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

Re: *Environmental Cost Recovery Clause; Docket No. 20170007-EI*

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

On behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF"), I am writing to advise the Commission that at this time, DEF has identified the following new environmental project for which it intends to seek approval for cost recovery in the above referenced docket:

- **Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act** – The Commission approved ECRC recovery of Comprehensive Design Study ("CDS") costs prudently incurred by DEF associated with the rules adopted by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") pursuant to section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act ("316(b) Rules"), in Docket No. 040472-EI, Order No. PSC-04-0990-PAA-EI. The 316(b) Rules established new performance standards for reducing the mortality of fish and shellfish associated with cooling water intake structures.

DEF expects to incur capital costs beginning in 2017 at the Crystal River North facility; however the full extent of compliance activities and associated expenditures cannot be determined until a final option to achieve compliance is selected. DEF plans to select its final compliance option later this year and to provide the Commission with initial project scope details and preliminary cost estimates for the Crystal River Energy Complex compliance plan in either the 2018 Projection Filing or as soon as possible thereafter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me at (850) 521-1428 should you have any questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully,

s/ Matthew R. Bernier
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic mail to the following this 7th day of July, 2017.

s/ Matthew R. Bernier

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