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JAMES T. DINNEEN COUNTY MANAGER December 11, 2013

Public Service Commission
Office of the Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Dear Public Service Commission:

Duke Energy, an investor-owned utility, provides electric service to portions of Volusia County. Florida Statutes allow investor-owned utility providers to recover certain expenses from customers through cost recovery charges adjusted annually by the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC). The PSC set Duke Energy's cost recovery charges on November 4, 2013, which will result in a rate increase to the citizens of Volusia County, beginning January 2014.

Volusia County Council passed Resolution 2013-243 strongly opposing any rate increase imposed by Duke Energy to the citizens of Volusia County. The Resolution is attached.

James T. Dinneen County Manager

cc: Members of the Volusia County Council
Dan Eckert, County Attorney

Mary Anne Connors, Deputy County Manager

## RESOLUTION NO. 2013-243

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO ANY RATE INCREASE BY DUKE ENERGY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Duke Energy, an investor-owned utility, provides electric service to portions of Volusia County; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statues allow investor-owned utility providers to recover certain expenses from customers through cost recovery charges adjusted annually by the Florida Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Public Service Commission requires each investor-owned utility to submit three annual filings for all cost recovery charges; and

WHEREAS, Florida Public Service Commission holds annual hearings to review the cost recovery filings; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2013 hearing, the Florida Public Service Commission set Duke Energy's cost recovery charges which will result in a rate increase to the citizens of Volusia County, Florida, beginning January 2014; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Volusia County, Florida, are facing financial difficulties due to the downturn in the economy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OPEN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED IN COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE THOMAS C. KELLY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, DELAND, FLORIDA, THIS 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 2013, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION I:** That the Volusia County Council strongly opposes any rate increase imposed by Duke Energy to the citizens of Volusia County.

SECTION II: This resolution shall take effective immediately upon its adoption and the county manager shall distribute copies to Duke Energy, Florida League of Cities, Florida Association of Counties, and the Office of the Commission Clerk of the Florida Public Service Commission.

DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN MEETING.

COUNTY COUNCIL VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Sason P. Davis
COUNTY CHAIR

ATTEST:

James T. Dinneen COUNTY/MANAGER