

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Docket No. 130129-EI – Petition for approval of 2013-2015 storm hardening plan, pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, F.A.C., by Duke Energy Florida, Inc.

Docket No. 130131-EI – Petition for approval of 2013-2015 storm hardening plan, pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, F.A.C., by Florida Public Utilities Company.

Docket No. 130132-EI – Petition for approval of 2013-2015 storm hardening plan, pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, F.A.C., by Florida Power & Light Company.

Docket No. 130138-EI – Petition for approval of 2013-2015 storm hardening plan, pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, F.A.C., by Tampa Electric Company.

Docket No. 130139-EI – Petition for approval of 2013-2015 storm hardening plan, pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, F.A.C., by Gulf Power Company.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve Duke Energy Florida, Inc.'s 2013-2015 storm hardening plan filed in Docket No. 130129-EI?

Recommendation: Yes, DEF's updated plan is largely a continuation of its current Commission-approved plan. Since, Florida has not been affected by any named storms in the past few years, data are not available to evaluate the effects of hardening efforts on DEF's infrastructure. However, staff believes DEF is taking proactive steps to improve its system to withstand severe weather events and thus presents a reasonable approach to storm hardening that has the potential to enhance reliability and reduce restoration costs and outage times.

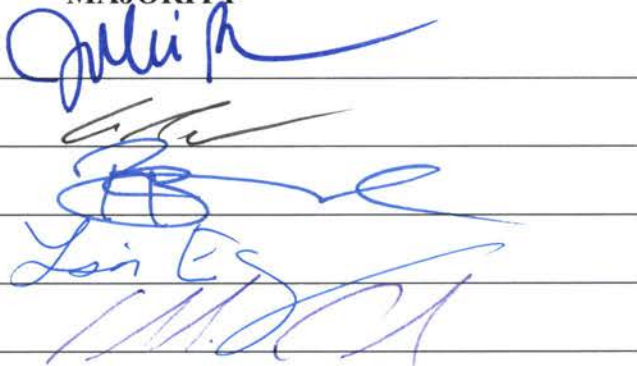
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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING



REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should the Commission approve Florida Public Utilities Company 2013-2015 storm hardening plan filed in Docket No. 130131-EI?

Recommendation: Yes. FPUC's updated plan is largely a continuation of its current Commission-approved plan. Since, Florida has not been affected by any named storms in the past few years, data are not available to evaluate the effects of hardening efforts on FPUC's infrastructure. However, staff believes FPUC is taking proactive steps to improve its system to withstand severe weather events and thus presents a reasonable approach to storm hardening that has the potential to enhance reliability and reduce restoration costs and outage times.

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Issue 3: Should the Commission approve Florida Power & Light Company's 2013–2015 storm hardening plan filed in Docket No. 130132-EI?

Recommendation: Yes. FPL's updated plan is largely a continuation of its current Commission-approved plan. Since, Florida has not been affected by any named storms in the past few years, data are not available to evaluate the effects of hardening efforts on FPL's infrastructure. However, staff believes FPL is taking proactive steps to improve its system to withstand severe weather events and thus presents a reasonable approach to storm hardening that has the potential to enhance reliability and reduce restoration costs and outage times.

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Issue 4: Should the Commission approve Tampa Electric Company’s 2013–2015 storm hardening plan filed in Docket No. 130138-EI?

Recommendation: Yes. TECO’s updated plan is largely a continuation of its current Commission-approved plan. Since, Florida has not been affected by any named storms in the past few years, data are not available to evaluate the effects of hardening efforts on TECO’s infrastructure. However, staff believes TECO is taking proactive steps to improve its system to withstand severe weather events and thus presents a reasonable approach to storm hardening that has the potential to enhance reliability and reduce restoration costs and outage times.

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Issue 5: Should the Commission approve Gulf Power Company’s 2013-2015 storm hardening plan filed in Docket No. 130139-EI?

Recommendation: Yes. Gulf’s updated plan is largely a continuation of its current Commission-approved plan. Since, Florida has not been affected by any named storms in the past few years, data are not available to evaluate the effects of hardening efforts on Gulf’s infrastructure. However, staff believes Gulf is taking proactive steps to improve its system to withstand severe weather events and thus presents a reasonable approach to storm hardening that has the potential to enhance reliability and reduce restoration costs and outage times.

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Issue 6: Should these dockets be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the orders, these dockets should be closed upon the issuance of the consummating orders.

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