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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Analysis of IOUs' Hedging Practices; Docket No. 20170057-EI

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Please find enclosed for electronic filing on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF"), DEF's Request for Confidential Classification filed in connection its response to FIPUG's Second Request for Production of Documents filed on July 31, 2017.

The filing includes the following:

- DEF's Request for Confidential Classification
- Slipsheet for confidential Exhibit A
- Redacted Exhibit B (two copies)
- · Exhibit C (justification matrix), and
- Exhibit D (affidavit of Joseph McCallister)

DEF's confidential Exhibit A that accompanies the above-referenced filing was filed with DEF's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification (document no. 006411-2017) and remains on file with the Clerk.

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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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Analysis of IOUs' Hedging Practices

Docket No. 20170057-EI

Dated: August 21, 2017

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Duke Energy Florida, LLC, ("DEF" or "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), submits this Request for Confidential Classification (the "Request") for certain information provided in response to Florida Industrial Power User Group's ("FIPUG") Second Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 9-13¹). The confidential documents were filed in this docket on July31, 2017 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. DEF's response to FIPUG's Second Request for Production of Documents, specifically question 12a, contains "proprietary confidential business information" under Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes.
 - 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. As referenced above, Composite Exhibit A was submitted separately in a sealed envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" on July 31,

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2017(document no. 06411-2017). In the unredacted version, the information asserted to be confidential is highlighted in yellow.

- (b) Composite Exhibit B is a package containing 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 contains sensitive business information, such as volume hedged, savings/hedging costs, storage hedged volumes and storage savings/cost on hedges, the disclosure of which would impair the Company's efforts or its affiliates to negotiate contracts on favorable terms. *See* § 366.093(3)(d), F.S.; Affidavit of Joseph McCallister at ¶ 5 and 6. Furthermore, the disclosure of the information would impair DEF's competitive business interests. *See* § 366.093(3)(e), F.S.; Affidavits of Joseph McCallister at ¶ 4 and 5. 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 Joseph McCallister at ¶ 7. The information has not been disclosed to the public, and the Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential. *See* Affidavit of Joseph McCallister 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 Request for Confidential Classification be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 21st day of August, 2017.

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 this 21st day of August, 2017 to all parties of record as indicated below.

s/Matthew R. Bernier Attorney

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Exhibit A

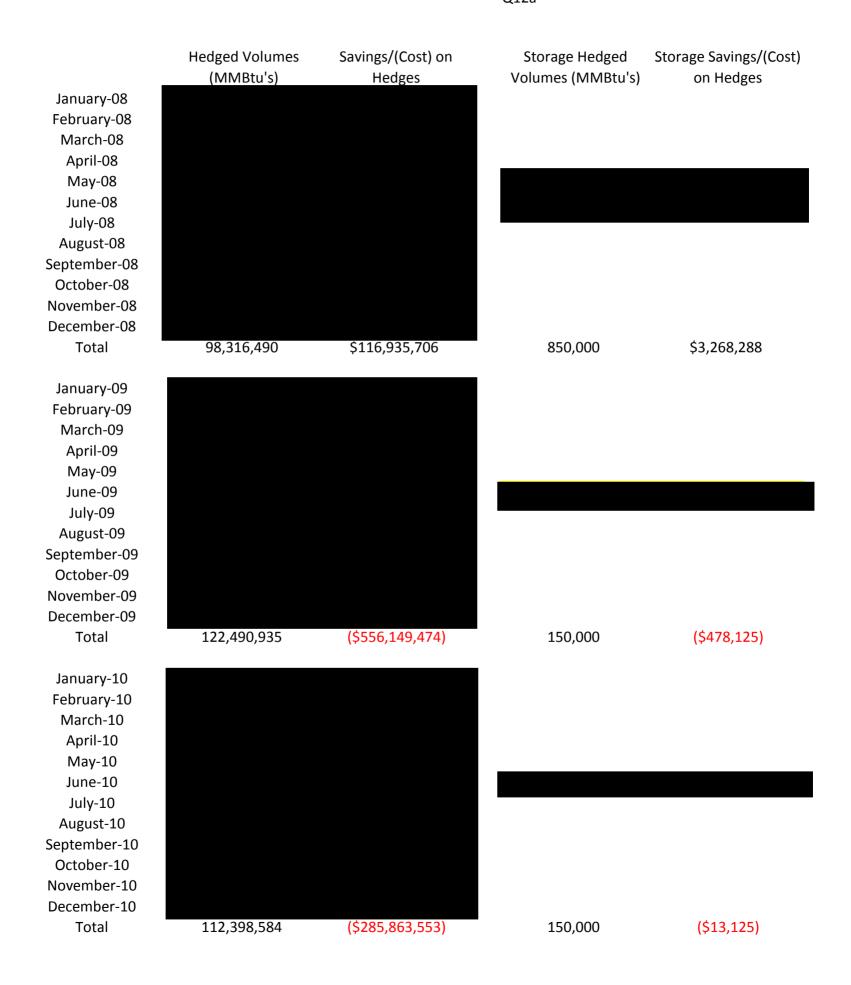
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Submitted under separate cover on July 31, 2017 Document No. 06411-2017

