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June 28, 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 Sierra Club's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-38) and First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-13). 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 and Benjamin Borsch)

DEF's confidential Exhibit A that accompanies the above-referenced was previously submitted with DEF's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification, 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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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 20240025-EI

Dated: June 28, 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 First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-38) and First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-13). In support of this Request, DEF states:

1. Documents responsive to Sierra Club's First Set of Interrogatories of Documents, specifically, Question 11 and 17 and Sierra Club's First Request for Production of Documents, specifically 7 and 10, 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". 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 affidavits of Reginald D. Anderson, and BenjaminBorsch 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 First Set of Interrogatories, Question 7 and 11 and First Request for Production of Documents, Question 7, relate to DEF's generation projects, to include DEF's costs associated with these projects and internal processes and procedures. That information relates to DEF's competitive business interests, and, thus, its disclosure would impair DEF's ability to compete in the marketplace. In addition, these 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.

4. The information at issue in DEF's response to Sierra Club's First Request for Production of Documents, Question 10, includes information relating to third-party forecasting information. That information relates to DEF's competitive business interests, and, absent confidential classification, disclosure would impair DEF's ability to compete in the marketplace 5.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.

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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 28th 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 28th day of June, 2024.

/s/ Dianne M. Triplett

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Exhibit A

"CONFIDENTIAL" (filed under separate cover)

Exhibit B

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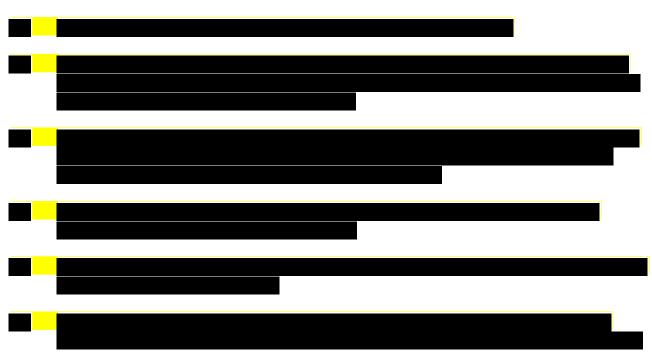
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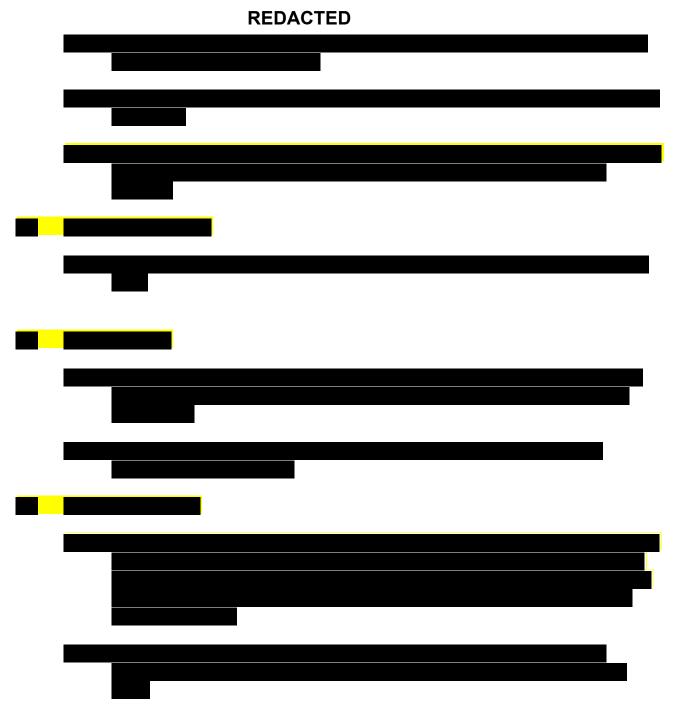
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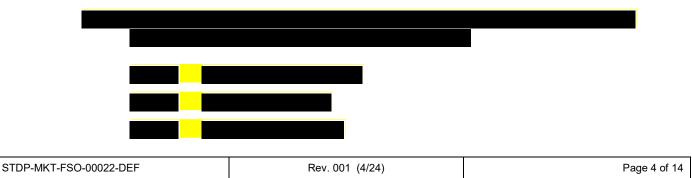
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4.0 **Processes and Communications**

