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February 1, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Ms. Carlotta Stauffer, Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

> Re: Docket 150171-EI Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Thirteenth Request for Confidential Classification

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Attached is Duke Energy Florida, LLC's ("DEF") Thirteenth Request for Confidential Classification of certain information provided by DEF to the Bond Team in the above-referenced matter. This filing includes:

- o Exhibit A (confidential slipsheet only)
- Exhibit B (2 sets of redacted information)
- Exhibit C (justification matrix)
- Exhibit D (Affidavit of Bryan Buckler)

DEF's confidential Exhibit A that accompanies the above-referenced filing, has been submitted under separate cover.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (727) 820-4692.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dianne M. Triplett

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for approval to include in base rates the revenue requirement for the CR3 regulatory asset, by Duke Energy Florida, Inc.	
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Florida, Inc. d/b/a Duke Energy.	DATED: February 1, 2016

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S THIRTEENTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF" or the "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), submits this Thirteenth Request for Confidential Classification concerning portions of DEF's documents provided to the Bond Team. Those confidential documents were filed in this docket on January 12, 2016 with DEF's Notice of Intent to request confidential classification. This request is timely. *See* Rule 25-22.006(3)(a)1., F.A.C. In support of this request, DEF states:

- 1. As further explained below, portions of documents provided to the Bond Team, contain "proprietary confidential business information" under section 366.093(3), F.S.
 - 2. The following exhibits are included with this request:

(a) Sealed Composite Exhibit A is a package containing an unredacted copy of all the documents for which DEF seeks confidential treatment. Composite Exhibit A is being submitted separately in a sealed envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL." In the unredacted version, the information asserted to be confidential is highlighted in yellow. (b) Composite Exhibit B encompasses two copies of redacted versions of the documents for which the Company requests confidential classification. The specific information for which confidential treatment is requested has been blocked out by opaque marker or other means.

(c) Exhibit C is a table which identifies by page and line the information for which DEF seeks confidential classification and the specific statutory bases for seeking confidential treatment.

(d) Exhibit D is an affidavit attesting to the confidential nature of information identified in this request.

3. As indicated in Exhibit C, the information for which DEF requests confidential classification is "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S. Specifically, the information at issue relates to confidential communications between DEF and a representative of RBC Capital Markets ("RBC"). DEF has been engaging in discussions with RBC as to whether RBC is willing to participate as a joint book runner in the securitization bond transaction. RBC has requested, and DEF has agreed, that DEF maintain this information as confidential. The release of these confidential communications would violate DEF's agreement with RBC and adversely impact DEF's competitive business interests. *See* § 366.093(3)(d), F.S.; Affidavit of Bryan Buckler at ¶ 5. The disclosure of that information to the public would also adversely impact the competitive business interest of parties contracting with DEF. *See* § 366.093(3)(e), F.S.; Affidavit of Bryan Buckler at ¶ 6. Accordingly, such information constitutes "proprietary confidential business information" which is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act pursuant to Section 366.093(1), F.S.

4. The information identified as Exhibit "A" is intended to be and is treated as

confidential by the Company. *See* Affidavit of Bryan Buckler at ¶¶ 5-7. The information has not been disclosed to the public, and the Company has treated and continues to treat the documents at issue as confidential. *See* Affidavit of Bryan Buckler at ¶ 7.

5. DEF requests that the information identified in Exhibit A be classified as "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of section 366.093(3), F.S., that the information remain confidential for a period of at least 18 months as provided in section 366.093(4) F.S., and that the information be returned as soon as it is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, DEF respectfully requests that this Thirteenth Request for Confidential Classification be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of February, 2016.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic mail to the following this 1st day of February, 2016.