Exhibit B

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Docket No. 20170057-EI DEF's Response to FIPUG's 2nd PODs (9-13) Q12a





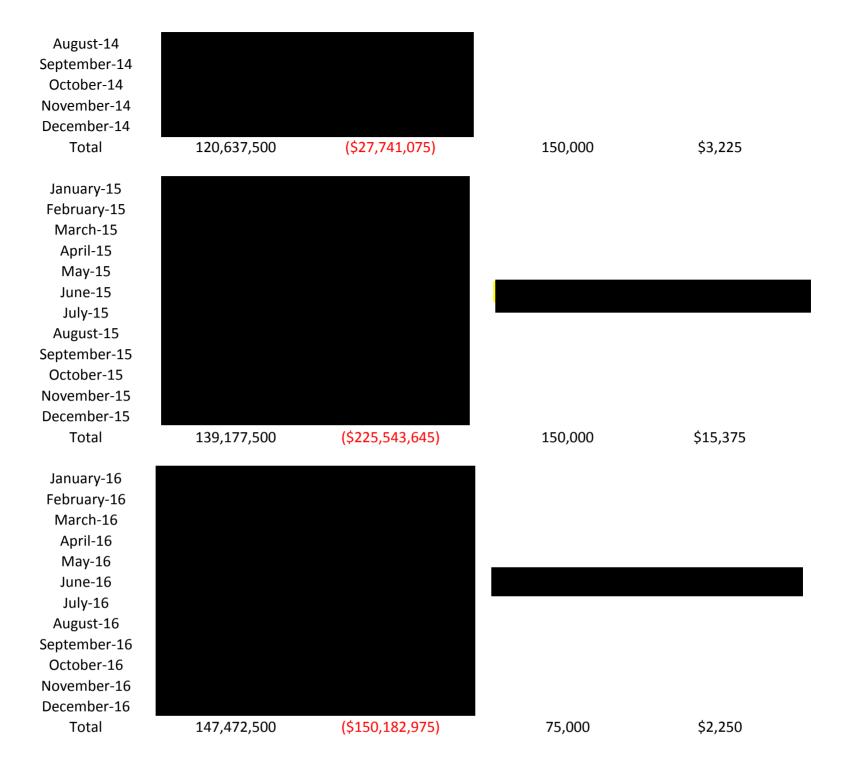
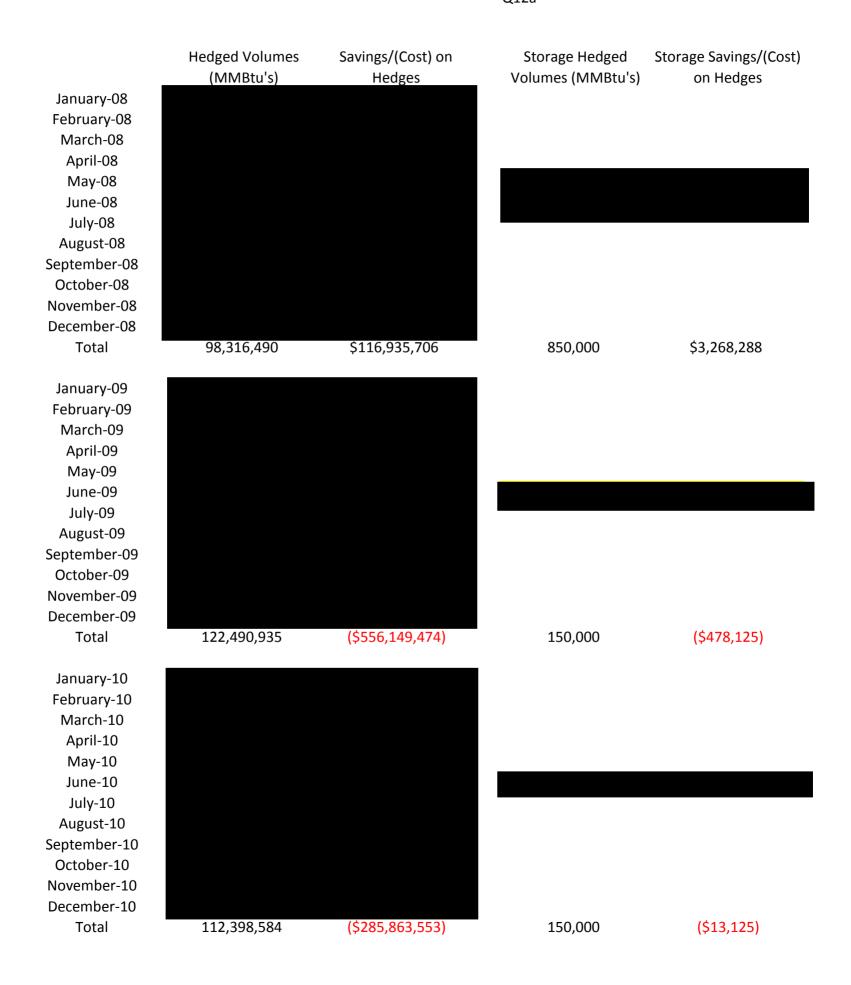


