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July 25, 2025

#### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause with generating performance incentive factor; Docket No. 20250001-EI

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Please find enclosed for electronic filing on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC's ("DEF"), Request for Confidential Classification filed in connection with Exhibit No. JM-1P-2026 Risk Management Plan and Attachments A through G, to the direct testimony of James McClay. The filing includes the following:

- DEF's Request for Confidential Classification
- Slipsheet for confidential Exhibit A
- Redacted Exhibit B (two copies)
- Exhibit C (justification matrix), and
- Exhibit D (affidavit of James McClay)

DEF's confidential Exhibit A that accompanies the above-referenced filing, has been submitted under separate cover.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me at (850) 521-1428 should you have any questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully,

/s/Matthew R. Bernier

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#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause with generating performance

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Docket No. 20250001-EI

Dated: July 25, 2025

### 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 for certain information contained in Exhibit No. JM-1P- 2026 Risk Management Plan and Attachments A through G to the direct testimony of James McClay. In support of this Request, DEF states:

- 1. Certain information contained in Exhibit No. JM-1P- 2026 Risk Management Plan and Attachments A through G to the direct testimony of James McClay, contain information that is "proprietary confidential business information" under Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes.
  - 2. The following exhibits are included with this request:
- (a) Sealed Composite Exhibit A is a package containing an unreducted copy of all the documents for which DEF seeks confidential treatment. Composite Exhibit A is being submitted separately in a sealed envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL." In the unreducted version, 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 the Company 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 is an affidavit attesting to the confidential nature of information identified in this request.
- 3. As indicated in Exhibit C, certain information contained in Exhibit No. JM-1P-2026 Risk Management Plan and Attachments A through G, to the direct testimony of James McClay, contain "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S. The highlighted information in DEF's Risk Management Plan and enumerated Attachments provide forecasted costs, hedging volumes, fuel consumption and economy transaction projections for 2026, internal policies and guidelines regarding hedging transactions, and collateral summaries. Affidavit of James McClay at ¶¶ 5 and 6. Disclosure of this information would enable fuel suppliers to have insight into DEF's internal risk management guidelines and to obtain competitive information, which would result in greater price convergence in future negotiations. Affidavit of James McClay at ¶ 5. As such, disclosure of the information would impair the Company's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. See § 366.093(3)(d), F.S.; Affidavit of James McClay ¶¶ 5 and 6. Additionally, if the information at issue was publicly disclosed, DEF's efforts to obtain competitive energy supply that provides economic value to both DEF and its customers could be compromised by DEF's competitors changing their consumption or purchasing behavior within the relevant markets. § 366.093(3)(e), F.S.; Affidavit of James McClay at ¶6. Accordingly, such

information constitutes "proprietary confidential business information" which is exempt from

disclosure under the Public Records Act pursuant to Section 366.093(1), F.S.

4. The information identified as Exhibit "A" is intended to be and is treated as

confidential by the Company. See Affidavit of James McClay at ¶ 7. The information has not been

disclosed to the public, and the Company has treated and continues to treat the information and

contracts at issue as confidential. See Affidavit of James McClay at ¶ 7.

5. 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 for

Confidential Classification be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 25th day of July, 2025.

/s/ Matthew R. Bernier

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# Duke Energy Florida, LLC Docket No.: 20250001 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic mail this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025 to all parties of record as indicated below.

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# Exhibit A

# "CONFIDENTIAL"

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# **Exhibit B**

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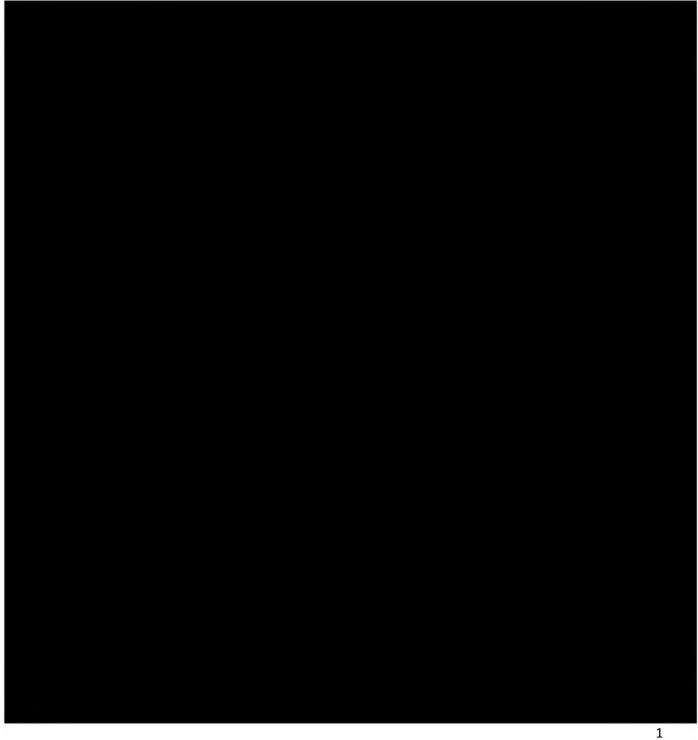
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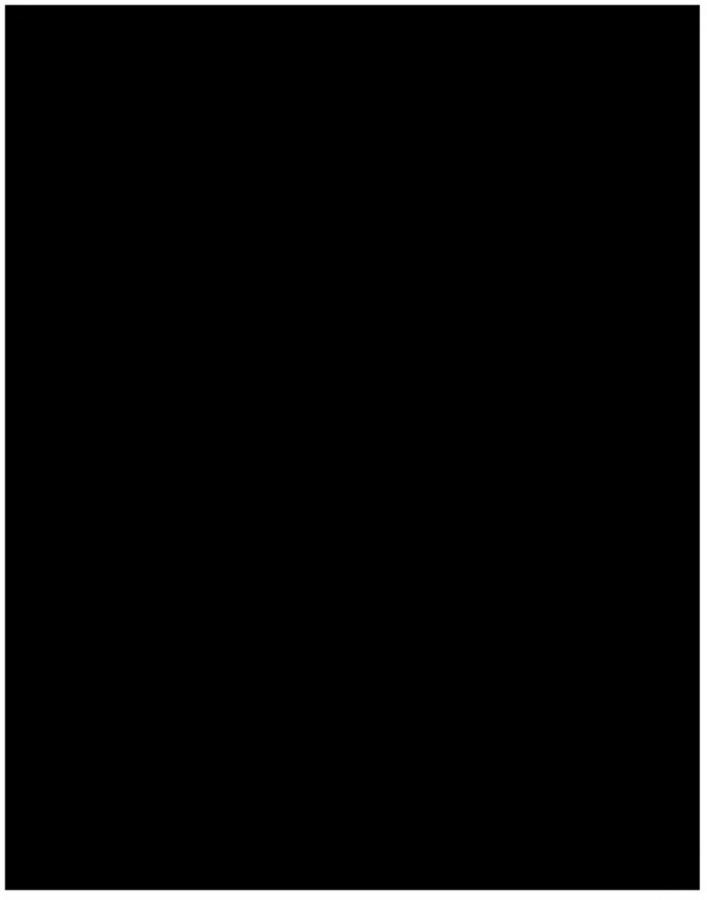
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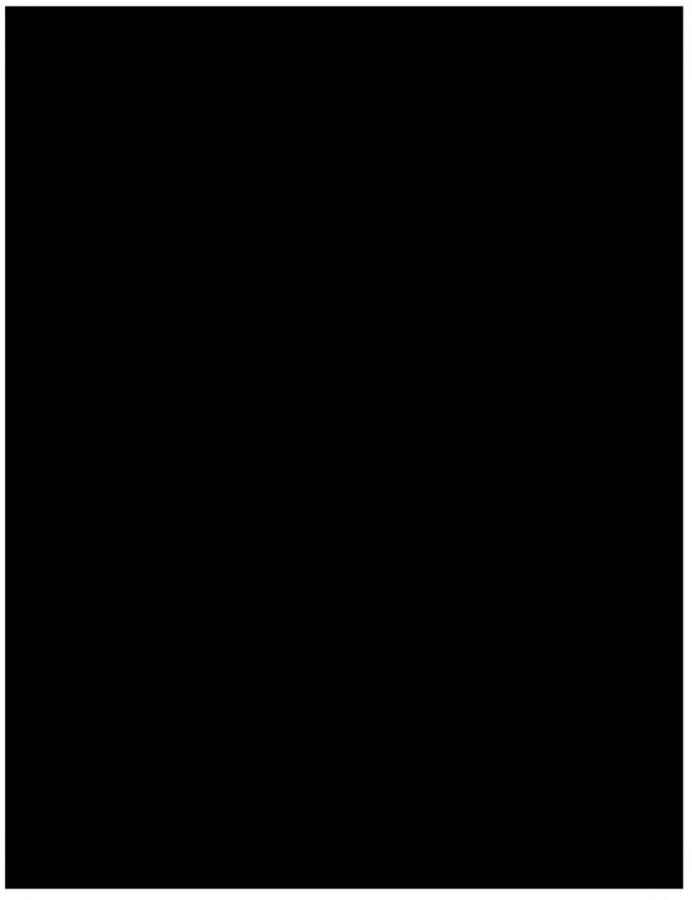
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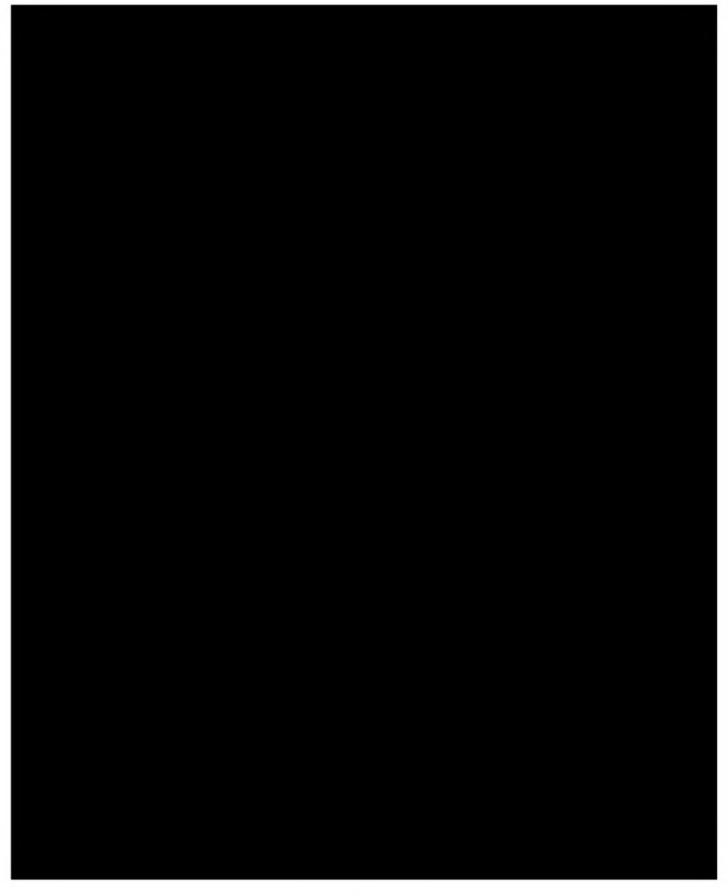
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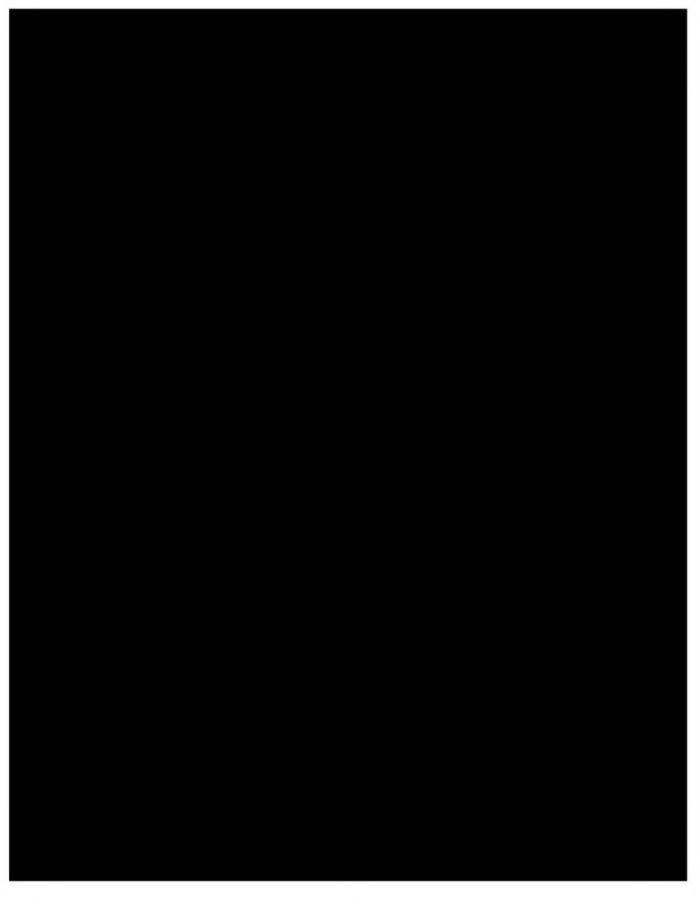
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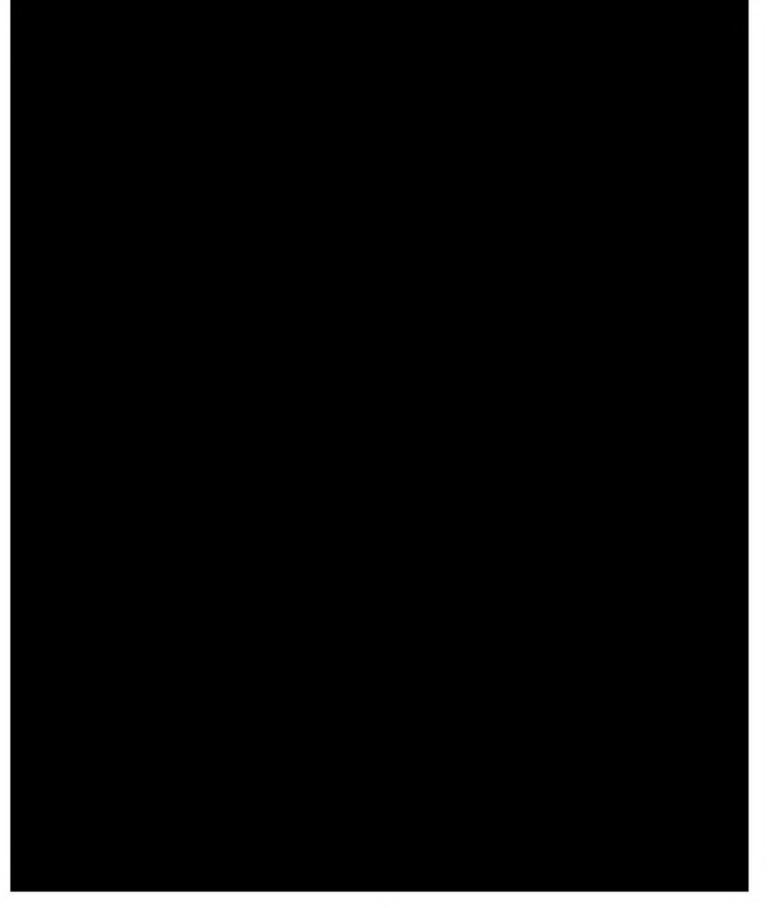
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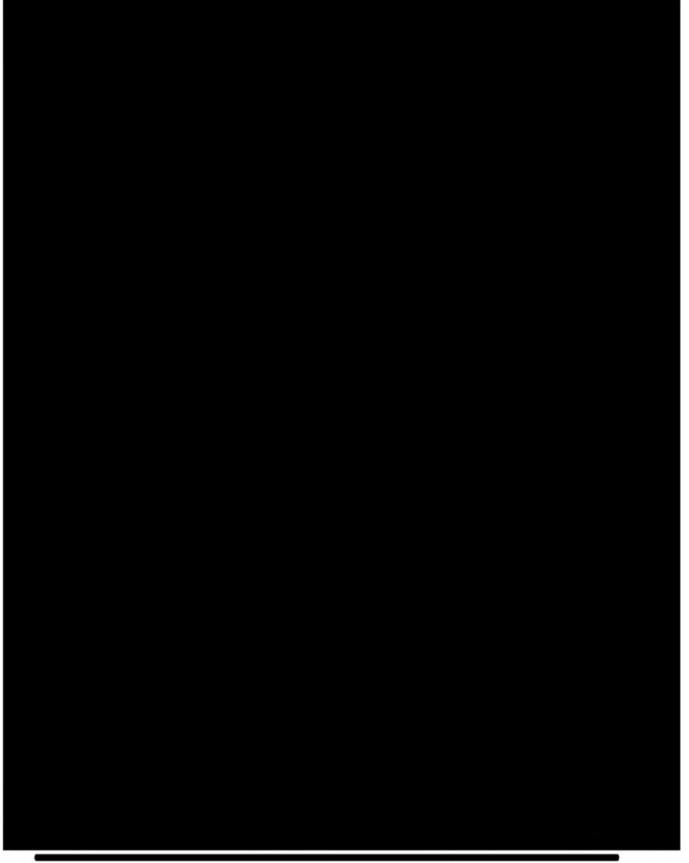














