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May 18, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: *Review of 2020-2029 Storm Protection Plan Pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., Duke Energy Florida, LLC; Docket No. 20200069-EI*

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Please find enclosed for electronic filing on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC (“DEF”), DEF’s Request for Confidential Classification for certain information contained in DEF’s Response to OPC’s Second Request to Produce (Nos. 15-30). The filing includes the following:

- DEF’s Request for Confidential Classification
- Slip-sheet for confidential Exhibit A
- Redacted Exhibit B (two copies)
- Exhibit C (justification matrix), and
- Exhibit D (affidavits of Jay W. Oliver & Thomas G. Foster-unverified)

DEF’s confidential Exhibit A that accompanies the above-referenced filing was submitted with DEF’s Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification on April 27, 2020, under separate cover.

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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Enclosures

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of 2020-2029 Storm Protection
Plan Pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., Duke
Energy Florida, LLC

Docket No. 20200069-EI

Dated: May 18, 2020

**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 certain information provided in its response to the Office of the Public Counsel’s (“OPC”) Second Request to Produce Documents (Nos. 15-30), served on April 27, 2020 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 OPC’s Second Request to Produce Documents (Nos. 15-30), specifically documents responsive to questions 23 and 24, bearing bates numbers 20200069-DEF-000381 through 20200069-DEF-000383, 20200069-DEF-000385, 20200069-DEF-000391 through 20200069-DEF-000393, 20200069-DEF-000396 and 20200069-DEF-000401 through 20200069-DEF-000404, respectively, contain “proprietary confidential business information” under § 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 April 27, 2020, with DEF’s Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification. In the unredacted versions, 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.

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 includes proprietary and confidential contractual information, the disclosure of which would impair the Company’s competitive business interests and efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms. *See* § 366.093(3)(d) & (e), F.S.; Affidavits of Jay W. Oliver and Thomas G. Foster at ¶¶ 4, 5 and 6. 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. Additionally, the information at issue relates to DEF’s strategies, forecasted modeling, analyses, and competitive business information of DEF and third-party companies. DEF must ensure that sensitive business information is kept confidential, the disclosure of which would impair the Company’s competitive interests and ability to contract on favorable terms. *See* § 366.093(3)(d) & (e), F.S.; Affidavits of Jay W. Oliver and Thomas G. Foster at ¶¶ 4, 5 and 6. If the information at issue was disclosed, DEF’s efforts to obtain contracts that provide economic value to both DEF and its customers could be compromised by competitors and vendors changing their purchasing behavior within the relevant markets. *See id.* at ¶ 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.

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

confidential by the Company. See Affidavits of Jay W. Oliver and Thomas G. Foster at ¶ 7. The information has not been disclosed to the public, and the Company has treated and continues to treat the information and contracts at issue as confidential. See Affidavits of Jay W. Oliver and Thomas G. Foster at ¶¶ 6 and 7.

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 18th day of May, 2020.

s/Matthew R. Bernier

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
Docket No. 20200069-EI

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to the following by electronic mail this 18th day of May, 2020, to all parties of record as indicated below.

/s/ Matthew R. Bernier
Attorney

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Exhibit A

“CONFIDENTIAL”

(submitted on April 27, 2020, under separate cover)