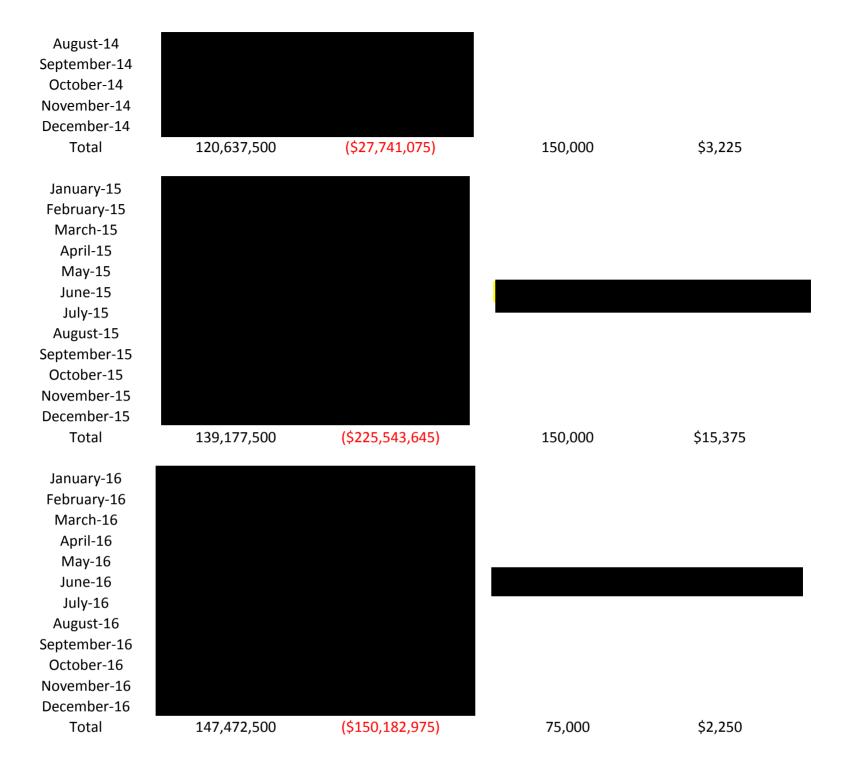
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Docket No. 20170057-EI DEF's Response to FIPUG's 2nd PODs (9-13) Q12a







DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA Confidentiality Justification Matrix

DOCUMENT/RESPONSES	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
DEF's Response to FIPUG's Second PODs (Nos. 9-13)	Question 12a: Bates number DEF-170057-00965through DEF-170057-00967 -the information contained in the columns titled "Hedged volumes (MMBtu's)" and "savings/cost on hedges". The information under columns titled "Storage Hedged Volumes (MMBtu's)" and "Storage Savings/Cost on Hedges" with the exception of the row titled "total."	§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 JOSEPH MCCALLISTER

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Analysis of IOUs' Hedging Practices.

Docket No. 20170057-EI

Dated: August 21, 2017

AFFIDAVIT OF JOSEPH McCALLISTER IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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

- 1. My name is Joseph McCallister. 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 "Request"). The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.
- 2. I am the Director of Natural Gas, Oil and Emissions in the Fuel Procurement Department. This section is responsible for natural gas, fuel oil and emission allowance activity for the Duke Energy Indiana ("DEI"), Duke Energy

Kentucky ("DEK"), Duke Energy Carolinas ("DEC"), Duke Energy Progress ("DEP"), and DEF Systems.

- 3. As the Director of Natural Gas, Oil and Emissions, I am responsible, along with the other members of the section, for the management of the gas and oil procurement, transportation, hedging activities and administration of gas and oil contracts with various suppliers for DEI's, DEK's, DEC's, DEF's and DEP's electrical power generation facilities.
- 4. DEF is seeking confidential classification certain information provided in response to Florida Industrial Power User Group's ("FIPUG") Second Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 9-13¹), specifically question 12a, filed on July31, 2017 in this docket. The confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Exhibit A filed on July 31, 2017 with DEF's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification and is outlined in DEF's Justification Matrix that is attached to DEF's Request 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 competitive business interests.
- 5. The confidential information at issue relates to DEF's hedging volume, savings/hedging costs and storage hedged volumes and storage savings/cost on hedges. DEF negotiates with potential fuel suppliers to obtain competitive contracts for fuel options that provide economic value to DEF and its customers. In order to obtain such contracts, however, DEF must be able to assure fuel suppliers that sensitive business information, such as bid evaluations, pricing, and quantities of fuel, will be kept

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confidential. With respect to the information at issue in this Request, DEF has kept confidential and has not publicly disclosed confidential information pertaining to fuel supply contracts. Absent such measures, market competitors and suppliers would have access to sensitive business information DEF uses to plan and execute its fuel procurement processes and alter their behavior to the detriment of DEF and its customers. Faced with that risk, persons or companies who otherwise would contract with DEF might decide not to do so if DEF did not keep specific information confidential. Without DEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive trade information and terms in contracts between DEF and fuel suppliers, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive contracts could be undermined.

- 6. Additionally, the disclosure of confidential information could adversely impact DEF's competitive business interests. If such information was disclosed to DEF's competitors, DEF's efforts to obtain competitive fuel supply contracts that provide economic value to both DEF and its customers could be compromised by DEF's competitors changing their consumption or purchasing behavior within the relevant markets.
- 7. Upon receipt of confidential information, 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. At no time since receiving the information in

question has the Company publicly disclosed that information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the \(\frac{1}{\sum} \) day of August, 2017.	Joseph McCallister Director – Natural Gas, Oil and Emissions Fuels Procurement Department Duke Energy 526 South Church Charlotte, NC 28202
16 day of August, 2017 by Joseph M	IENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this IcCallister. He is personally known to me, or has driver's license, or his
	Katil Jamieson (Signature)
(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)	(Printed Name) NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF June 14, 2021 (Commission Expiration Date)
KATIE JAMIESON Notary Public, North Carolina Gaston County	(Serial Number, If Any)