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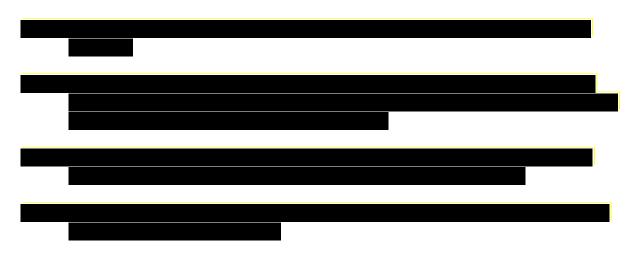
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4.2 Official Operating Plan (Reference Attachment 1)



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4.4 Economic Analysis of Alternate Scenarios



4.5 **Maintenance of Operating Data**

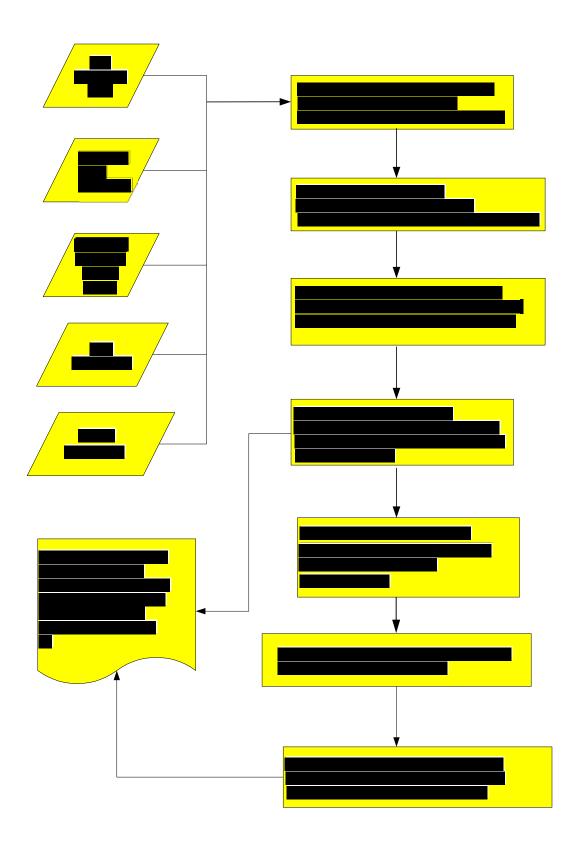


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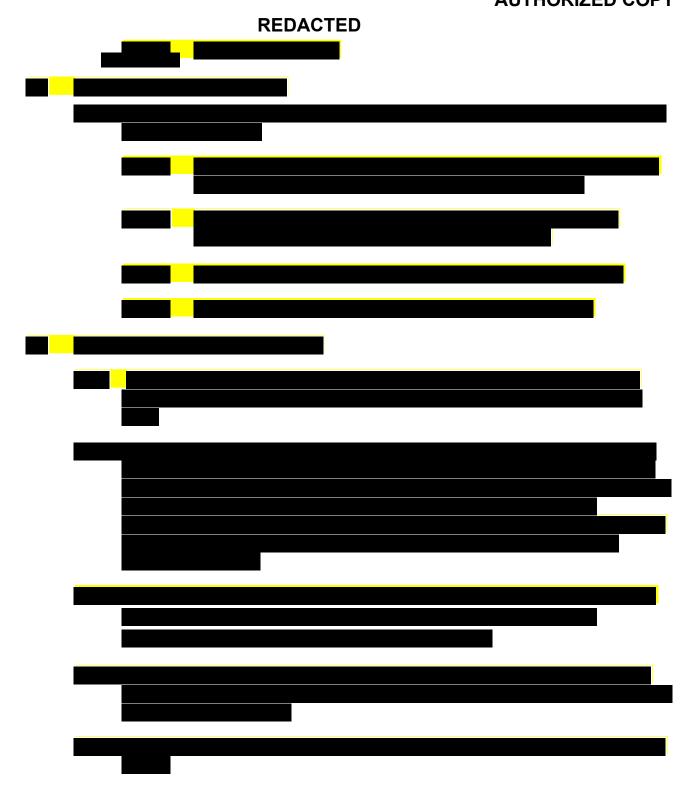
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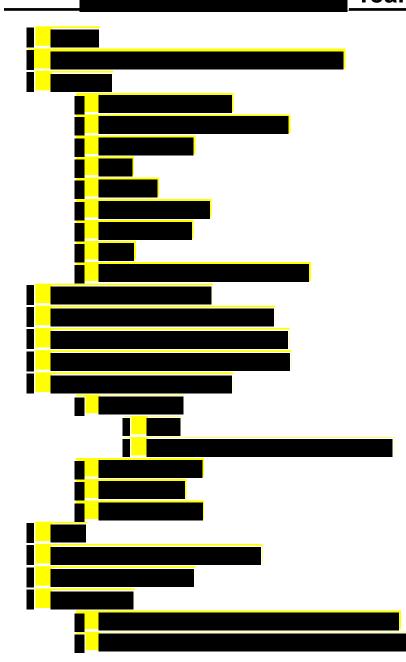
