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June 19, 2024

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 LULAC and FL Rising's Fifth Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 39-43). 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 Hans Jacob and Ed Scott)

DEF's confidential Exhibit A that accompanies the above-referenced was submitted with DEF's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification on May 29, 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

Dianne M. Triplett

DMT/mh Attachments

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC

DOCKET NO. 20240025-EI

for rate increase

Dated: June 19, 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 DEF's Response

to Florida Rising and League of United Latin American Citizens' (together, "LULAC") Fifth

Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 39-43).

DEF's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification was filed May 29, 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 LULAC's Fifth Request for Production of Documents,

Questions 41 and 42, 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 unreducted copies of all

documents for which DEF seeks confidential treatment. Composite Exhibit A was submitted

separately in a sealed envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" on May 29, 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 affidavits of Edward L. Scott and Hans Jacob, 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:
- (a) The information at issue in DEF's response to LULAC's Fifth Request for Production of Documents, Question 41, includes pricing information relating to contracts for goods and services (along with other terms of such agreements). 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's efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms may be impaired. In addition, these documents contain information relating to DEF's costs with respect to electric vehicle readiness projects. That information relates to DEF's competitive business interests, and, thus, its disclosure would impair DEF's ability to compete in the marketplace.
- (b) The information at issue in DEF's response to LULAC's Fifth Request for Production of Documents, Question 42, includes pricing information relating to contracts for goods and services (along with other terms of such contracts). 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's efforts to contract for goods and services

on favorable terms may be impaired. In addition, the documents in question contain details about

the location and nature of future transmission planning projects. Disclosure of that information

could pose significant security risks to DEF, its customers, and the transmission grid.

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.

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 19th day of June, 2024.

/s/Dianne M. Triplett

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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 19th day of June, 2024.

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Exhibit A

"CONFIDENTIAL"

(filed under separate cover on May 29, 2024)

Exhibit B

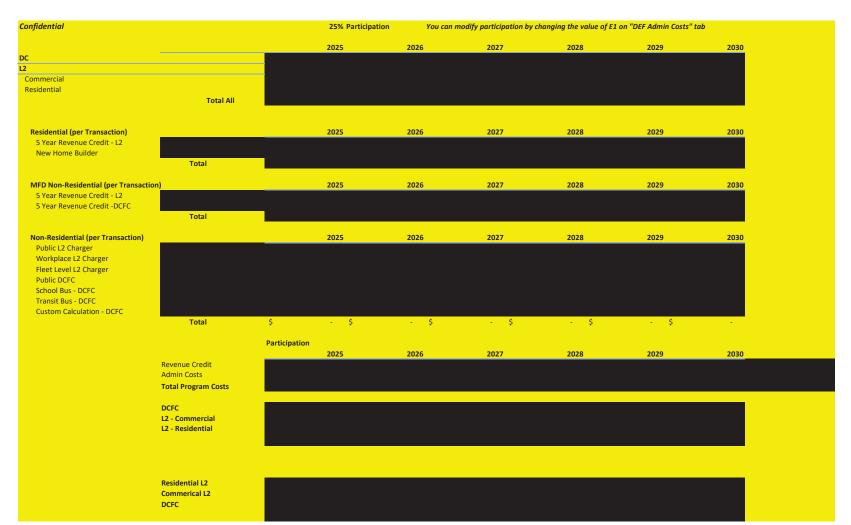
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Q42
and
DEF's Response to LULACFLRISING POD 1 (1-8)
Q2

