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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: *Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Petition a Limited Proceeding to Approve First Solar Base Rate Adjustment; Docket 20190149-EI*

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Please find enclosed for electronic filing on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF"), DEF's Request for Confidential Classification filed in connection with DEF's response to Staff's Request for Production (Nos. 9-14), filed on March 5, 2019.

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 Matthew G. Stout)

DEF's confidential Exhibit A (document no. 01639-2019), that accompanies the above-referenced filing was filed with DEF's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification and remains on file with the Clerk.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me at (727) 820-4692 should you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

s/ Dianne M. Triplett

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Enclosures

Dianne M. Triplett

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for a Limited Proceeding to
approve First Solar Base Rate Adjustment,
by Duke Energy Florida, LLC

Docket No. 20180149-EI

Dated: March 26, 2019

**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 for the confidential information provided in DEF’s Response to Staff’s Third Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 9-14), submitted on March 5, 2019, concurrently with DEF’s Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification. The Request is timely. See Ruel 25-22.006(3)(a)1., F.A.C. In support of this Request, DEF states:

1. Information contained in DEF’s Response to Staff’s Third Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 9-14), specifically questions 9, 13, and 14, contain information that is “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 unredacted copies of all the documents for which DEF seeks confidential treatment. Composite Exhibit A was submitted separately in a sealed envelope labeled “CONFIDENTIAL” on March 5, 2019. In the unredacted versions, the information asserted to be confidential is highlighted 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 the information identified.

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 confidential business information at issue relates to specific contractual costs and other counter-parties with whom DEF is in active negotiations. If DEF cannot assure contracting parties that it can maintain the confidentiality of contractual terms, those parties and other similarly situated parties may forego entering contracts with DEF, which would adversely impact DEF’s competitive business interests. *See* § 366.093(3)(e), F.S.; Affidavit Matthew G. Stout at ¶¶ 4 and 5.

4. Additionally, certain information provided to Staff includes specific counter-party information with whom DEF is competitively negotiating, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the Company or its to negotiate contracts on favorable terms. Finally, public disclosure of this information would provide other counter-parties valuable insight into prices that DEF may be willing to pay in certain circumstances, thereby materially harming DEF’s ability to negotiate competitive contracts in the future. *See* § 366.093(3)(d) & (e), F.S.; Affidavit of Matthew G. Stout at ¶¶ 4-5.

5. The information identified as Exhibit “A” is intended to be and is treated as

confidential by the Company. *See* Affidavit of Matthew G. Stout at ¶¶5- 6. 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 id.* 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.

6. 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 26th day of March, 2019.

s/Dianne M. Triplett

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
(Docket No. 20180149-EI)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to the following by electronic mail this 26th day of March, 2019, to all parties of record as indicated below.

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Exhibit A

“CONFIDENTIAL”

(Submitted on March 5, 2019 with DEF’s Notice of Intent)

Exhibit B

REDACTED

Exhibit C

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA Confidentiality Justification Matrix

DOCUMENT/RESPONSES	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
DEF's Response to Staff's 3 rd Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 9-14)	Question 9: all information contained in the attachments bearing bates numbers 20180149-DEF-000726 through 20180149-DEF-000734, is confidential.	<p>§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.</p> <p>§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.</p>
DOCUMENT/RESPONSES	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
DEF's Response to Staff's 3 rd Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 9-14)	Question 13: all information listed in the table, in the third columns titled "Name" and "Original Developer" is confidential.	<p>§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.</p> <p>§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.</p>
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<p>DEF's Response to Staff's 3rd Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 9-14)</p>	<p>Question 14: all information in the response after "Number" and before "The Columbia" and the information after "Queue" and before "The DEF" is confidential.</p>	<p>§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.</p> <p>§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.</p>
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Exhibit D
AFFIDAVIT OF
MATTHEW G. STOUT

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for a Limited Proceeding to
Approve First Solar Base Rate Adjustment,
By Duke Energy Florida, LLC

Docket No. 20180149-EI

Dated: March 26, 2019

**AFFIDAVIT OF MATTHEW G. STOUT IN SUPPORT OF
DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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

1. My name is Matthew G. Stout. I am over the age of 18 years old and I have been authorized by Duke Energy Florida, LLC (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 Managing Director of Business Development for Wind and Solar Development within the RGD Business Development Department. This department is responsible for the development of new solar facilities for DEF.

3. As the Managing Director of Business Development for Wind and Solar Development, I am responsible, along with the other members of the department, for conducting solar development activities including project siting, land acquisition, resource assessment,

permitting, obtaining interconnection rights, project layout and design, and arranging contracts for engineering, procurement and construction, as well as originating, structuring, and executing transactions to acquire rights to existing solar development projects.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in its Response to Staff's Third Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 9-14), submitted on March 5, 2019. The confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Exhibit A to DEF's Request and is outlined in DEF's Justification Matrix that is attached to DEF's Request for Confidential Classification 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 efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms.

5. Additionally, the disclosure of the confidential information concerning the counter-parties with whom DEF is in active negotiations, could adversely impact DEF's competitive business interests. If such information was disclosed to other counter-parties, it could provide valuable insight into prices that DEF may be willing to pay in certain circumstances, thereby materially harming DEF's ability to negotiate competitive contracts in the future. DEF's efforts to obtain competitive contracts that provide economic value to both DEF and its customers could be compromised. Without DEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality of counter-parties and contractual terms, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive contracts could be undermined.

6. Upon receipt of confidential information from suppliers, 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 and contracts. At no time since receiving the contracts

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

7. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the _____ day of March, 2019.

Matthew G. Stout
Managing Director of Business Development for
Wind and Solar Development
RGD Business Development Department Duke
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THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this ___ day
of March, 2019, by Matthew G. Stout. He is personally known to me, or has produced his
_____ driver's license, or his _____ as identification.

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC,
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

(Commission Expiration Date)

(Serial Number, If Any)