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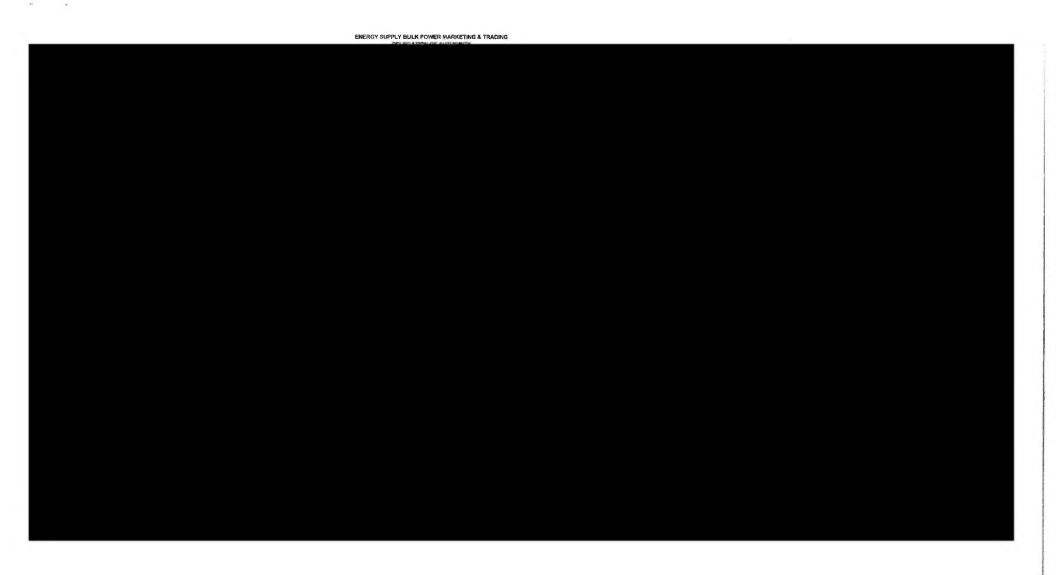


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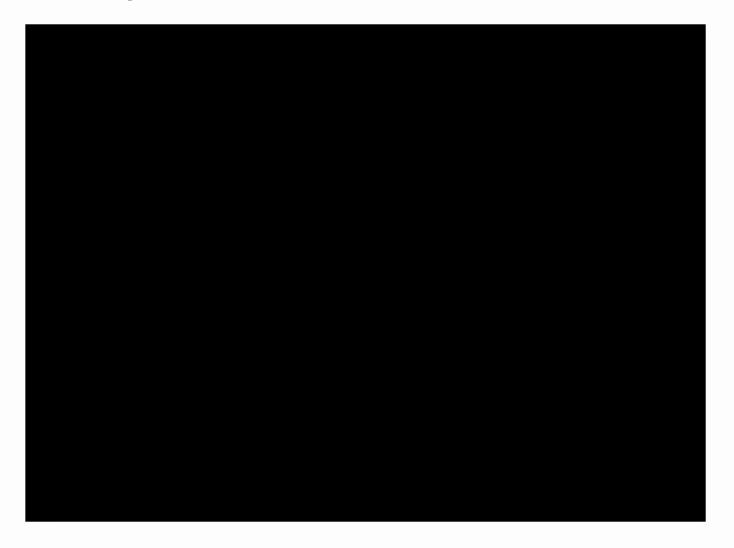


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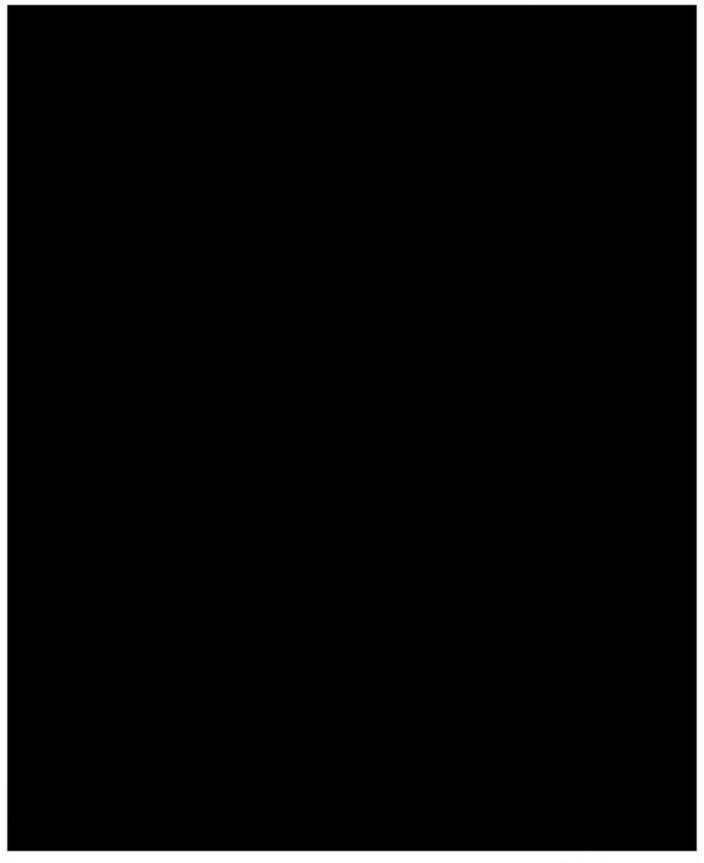