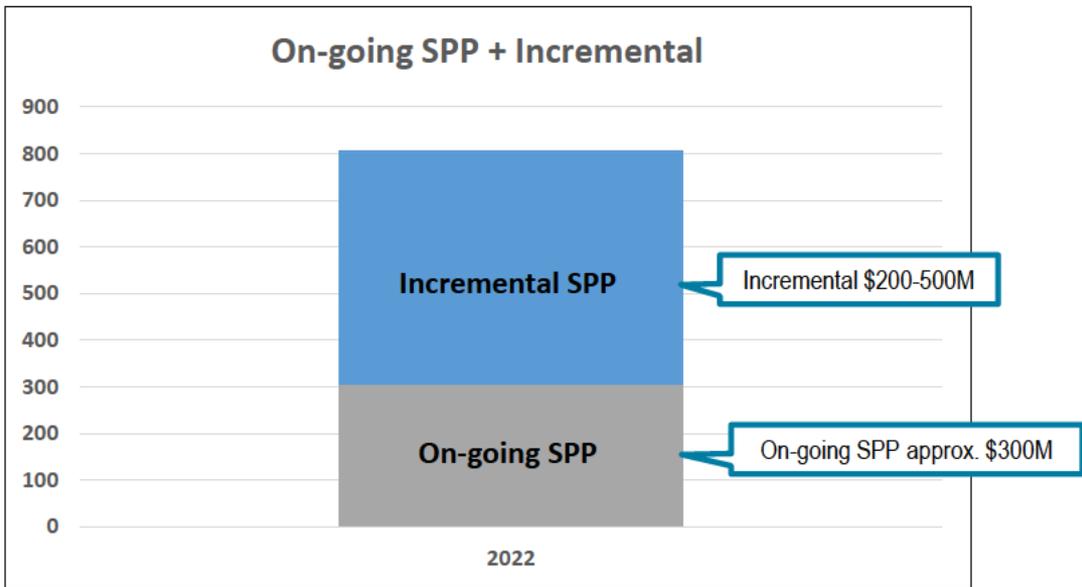
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20200069-DEF-000381

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in (\$000's)

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20200069-DEF-000382

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20200069-DEF-000383

3-Year Timeline

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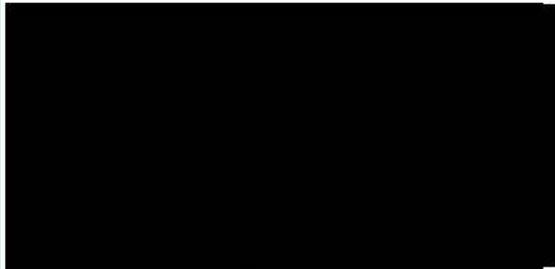
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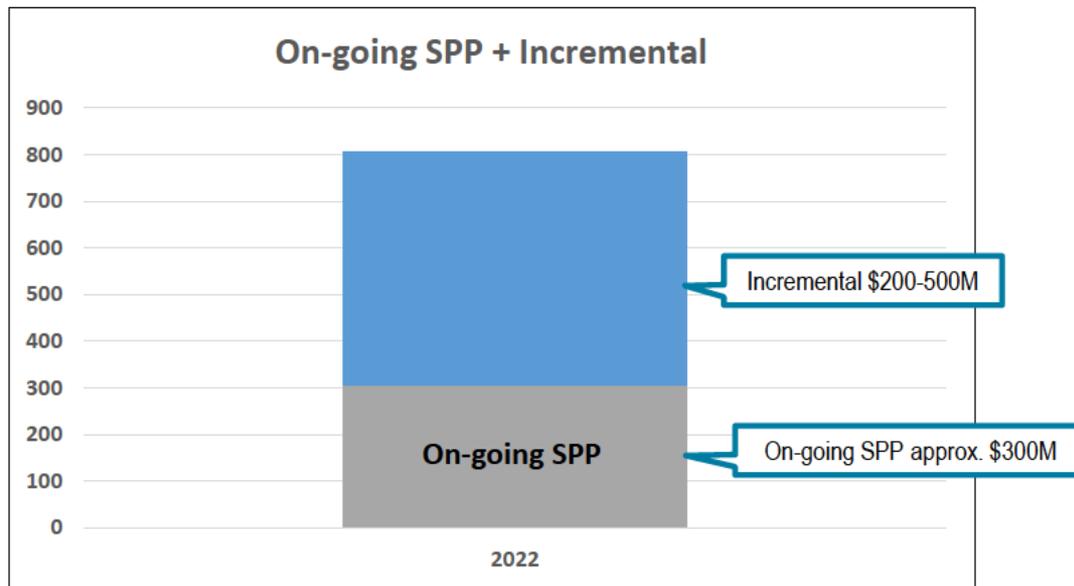
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20200069-DEF-000391

