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October 30, 2025

### **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

Re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC, for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian, Nicole and Tropical Storm Fred; Docket No. 20230020-EI

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

**Enclosures** 

Please find enclosed for electronic filing on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF"), DEF's First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification concerning certain information and documents provided in response to OPC's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-21) and OPC's First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-35), filed in the above referenced docket. The original Request included Exhibits A, B, and C.

There are no changes to the original Request's Exhibit A consisting of the confidential unredacted documents, Exhibit B containing two (2) redacted copies of the confidential document or Exhibit C containing a justification table in support of DEF's original Request. The aforementioned exhibits remain on file with the Clerk.

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
MRB/mh	Matthew R. Bernier

In re: Petition for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian, Nicole, and Tropical Storm Fred, by Duke

Energy Florida, LLC.

Docket No. 20230020-EI

Dated: October 30, 2025

### DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF 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 First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification for certain information provided in its Response to the Office of the Public Counsel's ("OPC") First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-21) and OPC's First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-35). In support of this Request, DEF states:

- 1. On February 19, 2024, DEF filed a Request for Confidential Classification for concerning documents and information provided in DEF's Response to OPC's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-21), specifically questions 9 and 21 and DEF's Response to DEF's Response to OPC's First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-35), specifically questions 7, 8, 17, and 33, as they contain information that is "confidential proprietary business information" under Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes.
- 2. DEF's February 19, 2024, Request was granted by Order No. PSC-2024-00141-CFO-EI on May 3, 2024. The period of confidential treatment granted by that order will expire on November 3, 2025. The information continues to warrant treatment as "proprietary confidential business information within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S. Accordingly, DEF is filing its First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification.

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3. DEF submits that the information contained in DEF's Response to OPC's First Set of

Interrogatories, questions 9 and 21 and DEF's Response to OPC's First Request for Production of

Documents, specifically questions 7, 8, 17, and 33, identified in Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "C" to the

February 19, 2024, Request continues to be "proprietary confidential business information"

within the meaning of section 366.093(3), F.S. and continues to require confidential classification.

See Affidavits Jimmy New, Geoffrey Haslett, and Todd Fountain at ¶¶ 3-4, attached as Revised

Exhibit "D". This information is intended to be and is treated as confidential by the Company. The

information has not been disclosed to the public. Pursuant to section 366.093(1), F.S., such

materials are entitled to confidential treatment and are exempt from the disclosure provisions of the

Public Records Act. See Affidavits of Jimmy New, Geoffrey Haslett, and Todd Fountain ¶¶ 3-4.

4. Nothing has changed since the issuance of Order No. PSC-2024-00141-CFO-EI to render the

information stale or public such that continued confidential treatment would not be appropriate.

Upon a finding by the Commission that this information continues to be "proprietary confidential

business information," it should continue to be treated as such for an additional period of at least 18

months and should be returned to DEF as soon as the information is no longer necessary for the

Commission to conduct its business. See §366.093(4), F.S.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, DEF respectfully requests that this First

Request for Extension of Confidential Classification be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

/s/Matthew R. Bernier

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### Duke Energy Florida, LLC Docket No.: 20230020 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic mail this  $30^{th}$  day of October 2025 to all parties of record as indicated below.

/s/Matthew R. Bernier
Attorney

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## Exhibit A

## "CONFIDENTIAL"

(on file)

# Exhibit B (on file)

## Exhibit C (on file)

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

# Revised Exhibit D

## AFFIDAVIT OF TODD FOUNTAIN

In re: Petition for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian,

Nicole, and Tropical Storm Fred, by Duke

Energy Florida, LLC.

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Docket No. 20230020-EI

Dated: October 30, 2025

AFFIDAVIT OF TODD FOUNTAIN IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

**COUNTY OF PINELLAS** 

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

- 1. My name is Todd Fountain. 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 First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification (the "Request"). The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.
- 2. I am the General Manager of Emergency Preparedness for Customer Delivery responsible for DEF's Annual Hurricane Season Readiness, and when

hurricanes strike, I serve as the Incident Commander for restoration, and I reside organizationally within Duke Energy Corporation.

