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DATE: June 24, 2020
TO: Office of Commission Clerk
FROM: Lynn M. Deamer, Chief of Auditing, Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis
RE: Docket No.: 20200007-EI
Company Name: Duke Energy Florida, LLC
Company Code: EI801
Audit Purpose: A3d: Environmental Cost Recovery Clause
Audit Control No: 2020-015-2-1

Attached is the final audit report for the Utility stated above. I am sending the Utility a copy of this memo and the audit report. If the Utility desires to file a response to the audit report, it should send a response to the Office of Commission Clerk. There are no confidential work papers associated with this audit.

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Attachment: Audit Report

cc: Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis File.

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Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis
Bureau of Auditing
Tampa District Office

Auditor's Report

Duke Energy Florida, LLC
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2019

Docket No. 20200007-EI
Audit Control No. 2020-015-2-1

June 3, 2020

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Ron Mavrides
Audit Manager

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Lynn Deamer
Reviewer

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Purpose

To: Florida Public Service Commission

We have performed the procedures described later in this report to meet the objectives set forth by the Division of Engineering in its audit service request dated January 14, 2020. We have applied these procedures to the attached summary exhibit and to several related schedules prepared by Duke Energy Florida, LLC in support of its 2019 filing for the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause in Docket No. 20200007-EI.

The report is intended only for internal Commission use.

Objectives and Procedures

General

Definitions

Utility refers to Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

ECRC refers to the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause.

Capital Investment

Utility Plant in Service

Objectives: The objectives were to verify all ECRC project-related plant additions, retirements and adjustments for the period January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019.

Procedure: We traced Plant in Service and Accumulated Depreciation to the general ledger for each capital project listed on the 2019 Form 42-8A. No exceptions were noted.

Construction Work in Progress

Objectives: The objectives were to verify net investments associated with the following capital projects and to determine whether any project which involved the replacement or retirement of an existing plant asset is retired at the installed costs by the Utility in accordance with Rule 25-6.0142(4)(b), Florida Administrative Code.

- 1) Project 6 Phase II Cooling Water Intake
- 2) Protect 7.2 CAIR/CAMR - Peaking
- 3) Project 15.1 ELG
- 4) Project 18 CCR

Procedures: We judgmentally selected a sample of capital investment invoices from each of the four projects listed above. We determined whether additions had appropriate supporting documentation and were recorded to the correct project and account. We determined whether items that were replaced had a corresponding retirement. We compared the general ledger to the Depreciation Base and the Non-Interest Bearing amounts on Form 42-8A. There were no new investments to any projects in 2019. There was one retirement to the Above Ground Storage Tank Secondary Containment and one to the Integrated Clean Air Compliance Plan – CAIR. No exceptions were noted.

Revenue

Operating Revenue

Objectives: The objectives were to determine the actual Kilowatt Hours (KWH) sold for the period January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, and whether the Utility applied the Commission approved cost recovery factor to actual KWH sales for the ECRC.

Procedures: We reconciled the 2019 filing to the Utility's monthly ECRC monthly Revenue Reports. We applied the billing factors by rate class from Order No. PSC-2018-0594-FOF-EI to KWH sales. We recalculated revenues for the months of January through December. We selected a sample of residential and commercial customers' bills. We recalculated each to verify the use of the correct tariff rate for the Capacity, Fuel, Conservation and Environmental Clauses. No exceptions were noted.

Expense

Operation and Maintenance Expense

Objectives: The objectives were to determine whether Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Expenses listed on the Utility's Form 42-5A filing was supported by adequate documentation and that the expenses are appropriately recoverable through the ECRC.

Procedures: We traced expenses in the filing to the general ledger. We judgmentally selected a sample of O&M Expenses for testing for the months of June and November 2019. The source documentation for selected items was reviewed to ensure the expense was related to the ECRC and that the expense was charged to the correct accounts. No exceptions were noted.

Depreciation and Maintenance Expense

Objective: The objective was to determine whether the most recent Commission approved depreciation rates or amortization periods were used in calculating Depreciation Expense.

Procedures: We traced total year Depreciation Expense for each capital project listed on Form 42-8A to the general ledger detail. We recalculated 2019 Depreciation Expense on a test basis using the plant balances and depreciation rates reflected in Order No. PSC-2010-0131-FOF-EI. No exceptions were noted.