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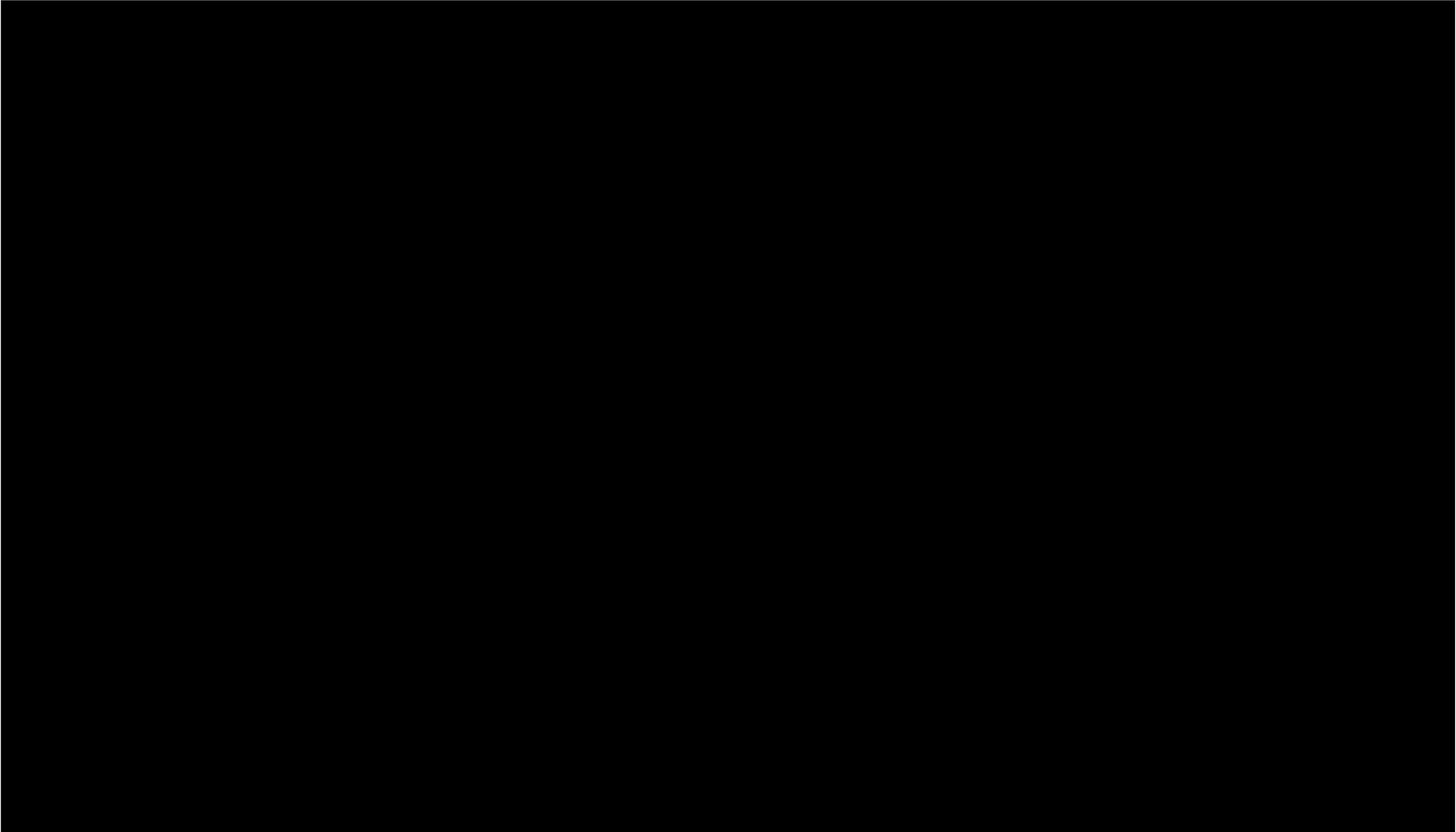
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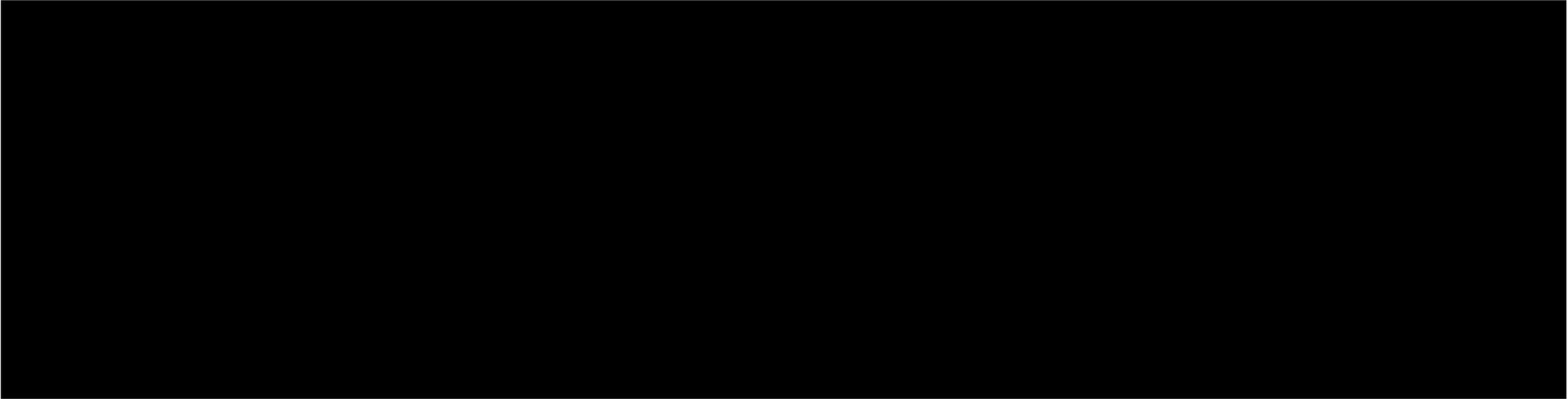