- 3. DEF is seeking an extension of confidential classification for information provided in its response to OPC's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-21), specifically questions 9 and 21 and DEF's Response to OPC First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-35), specifically questions 7, 17 and 33, submitted January 29, 2024, for this docket. There are no changes to the information contained in DEF's confidential Exhibit A, redacted Exhibit B, and justification matrix Exhibit C. The referenced Exhibits are on file with the Clerk. DEF is requesting an extension of 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.
- 4. Strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the Company's internal policies and procedures, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company, and restricting the number of, and access to the information. 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.
  - 5. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

	(Segnature) Todd Fountain General Manager of Emergency Preparedness for Customer Delivery
	AUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this dd Fountain. He is personally known to me or has driver's license, or his
(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)	(Signature) (Printed Name) NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF 1014 (Management) (Commission Expiration Date)
Notary Public State of Florida Mary E Diez My Commission HH 364137 Expires 2/25/2027	(Serial Number, If Any)

Dated the day of October, 2025.

# Revised Exhibit D

## AFFIDAVIT OF DINA BRADT

In re: Petition for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian, Nicole, and Tropical Storm Fred, by Duke

Energy Florida, LLC.

Docket No. 20230020-EI

Dated: October 30, 2025

### AFFIDAVIT OF DINA BRADT IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

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

- 1. My name is Dina Bradt. 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 First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification (the "Request"). The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.
  - 2. I am an Emergency Preparedness Manager in the Emergency Preparedness
- Florida Department supporting Duke Energy's operations in Transmission and Distribution Operations, and I reside organizationally within Duke Energy Corporation.

- 3. DEF is seeking an extension of confidential classification for information provided in its response to OPC's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-21), specifically questions 9 and 21 and DEF's Response to OPC First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-35), filed January 29, 2024, for this docket. There are no changes to the information contained in DEF's confidential Exhibit A, redacted Exhibit B, and justification matrix Exhibit C. The referenced Exhibits are on file with the Clerk. DEF is requesting an extension of 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.
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  - 5. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the  $\frac{27}{2}$  day of October, 2025.

Emergency Preparedness Manager
Emergency Preparedness - Florida

12 THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this

27 day of October, 2025 by Dina Bradt. She is personally known to me or has produced her driver's license, or her as identification.

(Signature E. Gall (Printed Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FL.

Notary Public - State of Florida Commission # HH 608431 (Commission # HH 608431 My Comm. Expires Oct 31, 2028 (Serial Number, If Any)

Dina Bradt

# Revised Exhibit D

# AFFIDAVIT OF JIMMY NEW

In re: Petition for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian,

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Energy Florida, LLC.

Docket No. 20230020-EI

Dated: October 30, 2025

AFFIDAVIT OF JIMMY NEW IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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

- 1. My name is Jimmy New. 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 First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification (the "Request"). The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.
- 2. I am a Manager Finance II in Power Grid Operations Florida Business Support Finance Department supporting Duke Energy's operations in Transmission and

Distribution Operations, and I reside organizationally within Duke Energy Business Services.

- 3. DEF is seeking an extension of confidential classification for information provided in its response to OPC's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-21), specifically questions 9 and 21 and DEF's Response to OPC First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-35), filed January 29, 2024, for this docket. There are no changes to the information contained in DEF's confidential Exhibit A, redacted Exhibit B, and justification matrix Exhibit C. The referenced Exhibits are on file with the Clerk. DEF is requesting an extension of 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.
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  - 5. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 29	day of October, 2025.	),
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(Signature)

Jimmy New

Manager Finance II

Power Grid Operations - Regulatory Business Support Finance Department

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this day of October, 2025 by Jimmy New. He is personally known to me or has produced his \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

(AFFEX NOTARIAL SEAL)

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CAROLINALINITIAL

COLUMBRICAL

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(Signature)

(Printed Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF

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(Serial Number, If Any)