/s/ Dianne M. Triplett

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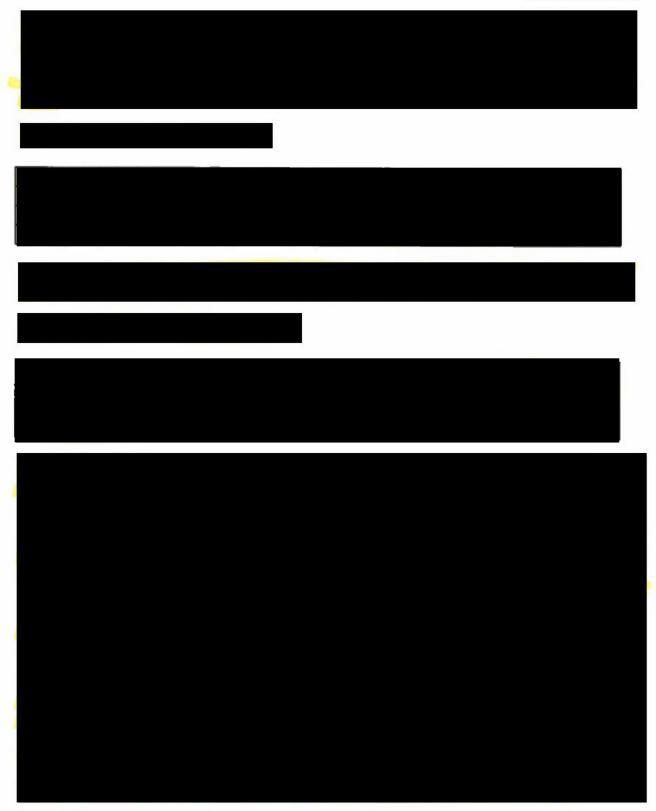
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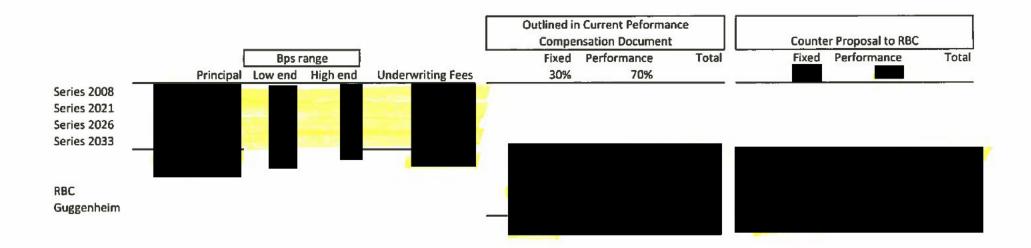
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Paul McNutt Managing Director Co-Head of Power, Utilities & Infrastructure	Office: (212) 301-1442 paul.mcnutt@rbccm.com	15+ years	 Paul joined RBC Capital Markets in 2013 as Managing Director in the Power, Utilities and Infrastructure group before being named Co-Head of the group in 2014. Prior to joining RBCCM, Paul spent 7 years at UBS, where he was also a Managing Director. Overall, Paul has 18 years of experience in corporate finance and mergers & acquisitions. Paul received his BBA in Finance and Accounting from Stephen F. Austin State University and his MBA from Southern Methodist University, Cox School of Business.
Eric Withrow, CFA Director	Office: (212) 618-2597 eric.withrow@rbccm.com	10+ years	 Eric joined RBC Capital Markets in January 2012 after previously working at Nomura and Merrill Lynch. Eric has significant transaction execution experience in financing and M&A for utility, generation, and retail energy clients. Eric received his BBA in Finance from James Madison University and his MBA from the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School.

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Giuseppe Pagano Managing Director Head, Term ABS, US and Europe	Office: (212) 428-6424 giuseppe.pagano@rbccm.com	20+ years	 Giuseppe joined RBC Capital Markets in December of 2010 as the Head of US and European Term ABS with a mandate to build-out and expand RBCCM's Term ABS platform. Prior to joining RBCCM, Giuseppe spent 8 years at Barclays Capital where he was responsible for the build-out of its securitization platform, elevating Barclays Capita to one of the top ABS underwriters from 2008 to 2010. From 1999 to 2002 Giuseppe was a Vice President at JPMorgan responsible for originating and executing ABS transactions on its North American ABS team, focusing on Credit Card ABS issuers among others. From 1989 to 1999 Giuseppe was part of Citigroup's treasury team where he was an issuer of ABS securities which helped fund Citigroup's Credit Card business. Giuseppe received his MBA from NYU and his AB in Economics from Cornell University. At RBCCM and Barclays, Giuseppe was responsible for the firm's work on the following transactions: Utility Debt Securitization Authority (Long Island Power) 2015 Ohio Phase-In-Recovery LLC (AEPOH 2013-1) Louisiana Public Facilities Authority 2008-EGSL/ELL RSB BondCo (Baltimore Gas & Electric) 2007-A
Kelth Helwig Director	Office: (212) 428-3008 keith.helwig@rbccm.com	10+ years	 Keith joined RBC Capital Markets' Securitization Finance team in January 2011, responsible for originating ABS term business and other asset backed financing transactions focusing on the credit card and ratepayer ABS sectors. Previously, Keith worked in the ABS group at Barclays Capital from 2005 until 2010, responsible for origination of term ABS and ABCP transactions across various consumer and mortgage assets with specific focus on the Credit Card related transactions, including various portfolio acquisitions/dispositions advisory roles. Keith received a BA in Economics from Lafayette College. At RBCCM and Barclays, Keith was responsible for the firm's work on the following transactions: Utility Debt Securitization Authority (Long Island Power) 2015 Ohio Phase-In-Recovery LLC (AEPOH 2013-1) Louisiana Public Facilities Authority 2008-EGSL/ELL RSB BondCo (Baltimore Gas & Electric) 2007-A FPL Recovery Funding 2007-A (Structuring Agent) Gulf Power Company Storm Recovery Bonds (advisor to Gulf Power in preparing prehearing testimony, discovery requests and rebuttat testimony submitted to the Florida Public Utility Commission) CenterPoint Energy Transition Bond Company II 2005-A PG&E Energy Funding 2005-A

