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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 160017-EI

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF DEPRECIATION RATES FOR
SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC GENERATING UNITS, BY DUKE ENERGY
FLORIDA, LLC.

PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 14

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER LISA POLAK EDGAR
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER RONALD A. BRISÉ
COMMISSIONER JIMMY PATRONIS

DATE: Tuesday, March 1, 2016

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN BROWN: The next item is 14, and I
3 believe we have the parties that would like to
4 address this with some -- OPC and Duke have some
5 proposed language to address the Commission on, so
6 if they could come up.

7 If we could get an overview first from staff
8 before we get the proposed language, that would be
9 great.

10 MR. STRATIS: All right. Good morning,
11 Commissioners, Nick Stratis on behalf of staff.

12 Item 14 is Duke Energy Florida's petition
13 requesting approval of depreciation rates for solar
14 photovoltaic generating units and associated
15 equipment. The company requests a 30-year whole
16 life depreciation rate of 3.3 percent effective
17 March 15th, 2016.

18 The requested depreciation rate is intended
19 for two solar photovoltaic units, generating units,
20 the Osceola County and Perry solar facilities, with
21 expected in-service dates of May and July 2016.
22 The rates are also intended for several future
23 projects that may be constructed in the future.
24 The petition is quite similar to those previously
25 approved by the Commission for Tampa Electric

1 Company and for Florida Power & Light.

2 Staff recommends the Commission approve Duke
3 Energy of Florida's request, requested 30-year
4 whole life depreciation rates of 3.3 percent at
5 this time.

6 There have been no contacts from the public
7 regarding this matter; however, Ms. Janjic of staff
8 would like to present you with information on
9 recent communication with General Counsel.

10 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you. Welcome.

11 MS. JANJIC: Good morning. Danijela Janjic
12 with Office of General Counsel.

13 We have received proposed language from OPC
14 and Duke, which they would like to see incorporated
15 into the staff recommendation, and ultimately in
16 the order. Staff has reviewed this language and
17 does not object to it.

18 Office of Public Counsel will present the
19 language, as agreed upon, and answer any further
20 questions.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you.

23 Mr. Truitt, welcome.

24 MR. TRUITT: Thank you, Madam Chair. John
25 Truitt with OPC, Commissioners. Briefly it's my

1 understanding you have this language in front of
2 you, but I'm going to go ahead and read it in the
3 record.

4 CHAIRMAN BROWN: I just want to confirm that,
5 Commissioners, you have the language? Okay. Thank
6 you.

7 MR. TRUITT: We spoke with Duke and agreed on
8 the following language:

9 The resolution of DEF's petition establishing
10 a depreciation rate does not constitute a
11 determination or presumption that the aggregate
12 cost of DEF's of solar voltaic -- photovoltaic
13 generating units and associated equipment at solar
14 facilities are recoverable through customer rates
15 nor a determination of prudence regarding DEF's
16 possible installation of solar photovoltaic
17 generating units and associated equipment at solar
18 facilities.

19 The basic premise behind this is to add
20 clarity going forward in case anyone looks back in
21 the order and sees a depreciation rate was assigned
22 that it's simply a depreciation rate assigning.

23 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

24 And, Ms. Bernier -- Mr. Bernier, sorry, if you
25 could confirm that you support the language.

1 MR. BERNIER: Yes, good morning, Madam Chair
2 and Commissioners. Matt Bernier with Duke Energy.
3 We -- I can confirm that we have absolutely no
4 objection to this language, and understand OPC's
5 point in trying to add it.

6 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Okay.

7 Commissioners, do you have any questions?

8 All right. Can I get a motion with -- along
9 with the proposed language to be included in the
10 recommended order?

11 COMMISSIONER EDGAR: Madam Chair, I would move
12 approval of the staff recommendation with the
13 addition of the agreed to and discussed language
14 here at the bench.

15 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you.

16 Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN BROWN: All those in favor, say aye.

19 (Vote taken.)

20 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Okay. The motion passes,
21 along with the inclusion of the proposed language.

22 Thank you very much.

23 (Agenda item concluded.)

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