

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Docket No. 20240025-EI

Dated: July 22, 2024

**NOTICE OF FILING VERIFIED AFFIDAVITS IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY
FLORIDA, LLC'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Duke Energy Florida, LLC, ("DEF") hereby gives notice of filing the verified Affidavits of Nicole Aquilina and Michael O'Hara in support of DEF's Request for Confidential Classification, submitted on June 18, 2024 (document number 06642-2024), regarding its Response to the Office of Public Counsel's Twelfth Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 317-333) and Twelfth Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 139-141), this 22nd day of July, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic mail this 22nd day of July, 2024, to the following:

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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 18, 2024

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

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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

1. My name is Nicole Aquilina. 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 Business Services, LLC ("DEBS") as Accounting Manager II, providing accounting leadership for DEF.

3. As Accounting Manager II, I am responsible for ensuring that the accounting impacts of the Company's business activities and transactions are understood and properly

recorded to the general ledger, and that such accounting impacts, as well as any applicable related variances to budget and prior year results, are clearly explained and properly presented in internal and external financial reports. I am also responsible for ensuring that the accounting team performs its tasks in an accurate and timely manner in accordance with published deadlines while strictly adhering to Company policies and controls.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in its supplemental response to the Office of the Public Counsel's ("OPC") Twelfth Set of Interrogatories, Question 323. 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 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 the Supplemental response to OPC's Twelfth Set of Interrogatories, Question 323 contains confidential information. Specifically, the documents include confidential invoice information, amounts, and terms, which is sensitive, internal business information that relates to DEF's competitive interests. Absent confidential classification, DEF's ability to negotiate settlements would be impaired in the future, which would, in turn, impair DEF's ability to compete in the marketplace.

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 the Company. At no time since receiving the information in question has the Company publicly disclosed that information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

7. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 19 day of June, 2024.

Nicole Aquilina
(Signature)

Nicole Aquilina
Accounting Manager II
Duke Energy Business Services, LLC

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of June, 2024 by Nicole Aquilina. She is personally known to me or has produced her South Carolina driver's license, or her _____ as identification.

Alexis Cathcart
(Signature)

Alexis Cathcart
(Printed Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF North Carolina

4/20/2026
(Commission Expiration Date)

(Serial Number, If Any)



BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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DOCKET NO. 20240025-EI

Dated: June 18, 2024

**AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL O'HARA 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 Michael O'Hara, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Michael O'Hara. 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 the Regional Forecasting Director for Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

3. As Regional Forecasting Director, my duties and responsibilities include strategic planning, financial planning and forecasting, business planning, budgeting, cost management, management accounting, and key performance management.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in response to the Office of the Public Counsel's ("OPC") Twelfth Set of Interrogatories, Question 317. 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 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.

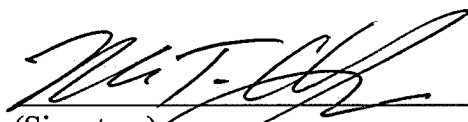
5. A document produced in response to OPC's Twelfth Set of Interrogatories, Question 317, contains employees' names. These names are personnel information, unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities.

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 the Company. At no time since receiving the information in question has the Company publicly disclosed that information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

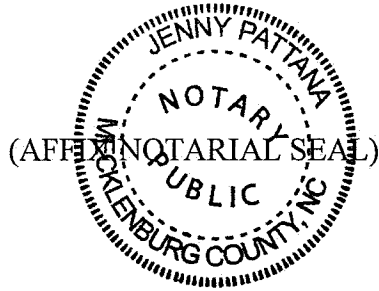
7. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 10th day of July, 2024.


(Signature)
Michael O'Hara
Director, Regional Forecasting
Duke Energy Florida, LLC

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of July, 2024 by Michael O'Hara. He is personally known to me or has produced his _____ driver's license, or his _____ as identification.



Jenny Pattana
(Signature)

Jenny Pattana
(Printed Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NC

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