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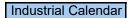
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Falmouth	74.90	
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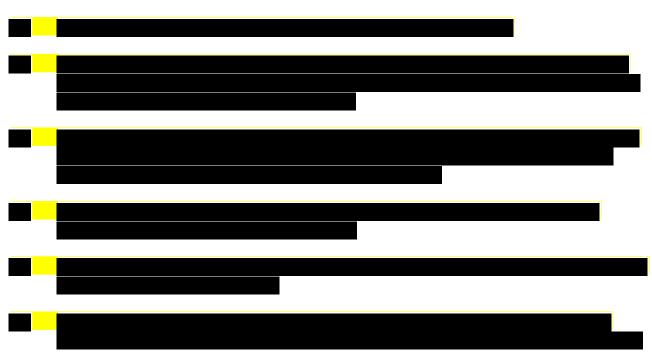
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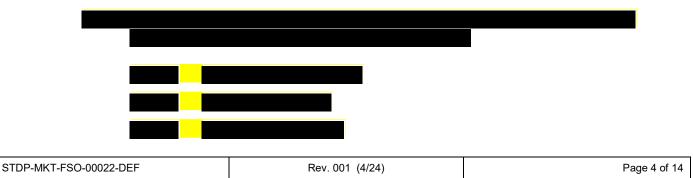
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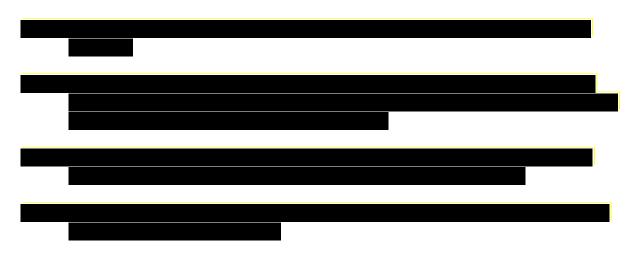
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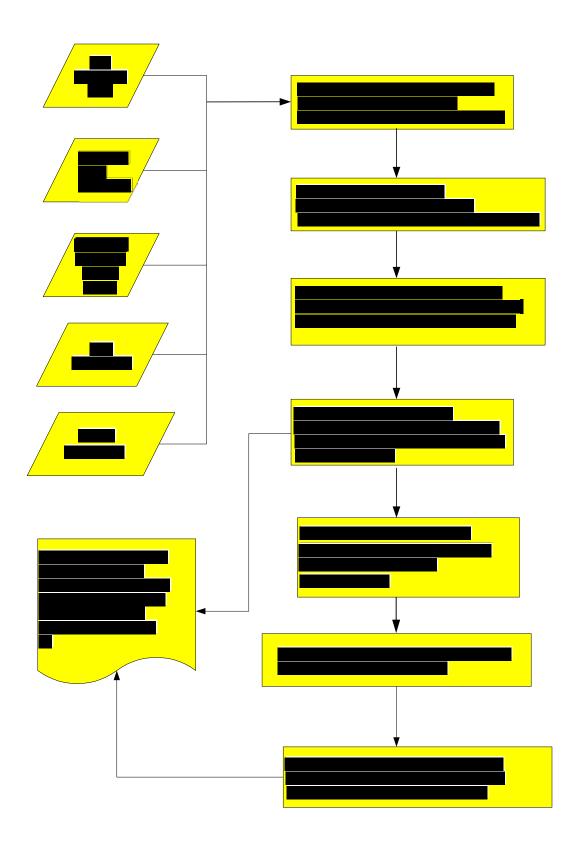


