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In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20180160-EI

PETITION FOR 12-MONTH
EXTENSION OF VOLUNTARY
SOLAR PARTNERSHIP RIDER
AND PROGRAM, BY FLORIDA
POWER & LIGHT COMPANY.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 12

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER ANDREW G. FAY

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

2 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Item No. 12.

3 MR. DOHERTY: Good morning, Commissioners. My
4 name is Riley Doherty with Commission staff.

5 Item 12 is a petition filed by Florida Power &
6 Light for a one-year extension of its Volunteer
7 Solar Partnership program. The program was first
8 approved in 2014 as a three-year pilot, with
9 enrollment beginning in May.

10 This one-year extension will allow FP&L to
11 complete and evaluate its research regarding how
12 the VSP program and the plan-shared solar program
13 would impact one another.

14 Staff recommends approval. And company
15 representatives are also here if you have -- if you
16 have any questions.

17 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: All right. Riley, the most
18 important question is: Is that a holiday tie?
19 Because you've got to keep in step with
20 Commissioner Fay over here.

21 MR. DOHERTY: Yes, sir, it is. Just trying to
22 spread the holiday cheer one bow tie at a time.

23 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you.

24 (Laughter.)

25 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Commissioners, any questions

1 of Mr. Riley?

2 Commissioner Polmann.

3 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you,
4 Mr. Chairman.

5 I support the intent here of public education.
6 I recognize that we've had quite a bit of
7 discussion on this -- the voluntary nature of the
8 solar program. And as I see it, the primary
9 opportunity here is for ongoing community
10 engagement, public education. I do support that.

11 I -- I had a little bit of concern about the
12 pilot-program concept where it is -- it is a
13 continuing effort, but that aside, I -- I do
14 support the educational aspect. I think the
15 utility is sincere about this and kind of spreading
16 information and -- and knowledge.

17 So, in that regard, I believe that approving
18 this one-year extension is -- is appropriate. It's
19 in the public interest and will give the company an
20 opportunity to do the -- the data analysis and --
21 and come to the conclusions that are -- are
22 appropriate and see how all this fits in the
23 other vol- -- the larger-scale program.

24 So, for staff, have -- have you seen any
25 further effort on the -- on the company's part

1 to -- to draw this to a conclusion?

2 MR. DOHERTY: To my knowledge, no, but the
3 company may have different results. They may be
4 able to better answer that for you.

5 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Okay. Mr. Chairman,
6 I -- I would support this, you know, additional
7 extension because I do see it as, you know, there's
8 a growth in the community engagement. And I see
9 that as a positive aspect. And I think the ongoing
10 educational opportunities here are -- are
11 significant.

12 So, I'll -- I'll go ahead and move approval on
13 the item.

14 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: It's been moved and second,
15 staff recommendation on Item No. 12.

16 I have to agree with you, Commissioner
17 Polmann. I know when we first approved this, there
18 was some debate, even up here on the dais, on this
19 program, itself. But, at the end of the day, it
20 wasn't going to cost the body of ratepayers
21 anything; it was just -- it was a trial.

22 And as you and I both know, being engineers,
23 we love doing trials because that's the best way to
24 figure things out. And I -- I think it's been very
25 successful thus far. And you know, I -- I think

1 this is the definition of a good trial.

2 So, if there is nothing else, any -- all in
3 favor, say aye.

4 (Chorus of ayes.)

5 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Any opposed?

6 By your action, you've approved the staff rec
7 on Item No. 12.

8 (Agenda item concluded.)

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