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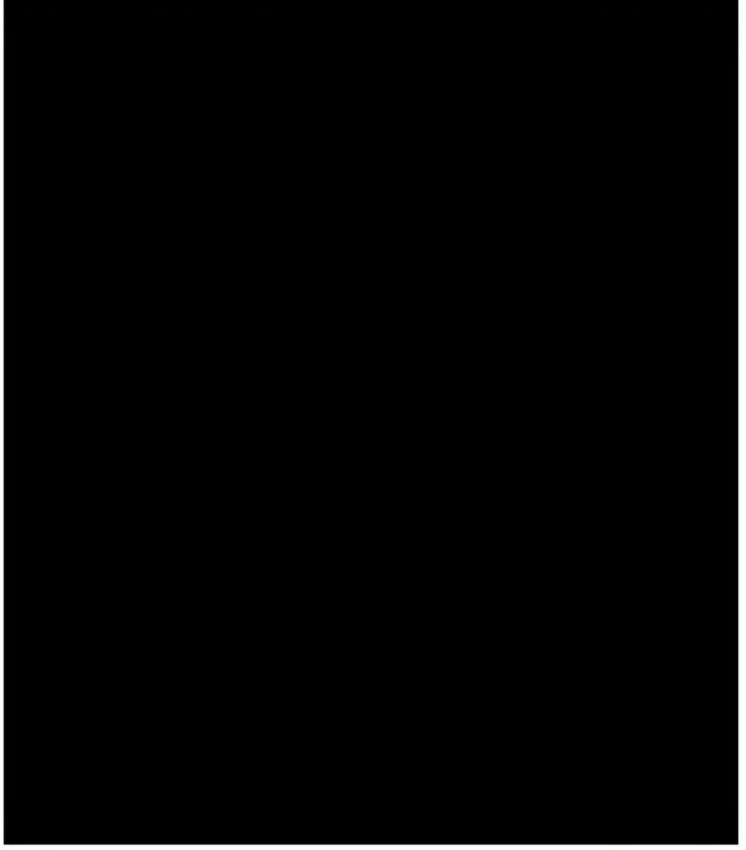




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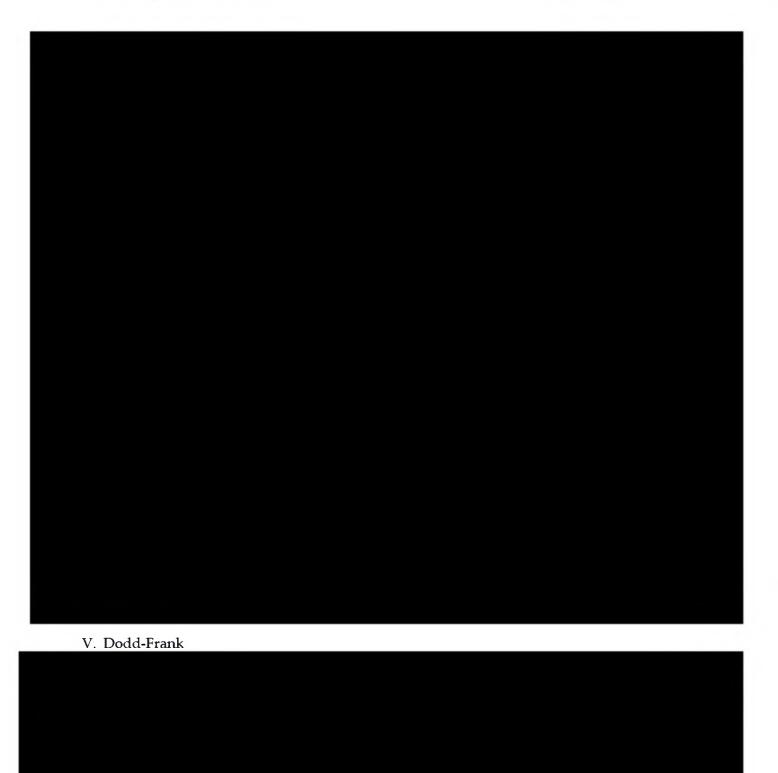










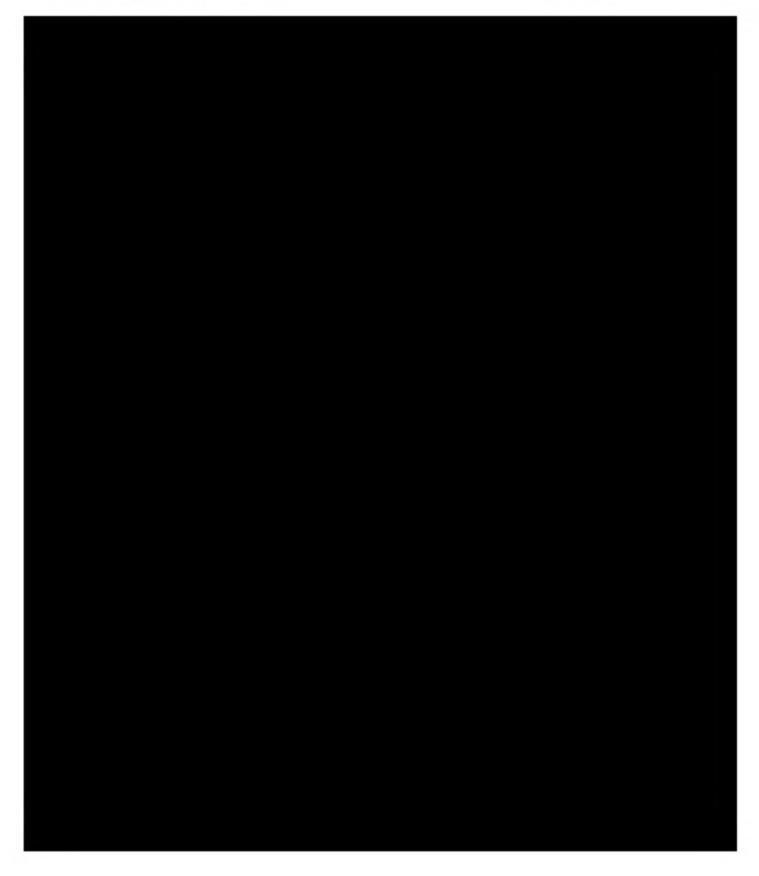






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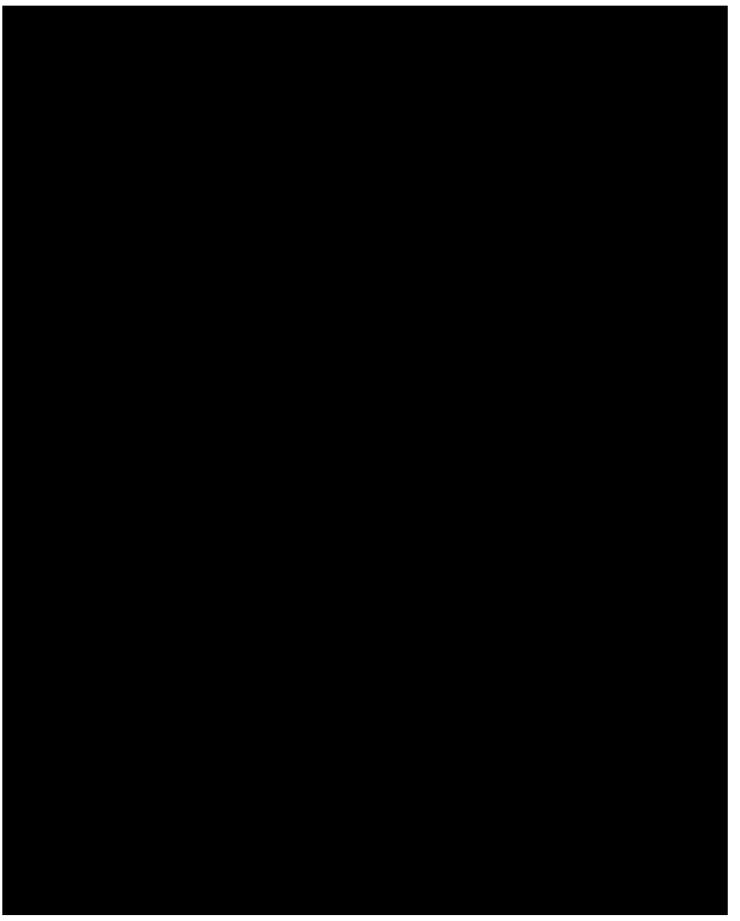


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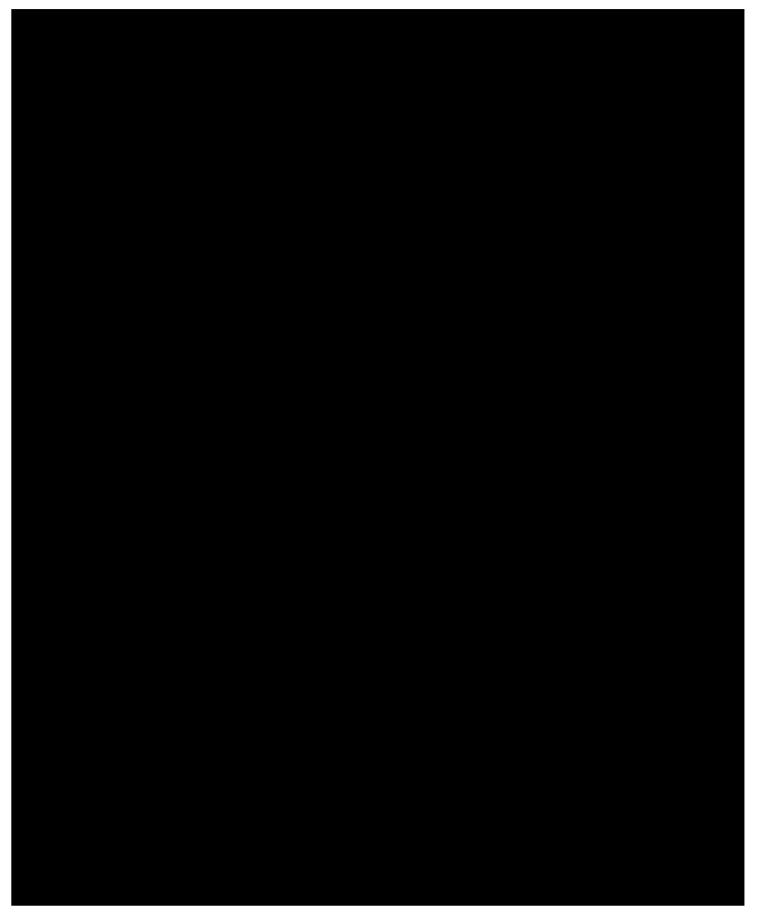
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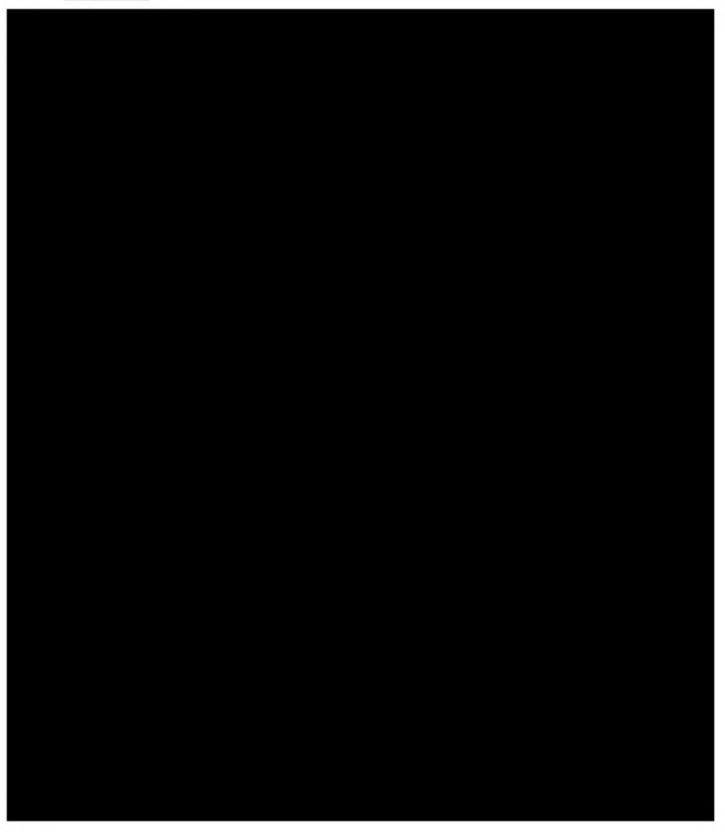
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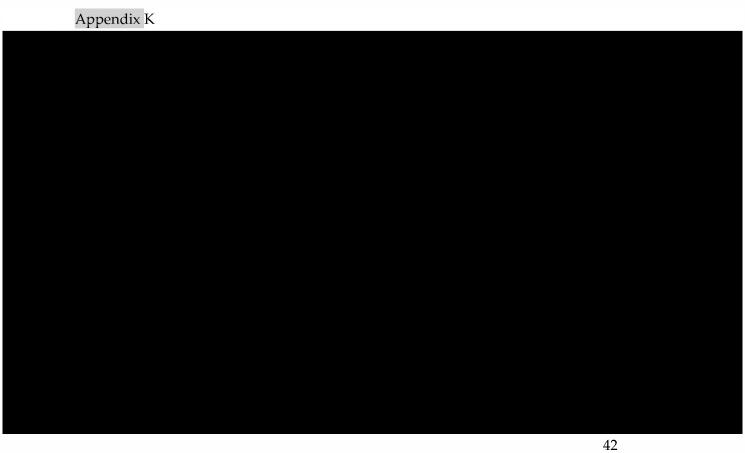
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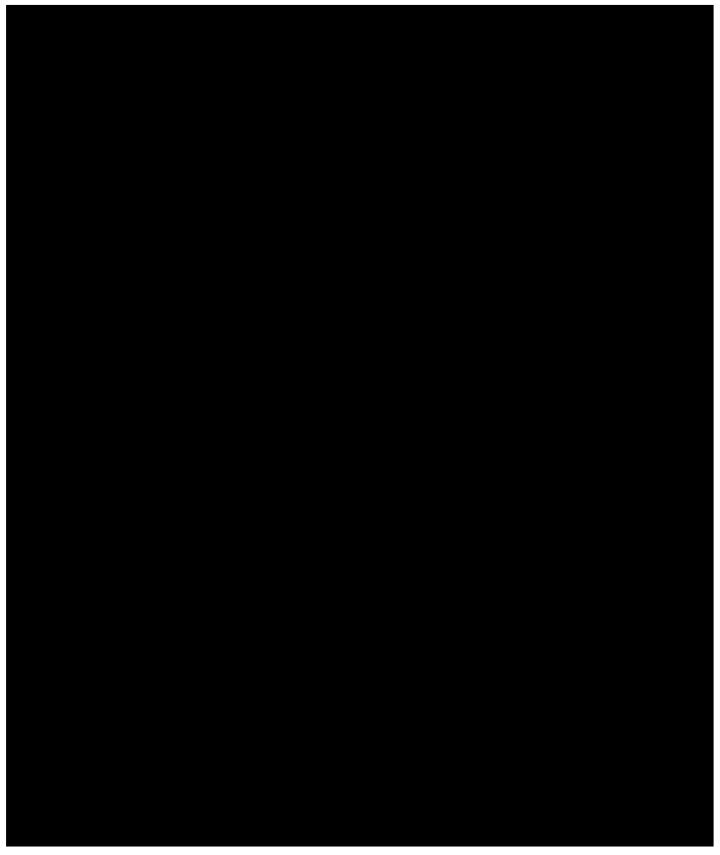