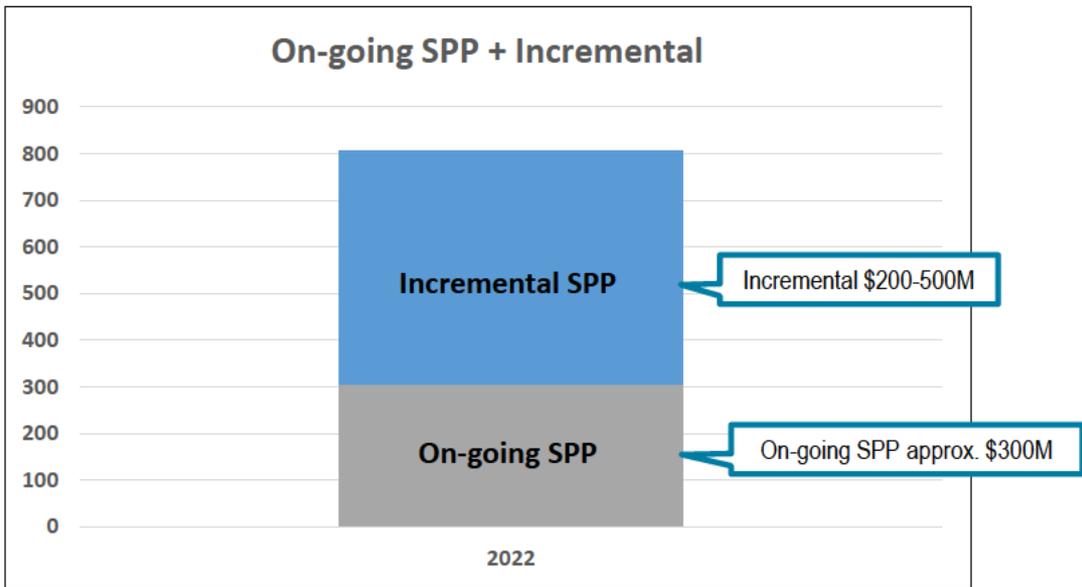
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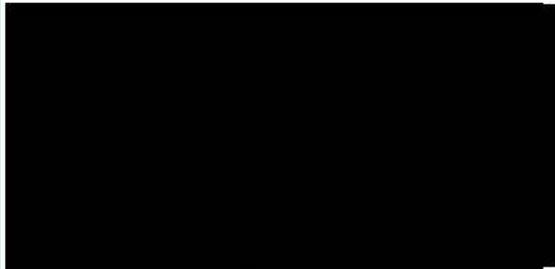
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