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Richard Lawrence Managing Director	Office: (212) 618-7763 richard.lawrence@rbccm.com	15+ years	 Rich joined RBC Capital Markets in December of 2009 as the Director of Asset-Backed New Issue Syndicate. His primary responsibilities include working with RBCCM's coverage bankers to optimize new issue structures, liaising with RBCCM's secondary market ABS traders and investors to develop new issue spread levels, and coordinating the distribution of new issues with RBCCM's salesforce and other syndicate member banks. Rich has 17 years of experience in the asset-backed securities industry, beginning as a quantitative analyst at JPMorgan and developing into an account coverage banker focused on banks and specialty finance companies. He recently ran non-RMBS banking, principal finance and acquisition finance within Deutsche Bank's Sydney, Australia branch. Rich received his BS in Engineering from Bucknell University. At RBCCM, Rich was the head syndicate team member responsible for the firm's work on the following transaction: Ohio Phase-In-Recovery LLC (AEPOH 2013-1)

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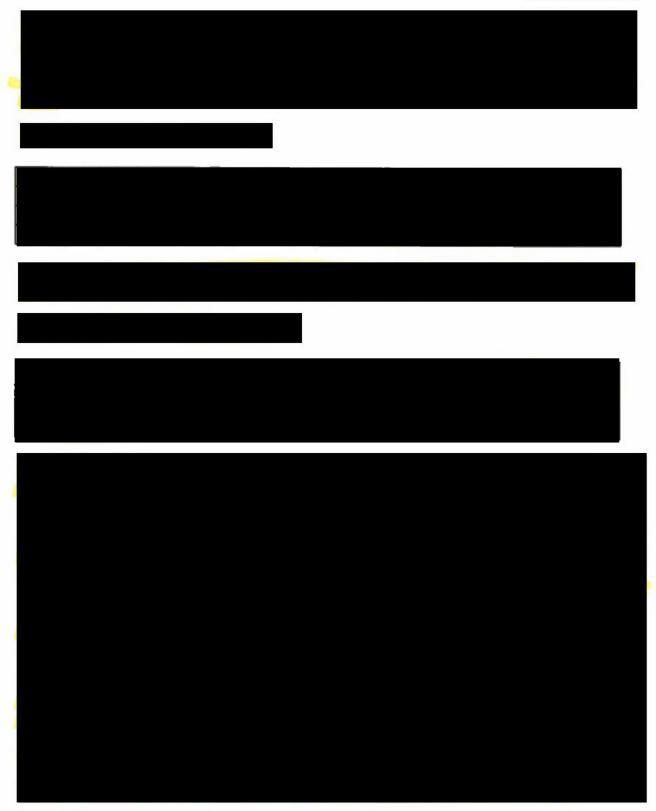
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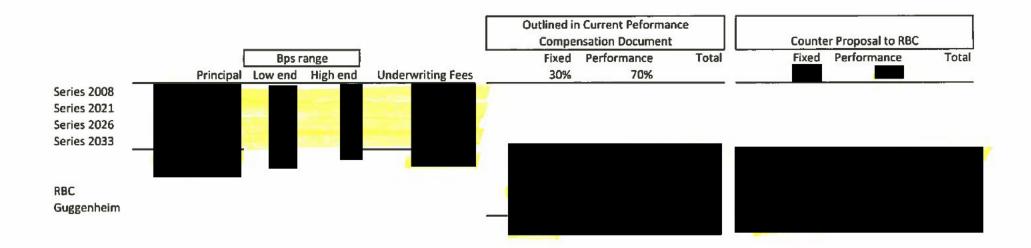
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Kelth Helwig Director	Office: (212) 428-3008 keith.helwig@rbccm.com	10+ years	 Keith joined RBC Capital Markets' Securitization Finance team in January 2011, responsible for originating ABS term business and other asset backed financing transactions focusing on the credit card and ratepayer ABS sectors. Previously, Keith worked in the ABS group at Barclays Capital from 2005 until 2010, responsible for origination of term ABS and ABCP transactions across various consumer and mortgage assets with specific focus on the Credit Card related transactions, including various portfolio acquisitions/dispositions advisory roles. Keith received a BA in Economics from Lafayette College. At RBCCM and Barclays, Keith was responsible for the firm's work on the following transactions: Utility Debt Securitization Authority (Long Island Power) 2015 Ohio Phase-In-Recovery LLC (AEPOH 2013-1) Louisiana Public Facilities Authority 2008-EGSL/ELL RSB BondCo (Baltimore Gas & Electric) 2007-A FPL Recovery Funding 2007-A (Structuring Agent) Gulf Power Company Storm Recovery Bonds (advisor to Gulf Power in preparing prehearing testimony, discovery requests and rebuttat testimony submitted to the Florida Public Utility Commission) CenterPoint Energy Transition Bond Company II 2005-A PG&E Energy Funding 2005-A