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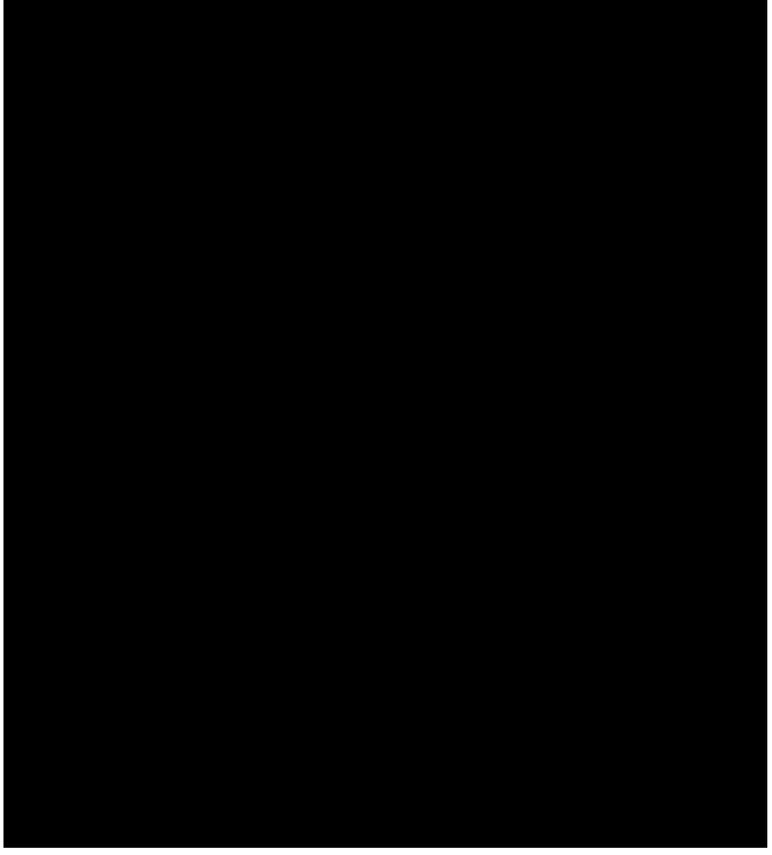
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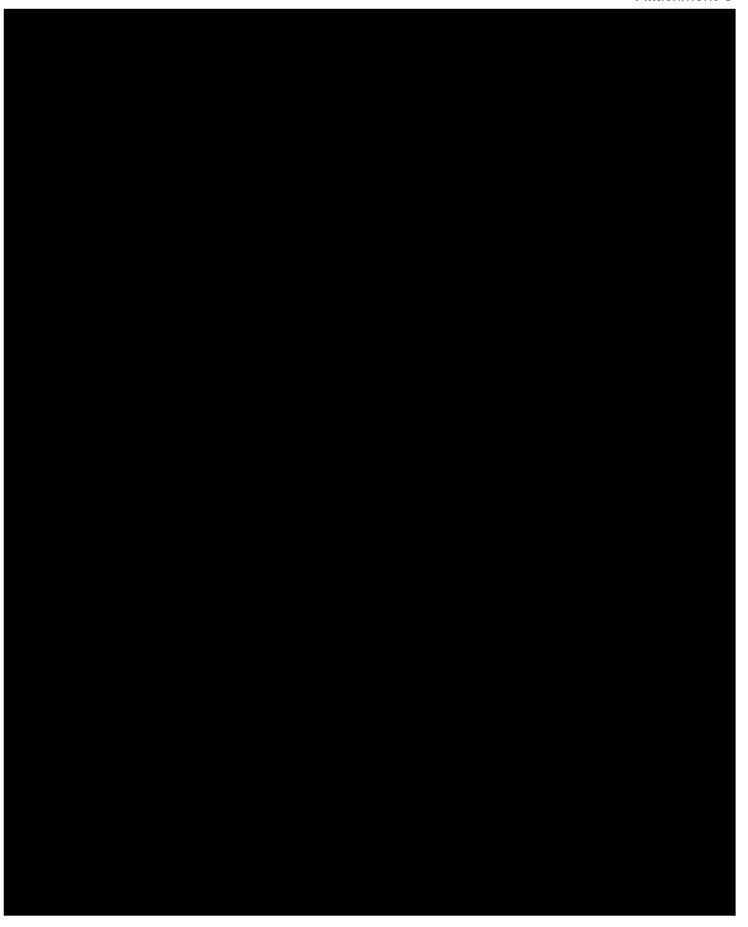
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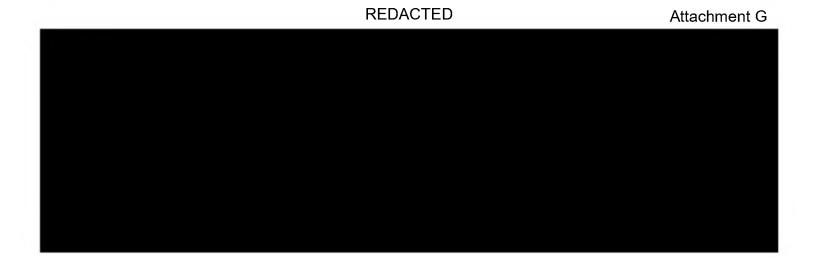


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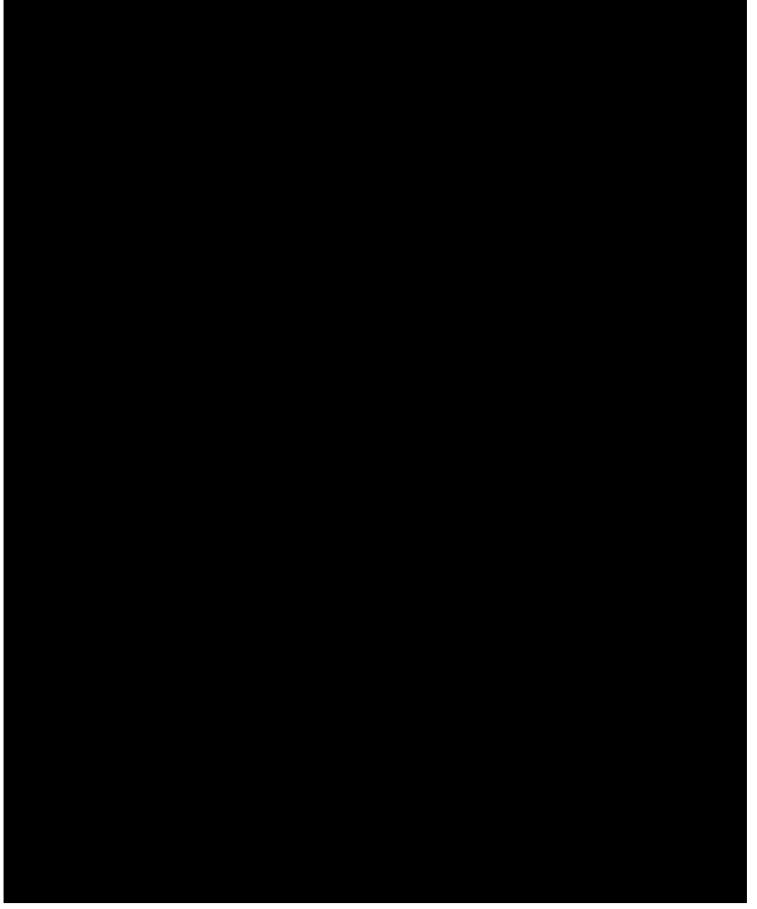