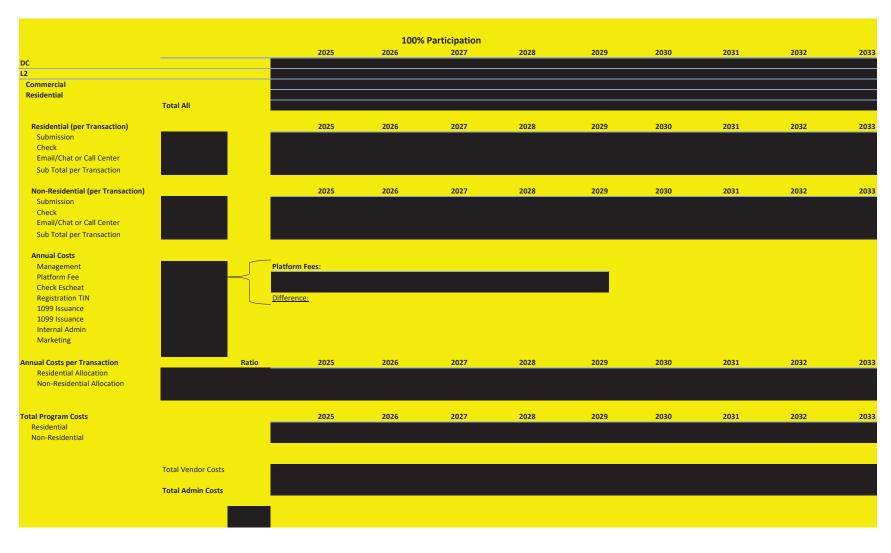
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(transmission)



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Charger Types					
	Per Participant				
	Daily kWh	Per Participant Daily	Per Participant		
CHARGER	(Weekday)	kWh (Weekend)	Max kW	Weekends?	Shape

Exhibit B

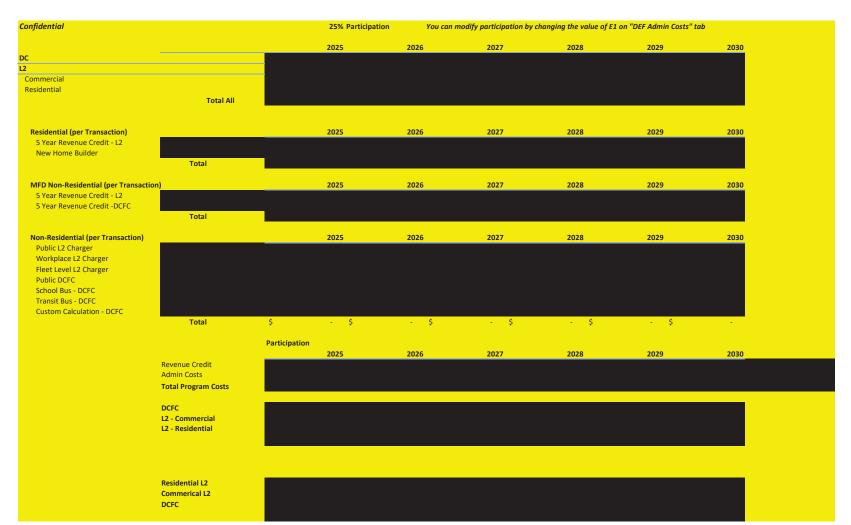
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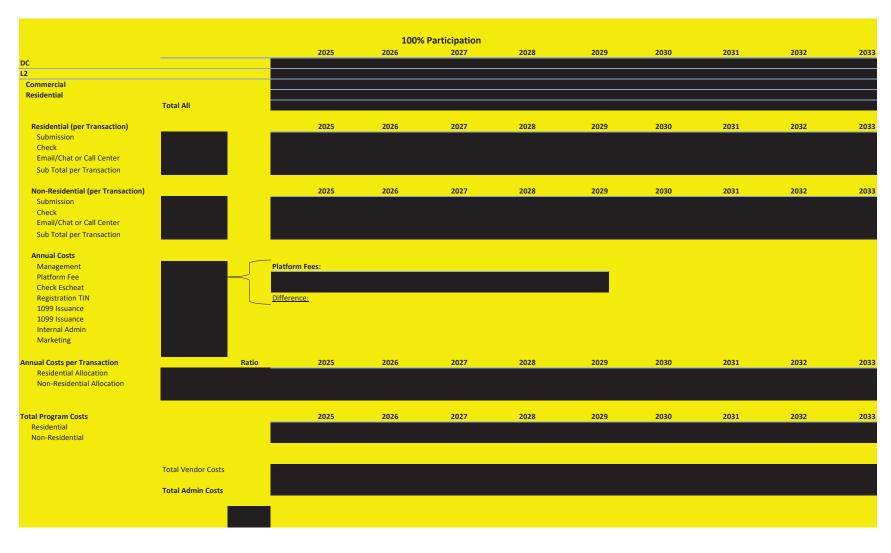
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Exhibit C

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA Confidentiality Justification Matrix