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Richard Lawrence Managing Director	Office: (212) 618-7763 richard.lawrence@rbccm.com	15+ years	 Rich joined RBC Capital Markets in December of 2009 as the Director of Asset-Backed New Issue Syndicate. His primary responsibilities include working with RBCCM's coverage bankers to optimize new issue structures, liaising with RBCCM's secondary market ABS traders and investors to develop new issue spread levels, and coordinating the distribution of new issues with RBCCM's salesforce and other syndicate member banks. Rich has 17 years of experience in the asset-backed securities industry, beginning as a quantitative analyst at JPMorgan and developing into an account coverage banker focused on banks and specialty finance companies. He recently ran non-RMBS banking, principal finance and acquisition finance within Deutsche Bank's Sydney, Australia branch. Rich received his BS in Engineering from Bucknell University. At RBCCM, Rich was the head syndicate team member responsible for the firm's work on the following transaction: Ohio Phase-In-Recovery LLC (AEPOH 2013-1)

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA – EXHIBIT C - Docket 150171-EI Confidentiality Justification

DOCUMENT/RESPONSES	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
DEF documents provided to the Bond Team	Attachment bearing Bates number CR3BondTeam00114, the last paragraph of email text at the bottom of the page.	 §366.093(3)(d), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information, the disclosure of which would impair DEF's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. §366.093(3)(e), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information relating to competitive business interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider/owner of the information.
DEF documents provided to the Bond Team	Attachment bearing Bates number CR3BondTeam00115, the entire text of the email except for the last line and signature line.	§366.093(3)(d), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information, the disclosure of which would impair DEF's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. §366.093(3)(e), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information relating to competitive business interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider/owner of the information.

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DEF documents provided to the Bond Team	Attachment bearing Bates number CR3BondTeam00116, the entire text of the email except for first 13 words of the first sentence.	 §366.093(3)(d), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information, the disclosure of which would impair DEF's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. §366.093(3)(e), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information relating to competitive business interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider/owner of the information.
DEF documents provided to the Bond Team	Attachment bearing Bates number CR3BondTeam00117, the entire text of the first two paragraphs of the email; the entire text of the third & fourth paragraphs of the email except for the first sentence of the third paragraph.	 §366.093(3)(d), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information, the disclosure of which would impair DEF's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. §366.093(3)(e), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information relating to competitive business interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider/owner of the information.