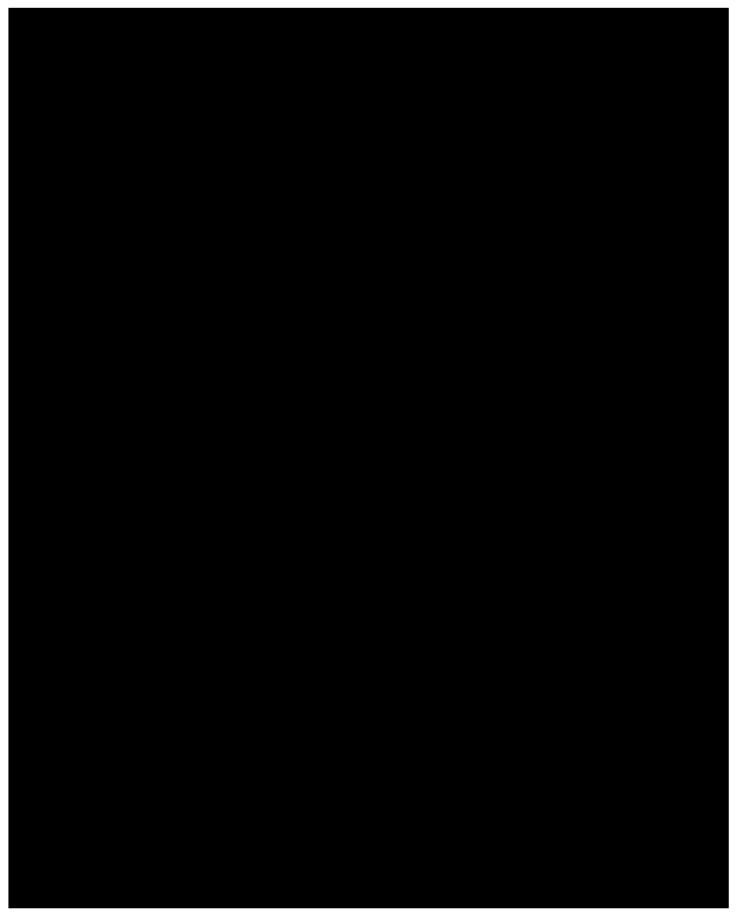
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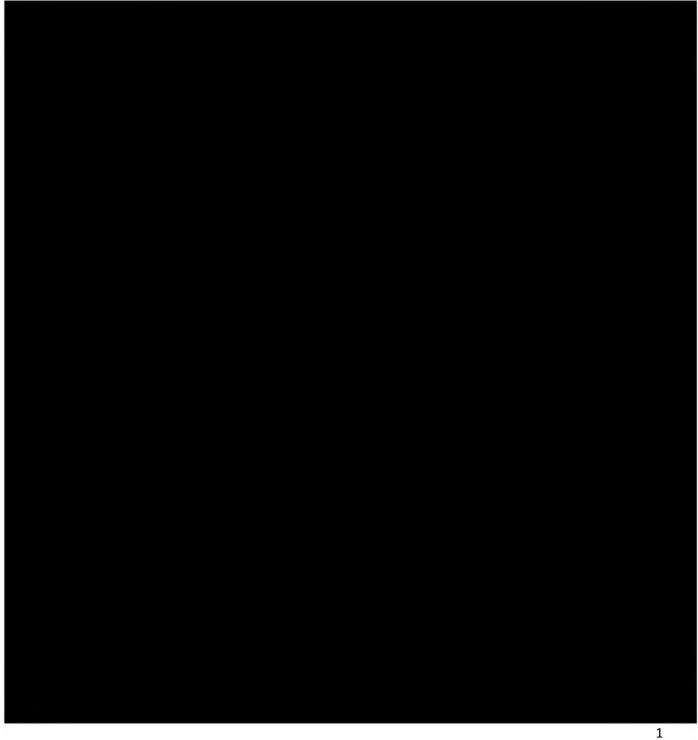
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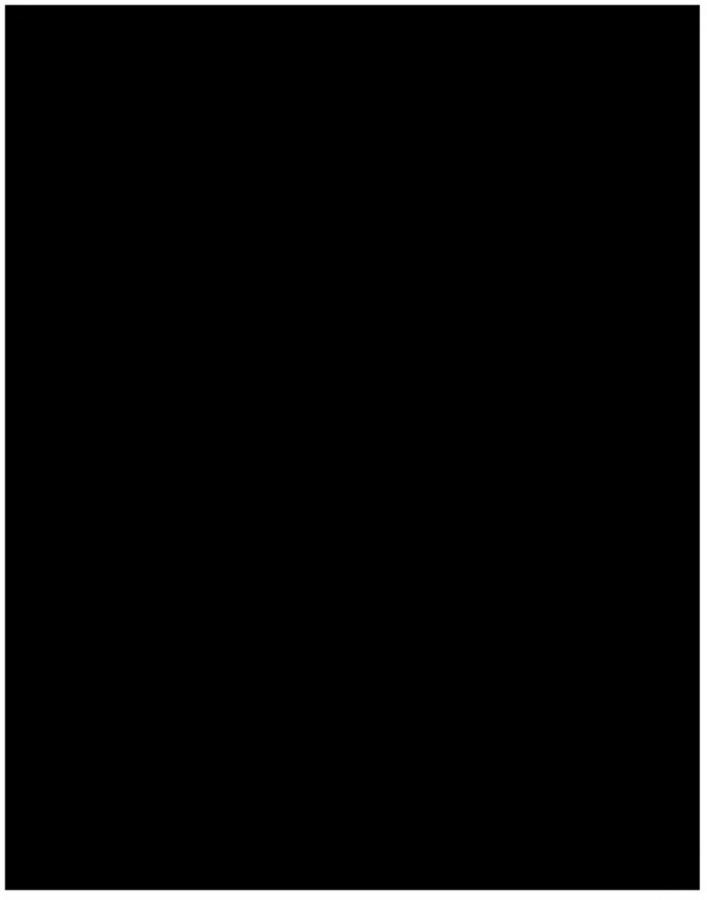
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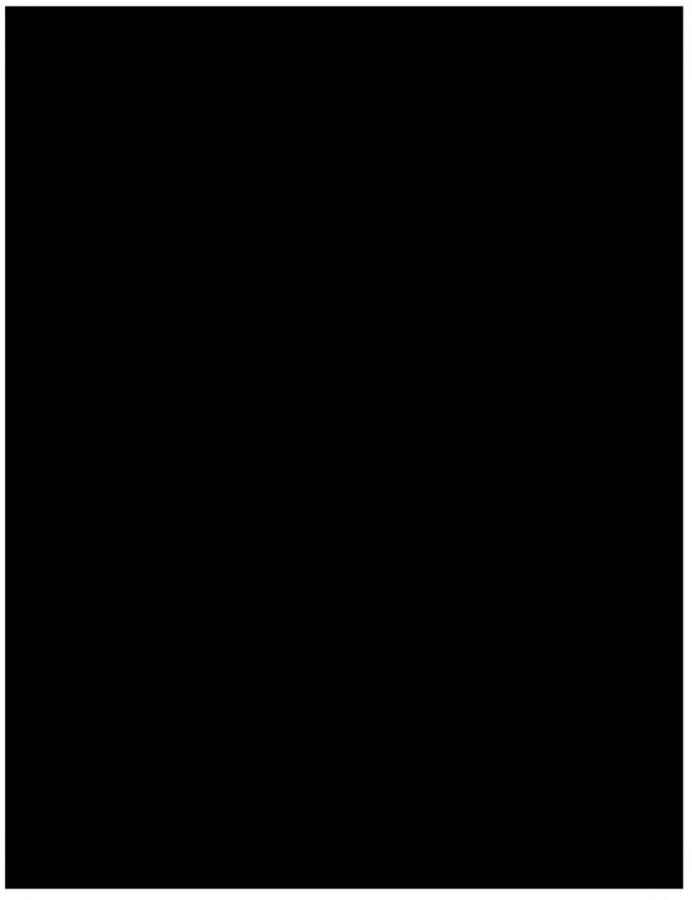
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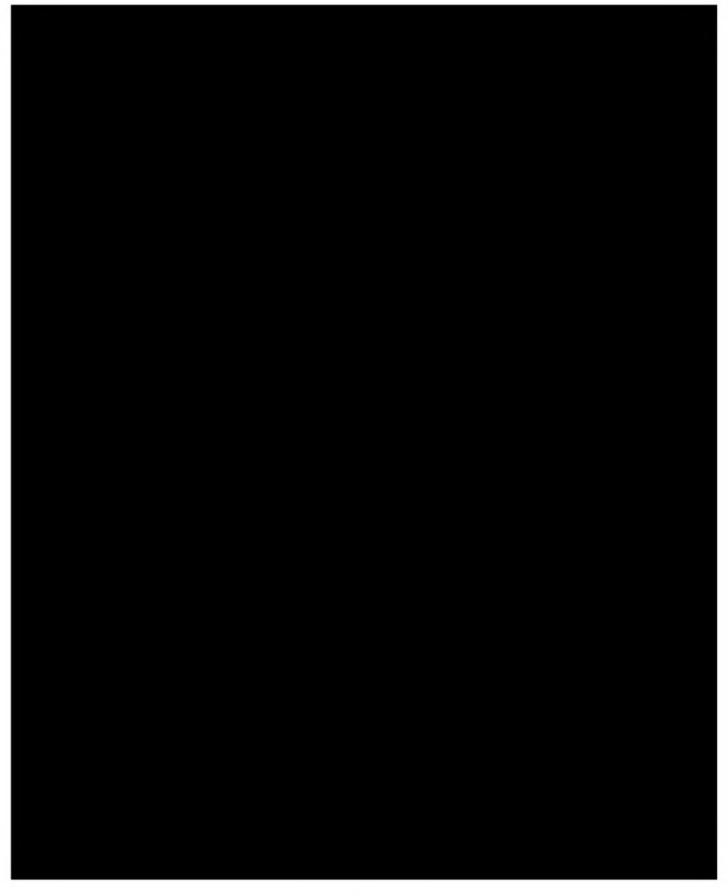
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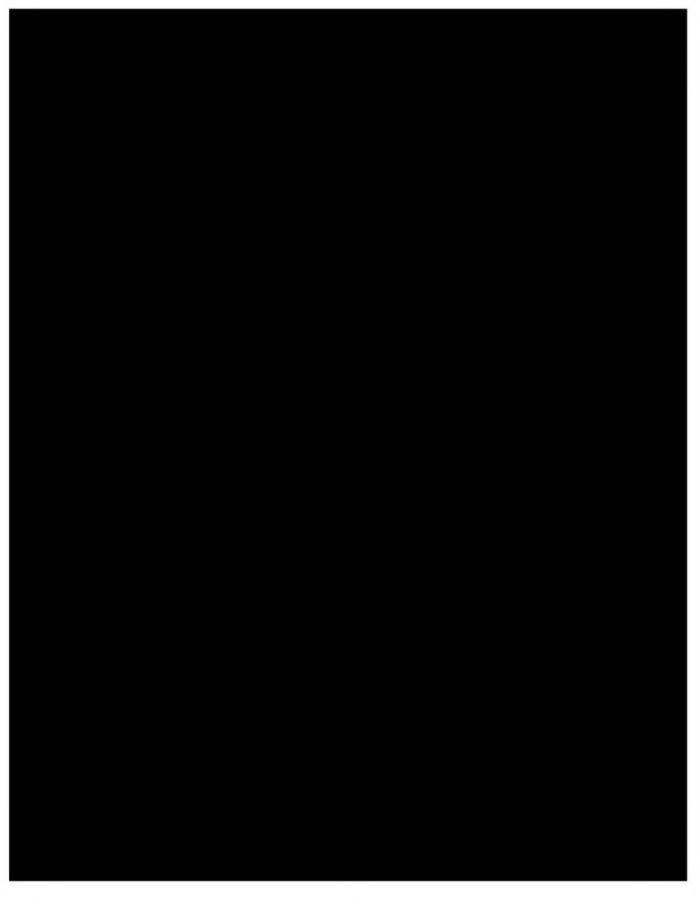
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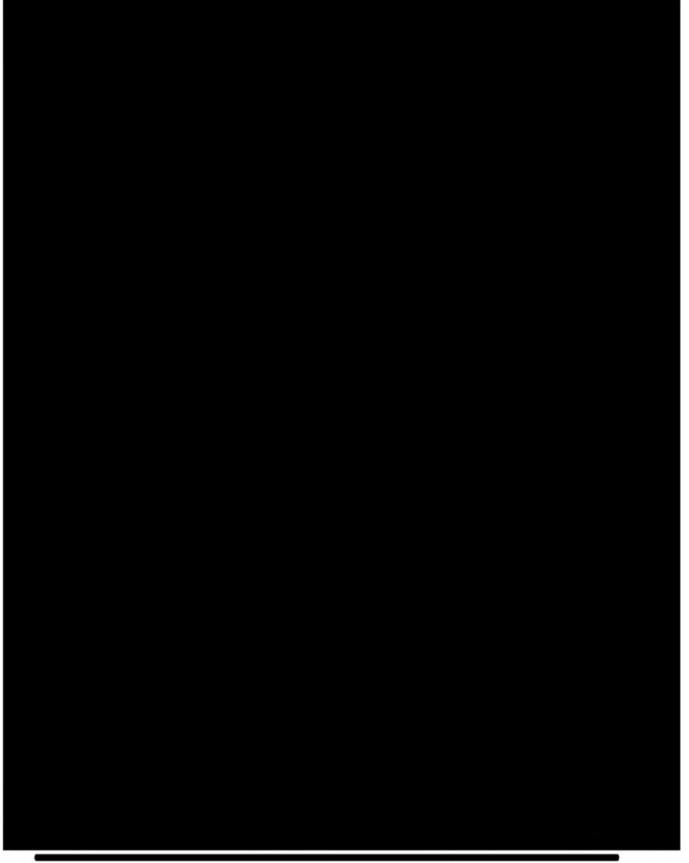