RESPONSE/DOCUMENT	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
DEF's Response to LULAC's Fifth	Question 41:	§366.093(3)(e), F.S.
Request for Production of	Documents bearing bates	The documents in
Documents (Nos. 39-43),	numbers 20240025-	question contain
specifically, Question 41.	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-00	confidential information
	000856 through 20240025-	relating to competitive
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-00	business interests, the
	000858 contain confidential	disclosure of which
	information. Specifically,	would impair the
	information in the following	competitive business of
	columns is confidential:	the provider/owner of the
	"Total All,"	information.
	"2025," "2026," "2027,"	
	"2028," "2029," "2030,"	§366.093(3)(d), F.S.
	"2031," "2032," "2033,"	The documents in
	"Participation," "Platform	question contain
	Fees," and "Ratio."	confidential information,
		the disclosure of which
	The document bearing bates	would impair DEF's
	number 20240025-	efforts to contract for
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-00	goods or services on
	000861 contains confidential	favorable terms.
	information. Specifically,	
	information in the following	
	columns is confidential:	
	"CHARGER," "Per	
	Participant Daily kWh	
	(Weekday)," "Per Participant	
	Daily kWh (Weekend),"	
	"Per Participant Max kW,"	
	"Weekends?," and "Shape."	

DEF's Response to LULAC's Fifth	Question 42:	§366.093(3)(e), F.S.
Request for Production of	The document bearing bates	The document in question
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Documents (Nos. 39-43), specifically, Question 42.	number 20240025- LULACFLRISINGPOD1-0 0000030 is confidential in its entirety.	contains confidential information relating to competitive business interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider/owner of the information. §366.093(3)(c), F.S. The document in question contains confidential security measures, systems, or procedures.

Exhibit D

AFFIDAVITS OF EDWARD L. SCOTT AND HANS JACOB

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC

DOCKET NO. 20240025-EI

for rate increase

Dated: June 19, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF EDWARD L. SCOTT IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

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

- 1. My name is Edward L. Scott. 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 DE as General Manager of Transmission Planning.
- 3. As General Manager of Transmission Planning, I am responsible for the planning of Duke Energy's electric transmission system in six states. Areas of focus include development of company Transmission Plans, regional (SERC, RFC, FRCC) and NERC PII as process strategies and assessments, joint studies with adjacent interconnected utilities and RTOs/ISOs and

analysis and studies as required under the FERC Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT). I am also responsible for ensuring compliance to all safety, environmental and regulatory policies and business practices. I also serve as Vice Chair on the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council's ("FRCC") Operating Committee.

- 4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in response to Florida Rising and League of United Latin American Citizens' (together, "LULAC") Fifth Request for Production of Documents, Question 42. A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in confidential 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.
- Documents, Question 42, contain confidential information. Specifically, these documents contain pricing information relating to contracts for goods and services (along with other terms of such contracts). 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's efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms may be impaired. In addition, the documents in question contain details about the location and nature of future transmission planning projects. Disclosure of that information could pose significant security risks to DEF, its customers, and the transmission grid.
- 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.

This concludes my affidavit.

7.

Further affiant sayeth not.	
	, 2024. (Signature) Edward L. Scott General Manager, Transmission Planning
	was sworn to and subscribed before me this day He is personally known to me or has produced his
driver's license, or	
(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)	(Signature) (Printed Name) NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF
MONIQUE HAMPTOM MY COMMISSION # HH 368082	(Commission Expiration Date)
EXPIRES: June 28, 2027	(Serial Number, If Any)

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AFFIDAVIT OF HANS JACOB IN SUPPORT OF **DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S** REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

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

- 1. My name is Hans Jacob. 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 Duke Energy Corporation as Director of Renewable Business Development.
- 3. As a Director of Renewable Business Development, I am responsible for the development of battery energy storage systems ("BESS") projects in Florida on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF" or the "Company"). I lead a team of project developers responsible

for the initiation and deployment of regulated battery energy storage and microgrid systems.

- 4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in response to Florida Rising and League of United Latin American Citizens' (together, "LULAC") Fifth Request for Production of Documents, Question 41. 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.
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Dated the day of	, 2024.
	(Signature) Hans Jacob Director, Renewable Business Development Duke Energy Corporation
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