DOCUMENT/RESPONSES	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
DEF documents provided to the Bond Team	Attachment bearing Bates number CR3BondTeam00119, the last two column heads under "Fixed Performance" on the right side of the table; the entire body of the table.	 §366.093(3)(d), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information, the disclosure of which would impair DEF's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. §366.093(3)(e), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information relating to competitive business interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider/owner of the information.

Exhibit D

AFFIDAVIT OF BRYAN BUCKLER

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for approval to include in base rates the revenue requirement for the CR3 regulatory asset, by Duke Energy Florida, Inc.

In re: Petition for issuance of nuclear assetrecovery financing order, by Duke Energy Florida, Inc. d/b/a Duke Energy. DOCKET NO. 150171-EI DATED: February 2, 2016

AFFIDAVIT OF BRYAN BUCKLER IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA'S <u>TWELFTH REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION</u>

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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

1. My name is Bryan Buckler. 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 Request for Confidential Classification. The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

 I am the Director of Regulated Accounting for Duke Energy Business Services, LLC, a service company affiliate of DEF. 3. Effective August 15, 2015, I became the Director of Regulated Accounting for Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke Energy"). In this role I am responsible for accounting and financial reporting for all of Duke Energy's regulated subsidiaries, including Duke Energy Florida. However, I will still serve as DEF's Treasury witness in this proceeding, and will continue to report to Stephen De May, Senior Vice President and Treasurer of Duke Energy and DEF, for purposes of the nuclear asset-recovery bond transaction.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for portions of DEF's documents provided to the Bond Team. The confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Exhibit A to this Request and is outlined in DEF's Justification Matrix that is attached to DEF's Request for Confidential Classification as Exhibit C. DEF is requesting 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 and services on favorable terms.

5. Portions of the documents provided to the Bond Team (specifically CR3BondTeam000114 through Bates numbers CR3BondTeam000117 and CR3BondTeam000119), contain sensitive business information including communications between DEF and a representative of RBC Capital Markets ("RBC"). DEF has been engaging in discussions with RBC as to whether RBC is willing to participate as a joint book runner in the securitization bond transaction. RBC is experienced in such transactions and can assist DEF in obtaining the lowest all-in cost of funds for the Nuclear Asset Recovery Bonds. Portions of these Bond Team documents contain negotiations concerning underwriter compensation for joint book runners that would adversely impact DEF's competitive business interests if disclosed to the public.

In order to obtain specialized book runner assistance, DEF must be able to assure financial institutions that sensitive business information, such as compensation awarded to bookrunners will be kept confidential. With respect to the information at issue in this request, DEF has kept confidential and has not publicly disclosed confidential compensation rates and similar competitive information. Absent such measures, financial marketing firms who otherwise would contract with DEF might decide not to do so if DEF did not keep the compensation negotiations confidential. If other third parties are made aware of confidential compensation negotiations that DEF has with other parties, they may offer DEF less competitive contractual compensation rates in the future. Without DEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive negotiations in these communications between DEF and third parties, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive prices for its financial needs could be compromised by competitors changing their position or behavior in future contractual negotiations.

6. Additionally, the above-referenced Bates numbered attachments contain sensitive business information which could adversely impact competitive business interests of the financial marketing firms providing financial services to DEF for the securitization project. RBC has requested, and DEF has agreed, that DEF maintain this information as confidential. If RBC and other similarly situated potential business partners could not be assured that DEF abided by its agreements to maintain information as confidential, RBC and other potential third parties may be unwilling to participate in this transaction. Absent such confidentiality measures, third party financial marketing firms would run the risk that sensitive business information that they provided in their communications with DEF would be made available to the public and, as a result, end up

in possession of potential competitors. Faced with that risk, the efforts to competitively negotiate financial service agreements with companies such as DEF could be undermined.

7. Upon receipt of confidential information from financial marketing firms working with DEF, and with its own confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality 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 documents. At no time since receiving the emails in question has the Company publicly disclosed this information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the documents at issue as confidential.

8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the $\frac{28}{2}$ day of January, 2016.

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Bryan Buckler Director of Regulated Accounting Duke Energy Business Services, LLC 550 South Tryon Street Charlotte, NC

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this day of January, 2016 by BRYAN BUCKLER. He is personally known to me, or has produced his <u>North Caroling</u> driver's license, or his ______ as identification.

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

Heather M. Schleicher (Signature) Heather M. Schleicher (Printed Name) NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF North Caroline 2/23 2020 (Commission Expiration Date)

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