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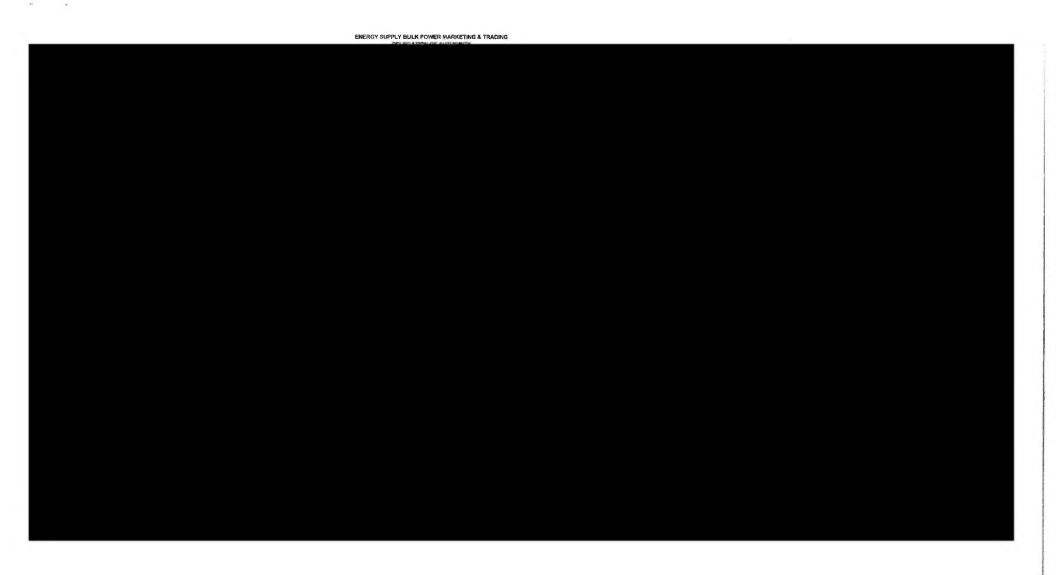


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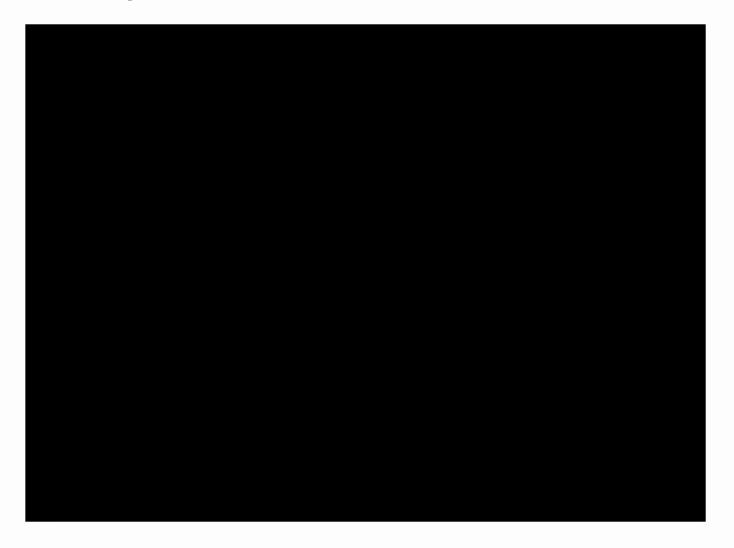


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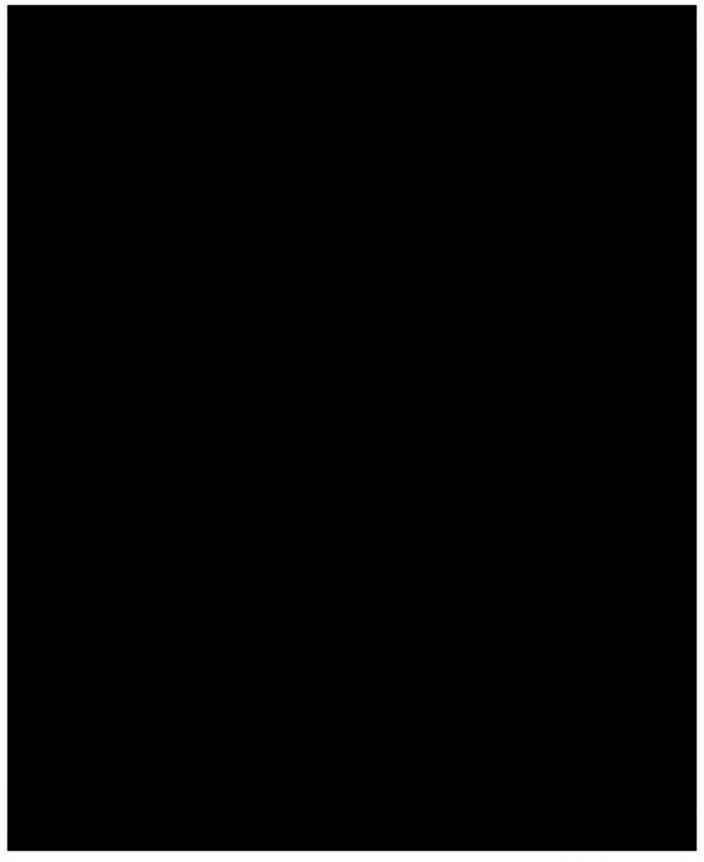




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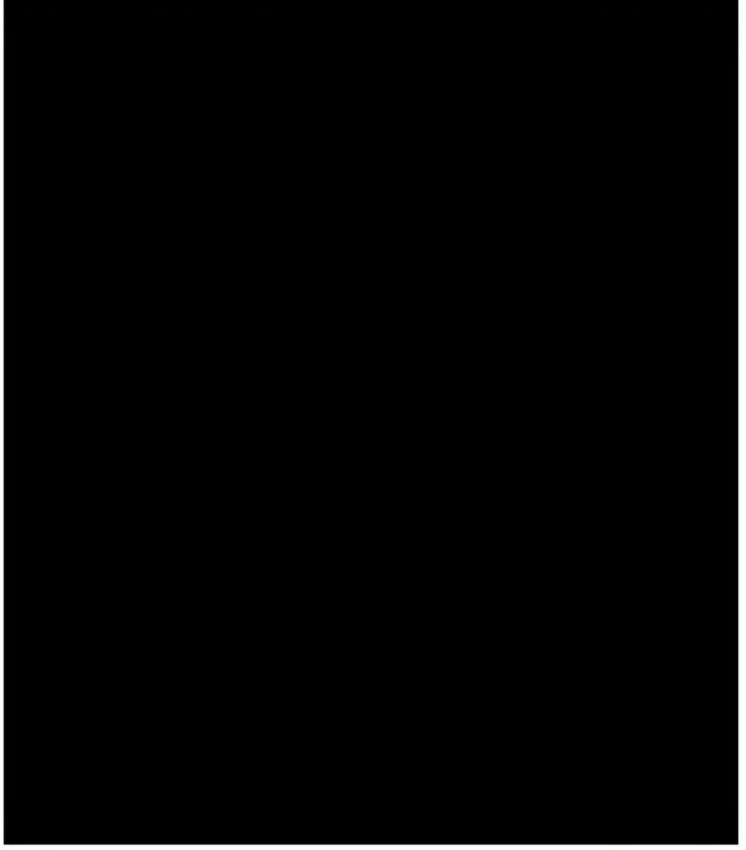




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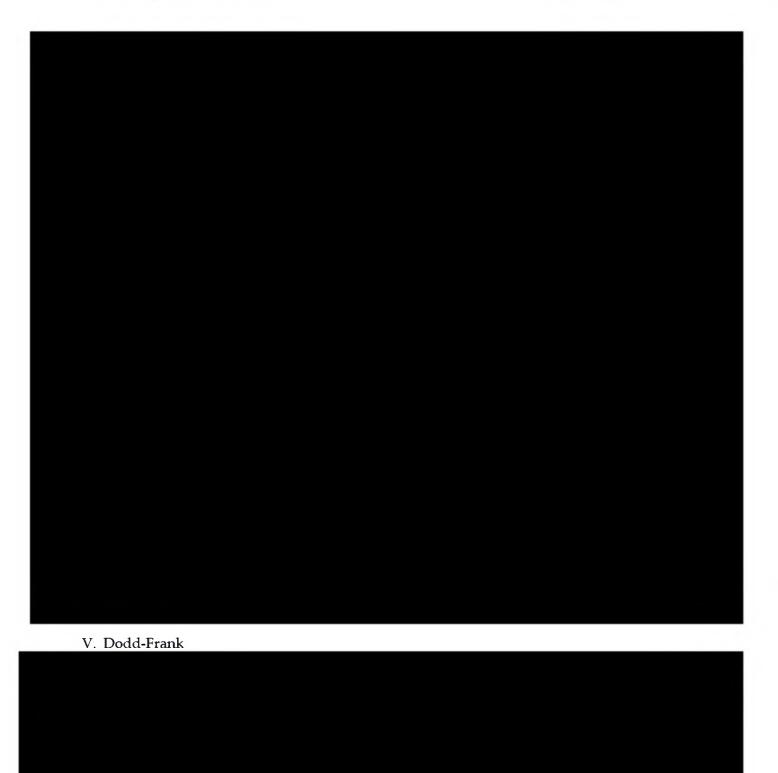










