filed May 21, 2024. This Request is timely. *See* Rule 25-22.006(3)(a)1, E.A.C. In support of this Request, DEF states:

1. Documents responsive to Sierra Club's Fourth Request for Production of Documents, specifically, Question 23, contain "confidential proprietary business information" under Section 366.093(3), F.S.

2. The following exhibits are included with this request:

(a) Sealed Composite Exhibit A is a package containing unredacted copies of all documents for which DEF seeks confidential treatment. Composite Exhibit A was submitted separately in a sealed envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" on May 21, 2024. In the unredacted versions, the information asserted to be confidential is highlighted in yellow.

(b) Composite Exhibit B is a package containing two copies of redacted versions

of the documents for which DEF requests confidential classification. The specific information for which confidential treatment is requested has been blocked out by opaque marker or other means.

(c) Exhibit C is a table which identifies by page and line the information for which DEF seeks confidential classification and the specific statutory bases for seeking confidential treatment.

(d) Exhibit D includes the affidavit of Reginald D. Anderson, attesting to the confidential nature of the information identified in Exhibit C.

3. As indicated in Exhibits C and D, the information for which DEF requires confidential classification is "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of § 366.093(3), F.S. Specifically, the information at issue in DEF's response to Sierra Club's Fourth Request for Production of Documents, Question 23, includes pricing and other information relating to contracts for goods and services. Disclosure of this non-public information could alter contractors' behavior to the detriment of DEF, its customers, and its affiliates. Thus, absent confidential classification, DEF and its affiliates' efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms may be impaired.

4. The information identified in Exhibits A and C is intended to be and is treated as confidential by DEF. *See* Exhibit D. Further, that information has not been disclosed to the public. *See* Exhibit D.

5. It follows that the information identified in Exhibits A and C is proprietary confidential information, which would cause harm to DEF and ratepayers if disclosed and which is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act pursuant to § 366.093(3), F.S.

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6. Accordingly, DEF requests that the information identified in Exhibit A be classified as "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of section 366.093(3), F.S., that the information remain confidential for a period of at least 18 months as provided in section 366.093(4) F.S., and that the information be returned as soon as it is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, DEF respectfully requests that this Request be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 11th of June, 2024.

<u>/s/Dianne M. Triplett</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. 20240025-EI

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic mail to the following this 11th day of June, 2024.

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Exhibit A

"CONFIDENTIAL" (filed under separate cover on May 21, 2024)

Exhibit B

REDACTED (copy-one)

DEF's Response to Sierra Club POD 4 (22-25)

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REDACTED

DOCUMENTS BEARING BATES NUMBER 20240025-SIERRACLUBPOD4-00004172

THROUGH 20240025-SIERRACLUBPOD4-00004174 ARE REDACTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY

Exhibit B

REDACTED (copy-two)

DEF's Response to Sierra Club POD 4 (22-25)

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REDACTED DOCUMENTS BEARING BATES NUMBER 20240025-SIERRACLUBPOD4-00004172 THROUGH 20240025-SIERRACLUBPOD4-00004174 ARE REDACTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY

Exhibit C

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA Confidentiality Justification Matrix

RESPONSE/DOCUMENT	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
DEF's Response to Sierra Club's	Question 90:	§366.093(3)(d), F.S.
Fourth Request for Production of	Documents bearing bates	The documents in
Documents (Nos. 22-25), Question	numbers 20240025-	question contain
23.	SierraClubPOD4-00004172	confidential information,
	through 20240025-	disclosure of which
	SierraClubPOD4-00004174	would impair DEF's
	are confidential in their	efforts to contract for
	entirety.	goods or services on
		favorable terms.

Exhibit D

AFFIDAVIT OF REGINALD D. ANDERSON

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 20240025-EI

Dated: June 11, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF REGINALD D. ANDERSON IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S <u>REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION</u>

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Reginald D. Anderson, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Reginald D. Anderson. I am over the age of 18 years old, and I have been authorized by Duke Energy Florida (hereinafter "DEF" or the "Company") to give this affidavit in the above-styled proceeding on DEF's behalf and in support of DEF's Request for Confidential Classification (the "Request"). The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

2. I am employed by DEF as Vice President, Power Generation.

3. As Vice President of DEF's Power Generation organization, I am responsible for providing overall leadership and strategic and tactical planning over employees in DEF's Power Generation organization. In this role, I oversee generation projects, major maintenance programs, outage and project management, fleet retirement strategy, and workforce planning (including departmental staffing and long-term strategies such as organizational alignment, design, retention, and inclusion). I am responsible for billions of dollars in assets including capital and operating and maintenance budgets, and I lead the development of regional succession planning.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in response to the Sierra Club's Fourth Request for Production of Documents, Question 23. A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in Exhibit A to DEF's Request and is outlined in DEF's Confidentiality Justification Matrix that is attached to DEF's Request as Exhibit C. DEF is requesting confidential classification of this confidential information for the reasons set forth below.

5. Documents produced in response to Sierra Club's Fourth Request for Production of Documents, Question 23, contain confidential information. Specifically, those documents contain pricing and other information relating to contracts for goods and services. Disclosure of this non-public information could alter contractors' behavior to the detriment of DEF, its customers, and its affiliates. Thus, absent confidential classification, DEF and its affiliates' efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms may be impaired.

6. Upon receipt of confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of the documents and information provided, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist DEF. At no time since receiving the information in question has DEF publicly disclosed that information. DEF has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

7. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 2024.

(Signature) Reginald D. Anderson Vice President, Power Generation Duke Energy Florida, LLC

	THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and su	bscribed before me this day
of	, 2024 by Reginald D. Anderson. He is personal	ly known to me or has produced
his	driver's license, or his	as identification.

(Signature)

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

(Printed Name) NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____

(Commission Expiration Date)

(Serial Number, If Any)