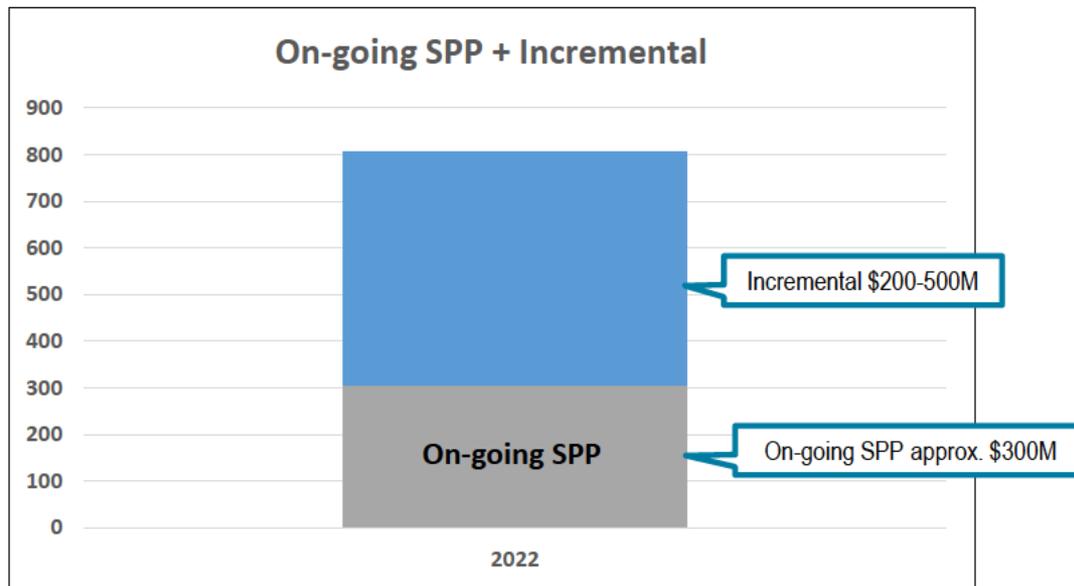
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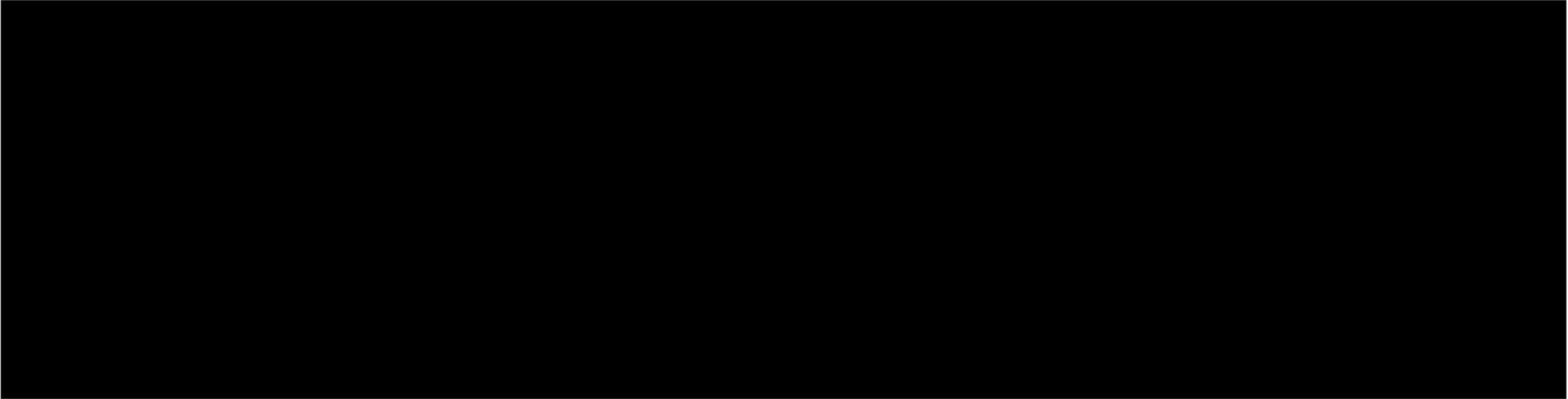