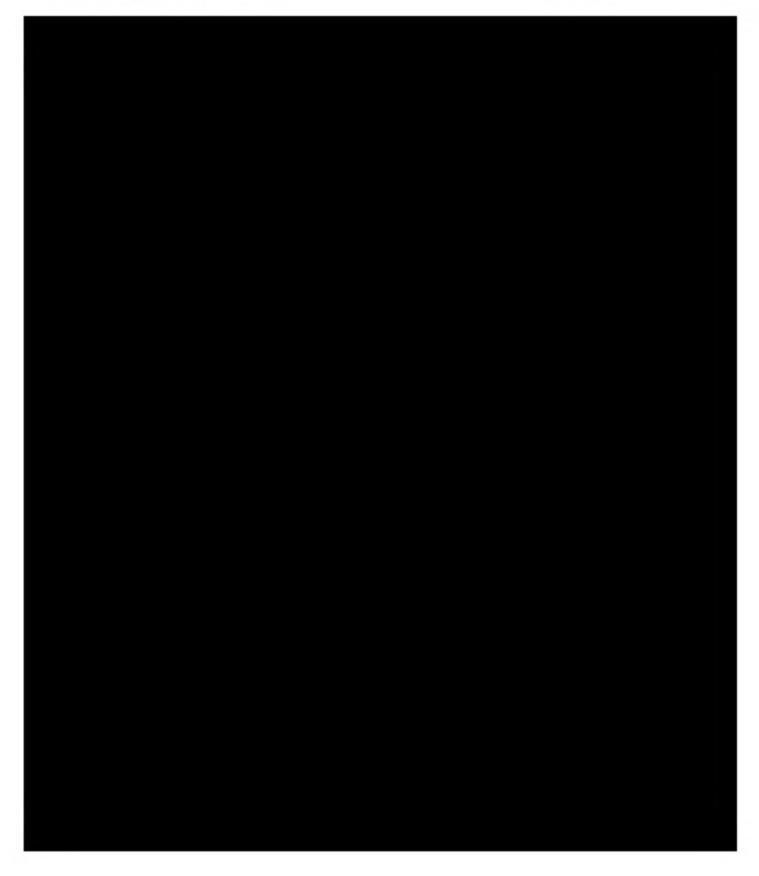






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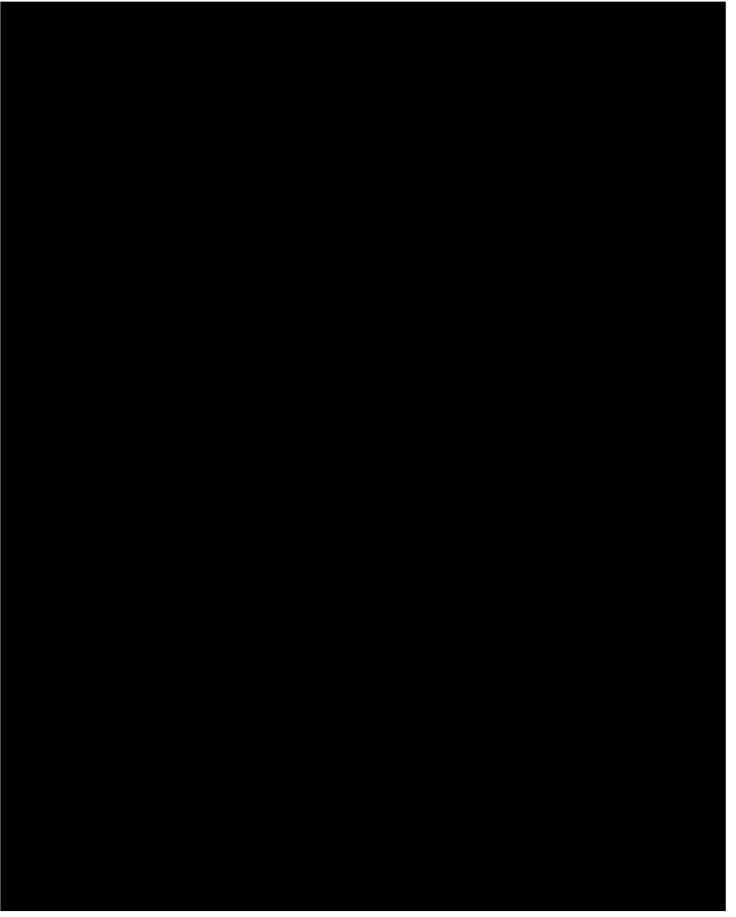


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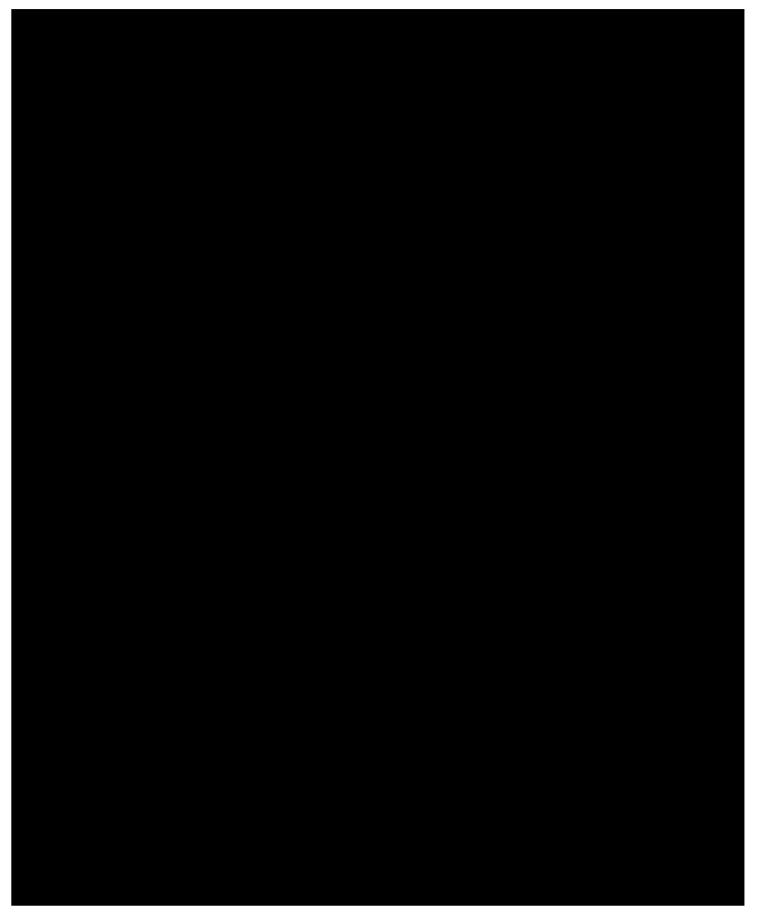
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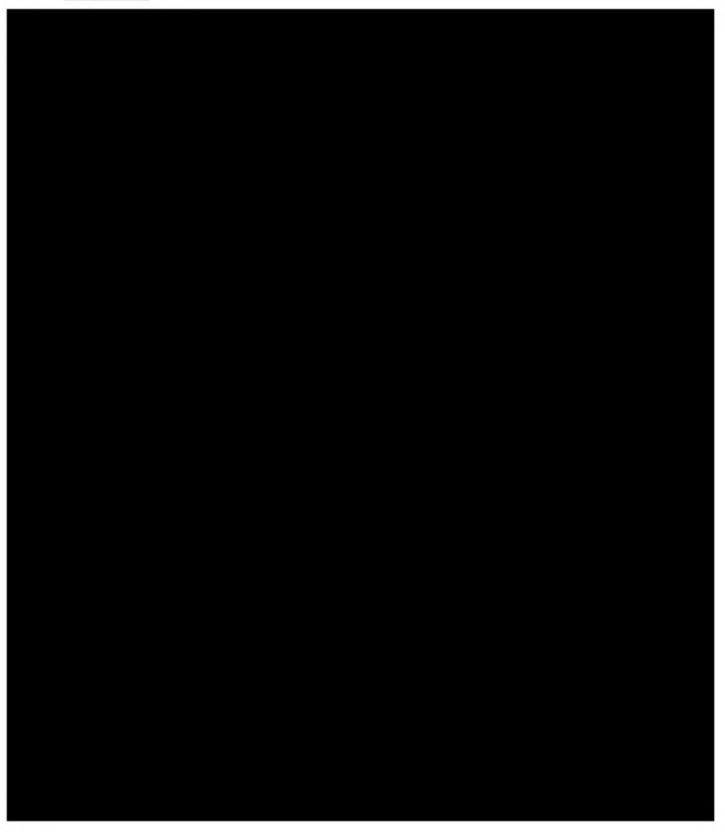
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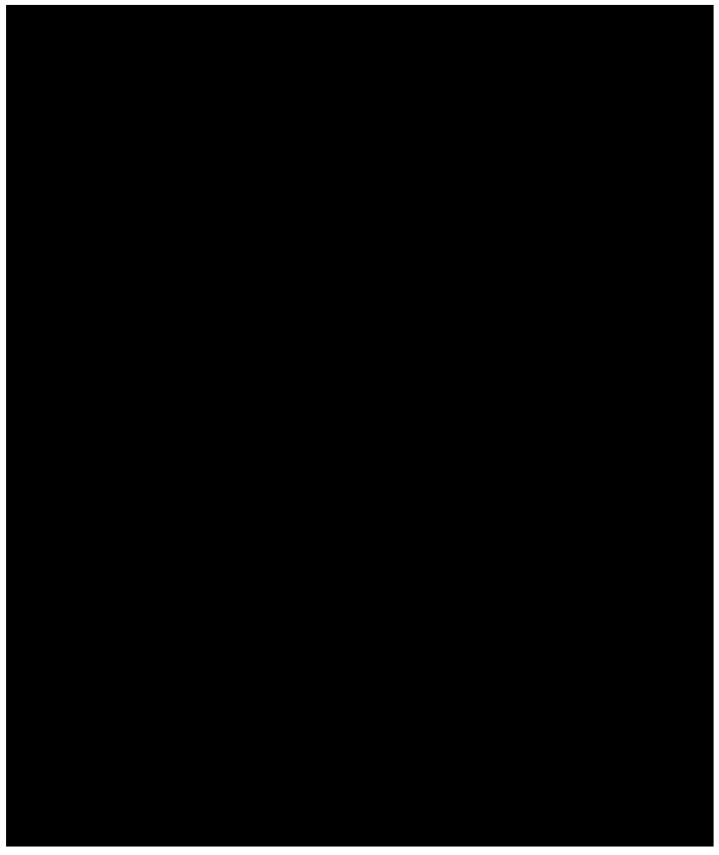


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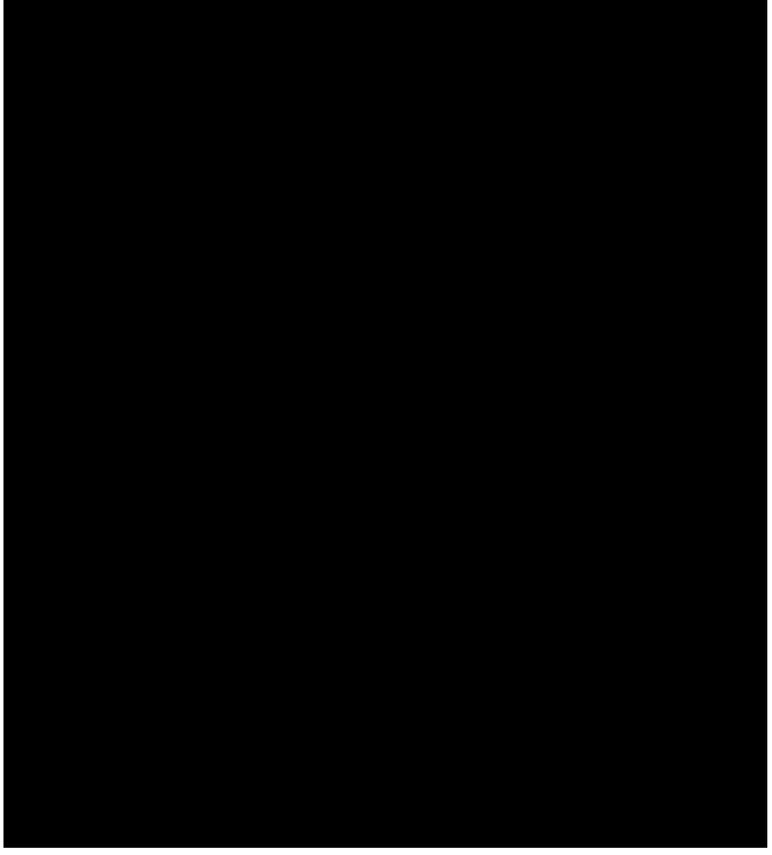
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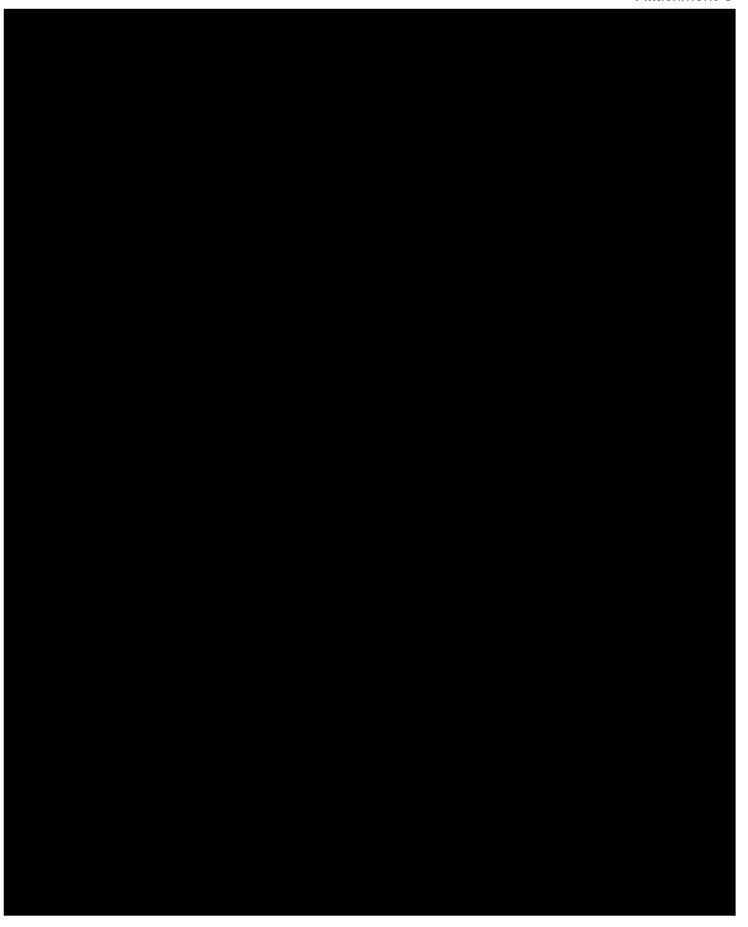
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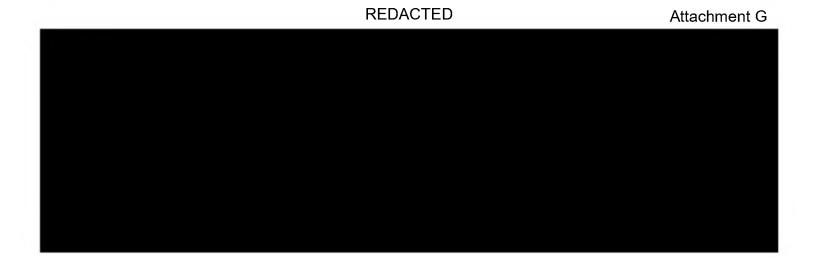


