

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Determination)
of Cost Effective Generation Alternative) DOCKET NO. 140111-EI
to Meet Need Prior to 2018 for Duke) Submitted for filing: August 13, 2014
Energy Florida, Inc.)
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DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.'S NOTICE OF FILING AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF FOURTEENTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Duke Energy Florida, Inc. ("DEF") hereby gives notice of filing the affidavit of Benjamin M.H. Borsch in support of Duke Energy Florida, Inc.'s Fourteenth Request for Confidential Classification.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to counsel and parties of record as indicated below via electronic and overnight mail this 13th day of August, 2014.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF BENJAMIN M.H. BORSCH
IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, INC.'S
FOURTEENTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Benjamin M.H. Borsch, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Benjamin M.H. Borsch. I am over the age of 18 years old and I have been authorized by Duke Energy Florida, Inc. (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 facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

2. I am the Director, IRP & Analytics – Florida. I am responsible for resource planning for Duke Energy Florida, Inc. I am responsible for directing the resource planning process in an integrated approach to finding the most cost-effective alternatives to meet the Company's obligation to serve its customers in Florida. As a result, we examine both supply-side and demand-side resources available and potentially available to the Company over its planning horizon, relative to the Company's load forecasts, and prepare and present documents that are filed with the Florida Public Service Commission ("FPSC" or the "Commission"), in accordance with the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. In my capacity as the

Director, IRP & Analytics –Florida, I am responsible for the Company’s evaluation of options to meet its needs for reliable electric power prior to 2018.

3. DEF is seeking confidential classification for portions of responses to Staff’s Second Set of Interrogatories Nos. 60 and 61 and Second Request for Production of Documents Nos. 12 and 13. A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Exhibit A to DEF’s Fourteenth Request for Confidential Classification and is outlined in DEF’s Justification Matrix that is attached to DEF’s Fourteenth Request for Confidential Classification as Exhibit C.

4. DEF is requesting confidential classification of this information because it is competitively sensitive confidential business and forecast information which contains confidential and proprietary internal and external analysis and studies. This information would adversely impact DEF’s competitive business interests if disclosed to third parties.

5. The disclosure of this information would impair the efforts of the Company to negotiate contracts on favorable terms, as well as violate contractual nondisclosure provisions of these offers. Specifically, if DEF’s suppliers or competitors were made aware of DEF’s internal strategies and analysis studies, they may adjust their behavior in the market place with respect to activity such as pricing and the acquisition and provision of goods, materials, and services. DEF must be able to ensure vendors that their information will be kept confidential.

6. DEF negotiates with potential third party vendors to obtain competitive contracts for services that provide economic value to DEF and its ratepayers. In order to obtain such contracts, however, DEF must be able to assure these companies that sensitive business information, forecasts, and analysis will be kept confidential. DEF has kept confidential and has

not publicly disclosed any of this confidential information. Absent such measures, these companies would run the risk that sensitive business information that they provided to DEF would be made available to the public and, as a result, end up in possession of potential competitors, or DEF would run the risk that supplier would use their own forecasts and analysis against DEF in negotiating contracts. Faced with that risk, persons or companies who would otherwise contract with DEF might decide not to do so if such terms are not kept confidential. Without DEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive contracts would be undermined.

7. The information identified as Exhibit A is intended to be and is treated as confidential by the Company. The information has not been disclosed to the public, and the Company has treated and continues to treat the information as confidential. Upon receipt of the information at issue, and with 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.

8. At no time since receiving or generating the forecasts and business analysis studies in question has the Company publicly disclosed that information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

9. This concludes my affidavit.

Dated the ____ day of August, 2014.

(Signature)

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THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this ___ day
of August, 2014 by Benjamin M.H. Borsch. He is personally known to me, or has produced his
_____ driver's license, or his _____ as identification.

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

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