

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for a limited proceeding to
approve large load tariff, by Duke Energy
Florida, LLC.

DOCKET NO. 20250113-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-2025-0376-PCO-EI
ISSUED: October 14, 2025

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MIKE LA ROSA, Chairman
GARY F. CLARK
ANDREW GILES FAY
GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO SMITH

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

Background

On September 5, 2025, Duke Energy Florida, LLC (DEF or utility) filed a petition for a limited proceeding to approve a new Large Load Customer (LLC-1) rate schedule, Large Load Customer Policy (LLCP), Large Load Customer Agreement (LLCA), and revised Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC) tariff. DEF's petition and testimony assert that these proposed tariffs are needed for the utility to be responsive to recent trends in nationwide growth and demand for service by large load customers such as data centers and asserts that the proposed new provisions will provide protections to DEF's existing and future customers.

Specifically, DEF proposed a new customer class and an optional rate schedule LLC-1, applicable to large load customers with a billing demand of 1,000 kilowatts (kW) or more and requesting transmission level service. The proposed rates contained in the LLC-1 were derived from DEF's most recent 2025 cost of service study approved as part of its 2024 rate case settlement.¹

Additionally, all large load customers with a peak contract demand forecast to be equal or greater than a monthly maximum demand of 100,000 kW of firm load would be subject to the proposed LLCP and must execute an LLCA.

The LLCP and associated LLCA establish a minimum contract term, minimum monthly bill provisions, security requirements, and early termination provisions. Customers subject to the LLCP must also pay a non-refundable system impact fee. Finally, the LLCP contains a CIAC provision allowing DEF at its discretion depending on the nature of the load to require customers to pay up to 100 percent of the total estimated costs to extend service in advance.

¹ Order No. PSC-2024-0472-AS-EI, issued November 12, 2024, in Docket No. 20240025-EI, *In re: Petition for rate increase by Duke Energy Florida, LLC*.

We have jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Decision

Pursuant to Section 366.06(3), F.S., we may withhold consent to the operation of all or any portion of a new rate schedule, delivering to the utility requesting such a change a reason or written statement of a good cause for doing so within 60 days. We find that allowing our staff time to review the petition and gather all pertinent information to present us with an informed recommendation is good cause consistent with the requirement of Section 366.06(3), F.S.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Duke Energy Florida, LLC's proposed tariff revisions are hereby suspended. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending final resolution of Duke Energy Florida, LLC's request.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 14th day of October, 2025.



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Commission Clerk

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Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.