Exhibit C

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA Confidentiality Justification Matrix

DOCUMENT/RESPONSES	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
<p>DEF's Response to OPC's Second Request for Production (Nos. 15-30), specifically questions 23 & 24</p>	<p>Q23: 20200069-DEF-000401: all information contained in the Excel document is confidential.</p> <p>20200069-DEF-000402 through 20200069-DEF-000404 all information is confidential in its entirety.</p> <p>Q24: 20200069-DEF-000381-the information after "add" and before "per year" is confidential.</p> <p>20200069-DEF-000382- all information in the "Incremental" column is confidential.</p> <p>20200069-DEF-000383: all information in the "Incremental" column is confidential, and the information in row "Structure Hardening" in the "Notes" column after Tower Insp" and before "Incremental is confidential.</p> <p>20200069-DEF-000385: all information in column titled "2021" after "Projected Year Filings" and before "Filings/Year" is confidential.</p> <p>20200069-DEF-000391-the information after "add" and</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>

	<p>before “per year” is confidential.</p> <p>20200069-DEF-000392- all information in the “Incremental” column is confidential</p> <p>20200069-DEF-000393-all information in the “Incremental” column is confidential and the information in the “Structure Hardening” row and in the “Notes” column after “Tower Insp.” and before “Incremental” is confidential.</p> <p>20200069-DEF-000396 The information in column “2021” after “Projected Year Filings” and before “Filings/Year” is confidential.</p>	
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Exhibit D

AFFIDAVIT OF JAY W. OLIVER

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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

1. My name is Jay W. Oliver. 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 General Manager of Grid Strategy and Asset Management Governance. This section is responsible for overall system planning and Distribution asset management strategy across Duke Energy.

3. As the General Manager of Grid Strategy and Asset Management Governance, I am responsible, along with the other members of the section for grid upgrades, system planning, and overall Distribution asset management strategy across Duke Energy.

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7. Upon receipt of 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 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 _____ day of _____, 2020.

(Signature)

Jay W. Oliver
General Manager
Grid Strategy and Asset Management Governance

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this ___ day of _____, 2020 by Jay W. Oliver. He is personally known to me or has produced his _____ driver's license, or his _____ as identification.

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____

(Commission Expiration Date)

(Serial Number, If Any)

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

Exhibit D

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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

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

1. My name is Thomas G. Foster. 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 Rates and Regulatory Planning in the Rates and Regulatory Strategy Department. This department is responsible for the Company's revenue requirements and rate impacts, regulatory planning and cost recovery.

3. As the Director of Rates and Regulatory Planning, I am responsible for the Company's regulatory planning and cost recovery, including the Company's Storm Protection Plan filing.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for certain information provided in its response to OPC's Second Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 15-30), specifically question 24, bearing bates numbers 20200069-DEF-000377 through 20200069-DEF-000397. 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 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 and ability to contract for goods and services on favorable terms.

5. The confidential information at issue relates to proprietary and confidential internal analyses and strategies. DEF must ensure that sensitive business information is kept confidential, the disclosure of which would impair the Company's competitive interests and ability to contract on favorable terms.

6. Further, if the information at issue was disclosed, DEF's efforts to obtain contracts that provide economic value to both DEF and its customers could be compromised by competitors and vendors changing their purchasing behavior within the relevant markets – harming DEF's ability to prudently operate its business. DEF has not publicly disclosed the information. Without DEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality of this sensitive business information, DEF's ability to contract with third-parties could detrimentally impact DEF's ability to negotiate favorable contracts, as third-parties may begin to demand a "premium" to do business with DEF to account for the risk that its proprietary information will become a matter of public record, thereby harming DEF's competitive interests and ultimately its customers' financial interests.

7. Upon receipt of 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 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 _____ day of _____, 2020.

(Signature)

Thomas G. Foster
Director of Rates & Regulatory Planning
Rates & Regulatory Strategy

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this ___ day of _____, 2020 by Thomas G. Foster. He is personally known to me or has produced his _____ driver's license, or his _____ as identification.

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____

(Commission Expiration Date)

(Serial Number, If Any)

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