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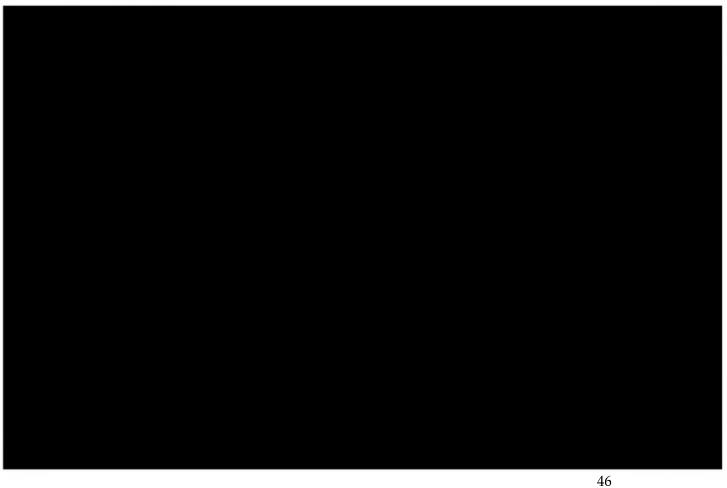


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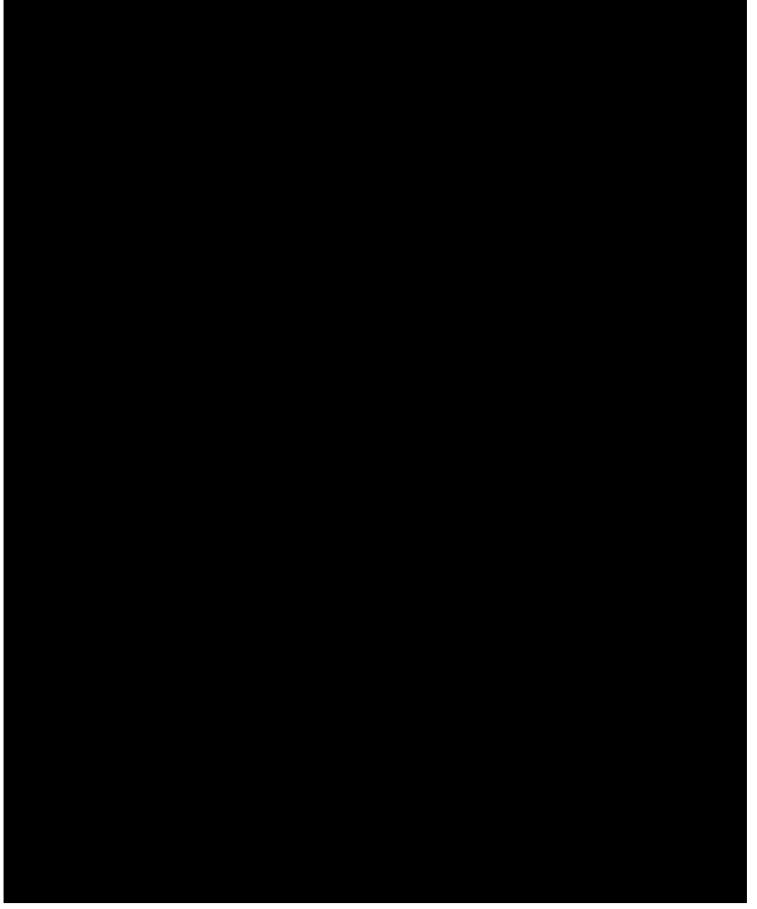




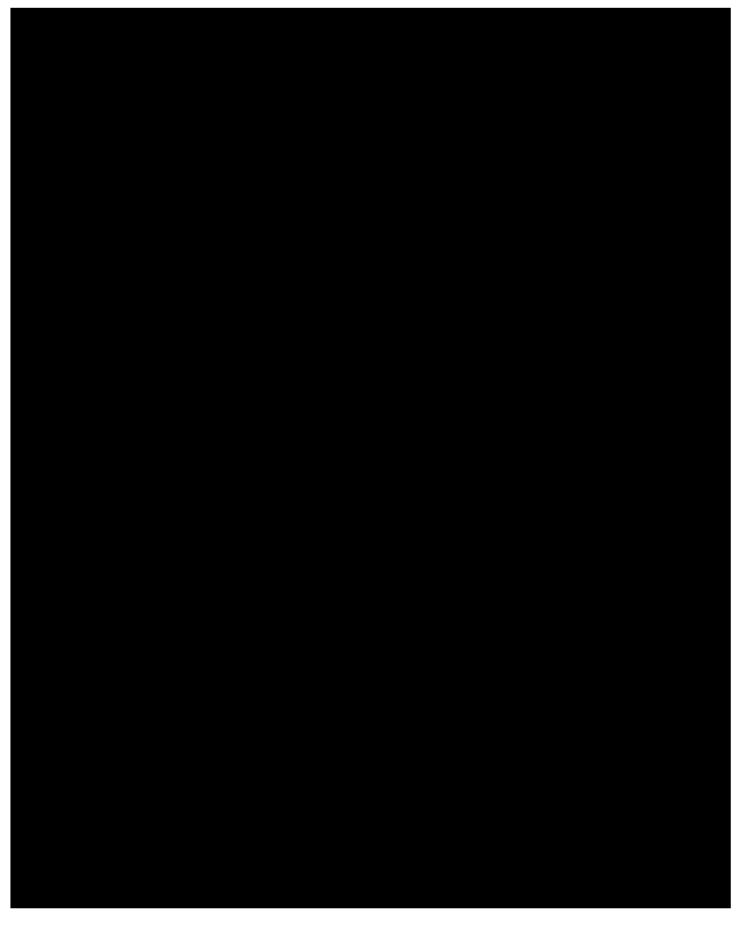
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## **DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA Confidentiality Justification Matrix**

DOCUMENT/RESPONSES	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
Exhibit No. JM-1P-2026 Risk	Page 1: 2026 projected burn	§366.093(3)(d), F.S.
Management Plan,	volumes of coal and 2026	The document in question
Attachments A through G,	projected burn volumes of	contains confidential
Appendices A through I and	light oil are confidential.	information, the disclosure of
K and L, to the direct		which would impair DEF's
testimony of James McClay	Page 2: 2026 projected,	efforts to contract for goods or
	natural gas & 2026	services on favorable terms.
	projected economy power	\$266,002(2)(a), E.S.
	purchases and sales are confidential.	§366.093(3)(e), F.S. The document in question
	confidential.	contains confidential
	Attachment A-	information relating to
	"Regulated Utilities Risk	competitive business interests,
	Limits" (entire document-	the disclosure of which would
	pages 1 through 11): internal	impair the competitive
	risk control guidelines are	business of the provider/owner
	confidential.	of the information.
	Attachment B- "Authority Limit Matrix" (entire document: listed as pages 11 through 14): internal approval authority thresholds and guidelines are confidential.	
	Attachment C- Duke Energy's "Commodity Risk Policy" (entire document- pages 1 through 6): internal risk control guidelines are confidential.	
	Attachment D- Duke Energy's "Credit Policy" (entire document-pages 1 through 5): internal	

credit related risk control guidelines are confidential.

Attachment E - "Regulated Utilities Credit Limits" (entire document-pages 1 through 4): internal Guidelines are confidential.

Attachment F- "Energy Supply Bulk Marketing and Trading Delegation of Authority Matrix" (entire document-page 1 and 2): internal guidelines are confidential.

#### Attachment G-

"Duke Energy Corporation Regulated Utilities Risk Management Control Manual January 2025": All information on Pages 2 through 27, exclusive of section headings are confidential.

#### Appendices A through Appendix I -all information on pages 28 through 39, exclusive of section headings-Appendices K and L- all information is confidential on pages 42 through 48, exclusive of headings, is confidential.

## **Exhibit D**

# AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES MCCLAY

#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause with generating

performance incentive factor.

Docket No. 20250001-EI

Dated: July 25, 2025

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES MCCLAY IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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

- 1. My name is James McClay. 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 Managing Director of Natural Gas Trading. This group is responsible for power trading for Duke Energy Indiana and Duke Energy Kentucky as well as the financial hedging activities, oil procurement and emissions trading.
- 3. As the Managing Director Natural Gas Trading, I am responsible, along with the other members of the section, for the management of the natural gas trading,

optimizations, and scheduling functions for the regulated gas-fired generations assets in the Carolinas, Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" or the "Company") and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC"), Duke Energy Florida, Duke Energy Indiana and Duke Energy Kentucky.

- 4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in Exhibit No. JM-1P- 2026 Risk Management Plan and Attachments A through G to my direct testimony of James McClay, submitted on July 25, 2025. 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 for Confidential Classification as Exhibit C. DEF is requesting confidential classification of this information because it contains sensitive business information, the disclosure of which would impair the Company's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms.
- 5. DEF negotiates with potential fuel suppliers to obtain competitive contracts for fuel options that provide economic value to DEF and its customers. In order to obtain such contracts, however, sensitive business information, such as forecasted volumes, hedging percentages, internal hedging policies and guidelines, and collateral summaries must be kept confidential. With respect to the information at issue in this Request, DEF has kept confidential and has not publicly disclosed confidential information such as forecasted volumes, hedging percentages, internal hedging policies and guidelines, and collateral summaries. Without DEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive terms, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive fuel supply contracts could be undermined, because potential fuel suppliers could simply offer

the highest prices that would allow them to maintain marginally competitive position against the disclosed volumes and percentages.

- 6. Additionally, the disclosure of confidential information in DEF's forecasted fuel volumes and hedging percentages could adversely impact DEF's competitive business interests. If such information was disclosed to DEF's competitors, DEF's efforts to obtain competitive fuel supply options that provide economic value to both DEF and its customers could be compromised by DEF's competitors changing their consumption or purchasing behavior within the relevant markets.
- 7. Upon receipt of its own 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, and restricting the number of, and access to the information and contracts. At no time since receiving the contracts and information in question has the Company publicly disclosed that information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information and contracts at issue as confidential.
  - 8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the <u>IUH</u> day of <u>JUIU</u>, 2025.

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