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E-PORTAL FILING

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

Re: Docket No. 20180061-EI-Petition for limited proceeding to recover incremental storm restoration costs by Florida Public Utilities Company

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPUC") hereby submits this letter to respectfully request that the Commission suspend the Company's proposed tariff in this docket pending further review, including the conclusion of the Staff Audit, which is scheduled for June 2018. On February 28, 2018, FPUC submitted a Petition for Limited Proceeding, along with supporting tariff pages, that initiated this proceeding. At present, it is FPUC's understanding that the Commission staff is scheduled to file a recommendation addressing FPUC's request on April 6 for consideration by the Commission on the April 20 Agenda. Although the Company initially requested a May 1, 2018 effective date for any approved surcharge, in this particular circumstance, suspension will allow the Company to avoid substantial and potentially duplicative administrative costs associated with noticing any potential surcharge prior to approval and thereafter implementing the system changes and additional noticing costs associated with any subsequent true up.

FPUC anticipates that the costs associated with approval of any surcharge at the April 2018 Agenda would be approximately \$28,000, which is comprised of \$16,000 for providing notice to customers and \$12,000 for actual system changes to include the new surcharge. In the event that the Staff Audit contemplates an adjustment to the rate, this would result in an additional administrative cost of approximately \$17,000.

Given that the Staff Audit is anticipated to conclude just a month after the May 1 surcharge implementation date initially proposed by FPUC, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission suspend the Company's proposed tariff and delay substantive action on the Company's request, at least until the Staff Audit is completed, to allow the Company to avoid duplicative noticing costs and to lessen the likelihood of sending confusing pricing signals to customers.

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Thank you for your assistance with this filing. As always, please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions whatsoever.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Keating", written over a horizontal line.

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