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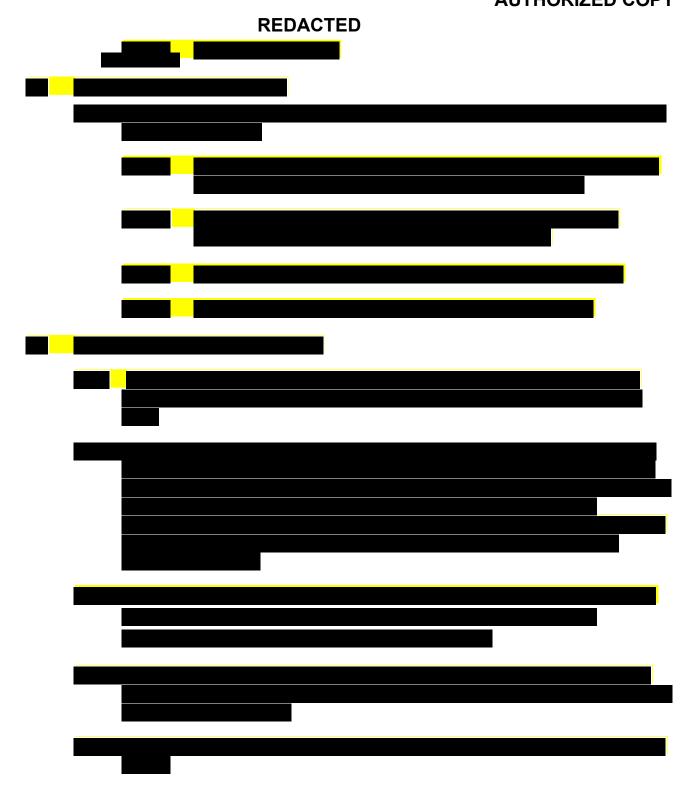
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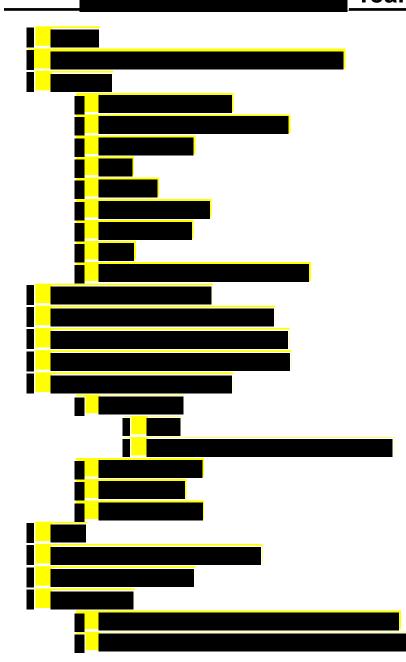
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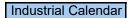
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Duke Energy Florida, LLC SC ROG 1-11a-b DEF Coal Supply Contract Obligations Tons and Cost Contacted Obligations as of 1/1/2021 through 4/12/2024

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Contacted Obligations as of 1/1/2021 through 4/12/2024																						
						Ob	ligations (tons)					Annual Coal Purchase Price/Ton				Annual Coal Purchase Amount			rchase Amount			
Contract#	Counter Party	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Total Obligation (tons) 2021 - 2026 (may include prior period carryover tons)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Contract Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025

Annual Avg Purchase Price



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Project Name	Capacity MW-ac	Overnight Cost \$/kW-ac
Winquepin	74.90	
County Line (formerly Spring Ridge)	74.90	
Falmouth	74.90	
Mule Creek	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2025 Sundance	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2025 #2	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2025 Bailey Mill	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2025 Half Moon	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2025 Rattler	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2025 #6	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2026 #1	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2026 #2	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2026 #3	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2026 #4	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2027 #1	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2027 #2	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2027 #3	74.90	
DEF Solar Growth - 2027 #4	74.90	

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REDACTED Documents bearing Bates numbers 20240025-SIERRACLUB-00002922 through 20240025-SIERRACLUB-00003176 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 11 : All information	§366.093(3)(e), F.S.
First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-	in Bates number 20240025-	The documents in
38), Questions 11 and 17.	SIERRACLUBROG1-	question contain
	00000012 with the exception	confidential information
	of headers "Contract#,	relating to competitive
	Counterparty, Effective Date,	business interests, the
	Expiration Date, Obligation	disclosure of which
	(tons), Total Obligation,	would impair the
	2021-2026, Annual Coal	competitive business of
	Purchase Price/Ton 2021-	the provider/owner of the
	2026 and Contract type, and	information.
	Annual Coal Purchase	
	Amount 2021-2026" is	§366.093(3)(d), F.S.
	confidential.	The documents in
		question contain
	Question 17:	confidential information,
	The information in column	the disclosure of which
	"Overnight Cost \$/kw-ac"	would impair DEF's
	bearing Bates number	efforts to contract for
	20240025-	goods or services on
	SIERRACLUBROG1-	favorable terms.
	0000013 is confidential in	
	their entirety.	
RESPONSE/DOCUMENT	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
DEF's Response to Sierra Club's	Question 7: All information	§366.093(3)(e), F.S.
First Request for Production of	after reliability in the section	The documents in
Documents (Nos. 1-13), Questions 7	1.0 bearing Bates number	question contain
and 10.	SIERRACLUBPOD1-	confidential information
	00001508 is confidential.	relating to competitive
		business interests, the
	All information in Bates	disclosure of which
	numbers 20240025-	would impair the
	SIERRACLUBPOD1-	competitive business of
	00001509 through	the provider/owner of the
	20240025-	information.
	SIERRACLUBPOD1-	

00001510 is confidential in their entirety.Bates number 20240025- SIERRACLUBPOD1- 00001511-with the exception of headers for subsection "4.0 and 4.1" is confidential.Bates number 20240025- SIERRACLUBPOD1- 00001512-with the exception of "Caution" paragraph is confidential.All information in Bates number 20240025- SIERRACLUBPOD1- 00001513 is confidential in their entiretyBates number 20240025- SIERRACLUBPOD1- 00001513 is confidential in their entiretyBates number 20240025- SIERRACLUBPOD1- 00001514-with the exception of headers for subsection "4.2 and 4.3" is confidential.All information in Bates number 20240025- SIERRACLUBPOD1- 00001515 is confidential in their entiretyBates number 20240025- SIERRACLUBPOD1- 00001515 is confidential in their entiretyBates number 20240025- SIERRACLUBPOD1- 00001516-with the exception of headers for subsection "4.4, 4.5 and 5.0" is confidential.All information in Bates number 20240025- SIERRACLUBPOD1- 00001516-with the exception of headers for subsection "4.4, 4.5 and 5.0" is confidential.All information in Bates number 20240025- SIERRACLUBPOD1- 00001516-with the exception of headers for subsection "4.4, 4.5 and 5.0" is confidential.	§366.093(3)(d), F.S. The documents in question contain confidential information, the disclosure of which would impair DEF's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms.

Bates number 20240025- SIERRACLUBPOD1-	
00001518-with the exception	
of headers for "Data	
Element, Responsible	
Organizations, Minimum	
Update Frequency, Deadline,	
and Data Submitted Method"	
is confidential.	
All information in Bates	
number 20240025-	
SIERRACLUBPOD1-	
00001519 and 20240025-	
SIERRACLUBPOD1-	
00001520 is confidential in	
their entirety.	
Bates number 20240025-	
SIERRACLUBPOD1-	
00001521-the information	
after "Attachment 4" but	
before "Team Meeting " and	
all information after "Team	
Meeting" is confidential.	
Question 10:	
All information in columns,	
"Year, Month, Large	
Customers, Industrial	
Excluding Large Customers	
Billed, Industrial Excluding	
Large Customers, Calendar	
and Industrial Calendar",	
bearing Bates numbers	
20240025-	
SIERRACLUBPOD1-	
SIERRACLUBPOD1- 00002902 through 2921 is	
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Customers, Industrial Excluding Large Customers Billed, Industrial Excluding Large Customers, Calendar and Industrial Calendar", bearing Bates numbers	

20240025-SIERRACLUB- 00003176 are confidential in	
their entirety.	

Exhibit D

AFFIDAVITS OF REGINALD D. ANDERSON AND BENJAMIN BORSCH

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 20240025-EI

Dated: June 28, 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 First Set of Interrogatories 11 and 17 and First Request for Production of Documents, Question 7. 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 First Set of Interrogatories 11 and 17 and First Request for Production of Documents, Question 7, contain confidential information. Specifically, these documents contain information relating to DEF's generation projects, to include DEF's costs associated with these projects and internal processes and procedures. That information relates to DEF's competitive business interests, and, thus, its disclosure would impair DEF's ability to compete in the marketplace. In addition, these 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 subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2024 by Reginald D. Anderson. He is personally 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)

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 20240025-EI

Dated: June 28, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF BENJAMIN H. BORSCH 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 Benjamin H. Borsch, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Benjamin H. Borsch. 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 Managing Director of Integrated Resource Planning and Analytics.

3. As Managing Director of Integrated Resource Planning and Analytics, I am responsible for directing the resource planning process for DEF in an integrated approach in order to find the most cost-effective alternatives to meet DEF's obligation to serve its customers in

Florida. In this capacity, I oversee numerous studies to evaluate the system impact and cost effectiveness of various proposed and alternative generation projects. I oversee the completion of the Company's Ten-Year Site Plan ("TYSP") filed each April.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in response to the Sierra Club's First Request for Production of Documents, question 10. 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 First Request for Production of Documents, Question 10, contain confidential information. Specifically, these documents contain third-party pricing information relating to contracts for goods and services. Disclosure of this nonpublic 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) Benjamin H. Borsch Managing Director, Integrated Resource Planning and Analytics Duke Energy Florida, LLC

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2024 by Benjamin H. Borsch. He is personally 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)