Other

SO₂ Allowances

Objectives: The objectives were to verify investments, inventory, expensed amounts, and allowance auctions proceeds and to verify amounts included in Working Capital, Form 42-8A.

Procedures: We traced 2019 consumption for SO₂ allowances from the Utility's detailed allowances reports to the total emission schedule on Form 42-8A. We recalculated amounts included in Working Capital, Form 42-8A, page 5. We verified the wholesale portion of the NO_x and SO₂ Allowance Expense. No exceptions were noted.

True-Up

Objective: The objective was to determine if the True-Up and Interest Provision as filed on Form 42-2A was properly calculated.

Procedures: We traced the December 31, 2018, True-Up Provision to the Commission Order. We recalculated the True-Up and Interest Provision amounts as of December 31, 2019, using the Commission approved beginning balance as of December 31, 2018, the Financial Commercial Paper rates and the 2019 ECRC revenues and costs. No exceptions were noted.

Analytical Review

Objective: The objective was to perform an analytical review of the Utility's ECRC revenues and expenses to determine if there were any material changes or inconsistencies from the prior years.

Procedures: We compared 2019 revenues and expenses to 2018 and 2017. There were no significant variances. Further follow-up was not required.

Audit Findings

None

Exhibit

Exhibit 1: True-Up

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause
Final True-Up
January 2019 - December 2019
End-of-Period True-Up Amount
(in Dollars)

Form 42-2A

Docket No. 20200007-E)
Duke Energy Florida
Witness: C. A. Menendez
Exh. No. __ (CAM.1)
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Line	Description	Actual Jan-19	Actual Feb-19	Actual Mar-19	Actual Apr-19	Actual May-19	Actual Jun-19	Actual Jul-19	Actual Aug-19	Actual Sep-19	Actual Oct-19	Actual Nov-19	Actual Dec-19	End of Period Total
1	ECRC Revenues (net of Revenue Taxes)	\$3,815,052	\$3,854,689	\$3,938,619	\$4,104,582	\$4,513,384	\$5,409,150	\$5,326,315	\$5,491,091	\$5,601,793	\$4,928,636	\$4,684,231	\$3,749,298	\$5,416,840
2	True-Up Provision (Order No. PSC-2018-0014-FOF-EI)	9,258,985	\$771,582	\$771,582	\$771,582	\$771,582	\$771,582	\$771,582	\$771,582	\$771,582	\$771,582	\$771,582	\$771,582	9,258,985
3	ECRC Revenues Applicable to Period (Lines 1 + 2)	\$4,586,634	4,626,271	4,710,201	4,876,164	5,284,966	6,180,732	6,097,897	6,262,673	6,373,375	5,700,219	5,455,813	4,520,880	64,675,825
4	Jurisdictional ECRC Costs													
a.	O & M Activities (Form 42-5A, Line 9)	\$1,866,306	\$1,405,024	\$3,060,780	\$2,621,982	\$1,945,487	\$2,012,831	\$2,491,478	\$2,139,881	\$2,025,824	\$2,699,036	\$2,240,418	\$393,140	\$24,902,187
b.	Capital Investment Projects (Form 42-7A, Line 9)	2,074,662	2,184,102	2,182,832	2,138,380	2,117,545	2,058,260	2,056,544	2,063,745	2,030,513	2,026,328	2,106,891	2,122,746	25,162,548
c.	Other (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Total Jurisdictional ECRC Costs	\$3,940,968	\$3,589,126	\$5,243,612	\$4,760,362	\$4,063,032	\$4,071,091	\$4,548,022	\$4,203,626	\$4,056,337	\$4,725,364	\$4,347,309	\$2,515,886	\$50,064,735
5	Over/(Under) Recovery (Line 3 - Line 4d)	\$645,666	\$1,037,145	(\$533,410)	\$115,802	\$1,221,934	\$2,109,641	\$1,549,875	\$2,059,047	\$2,317,038	\$974,854	\$1,108,504	\$2,004,994	\$14,611,090
6	Interest Provision (Form 42-3A, Line 10)	22,482	22,667	21,992	20,135	19,576	20,880	21,587	22,121	23,898	22,836	21,429	22,874	262,477
7	Beginning Balance True-Up & Interest Provision	9,258,985	9,155,551	9,443,781	8,160,780	7,525,135	7,995,062	9,354,001	10,153,881	11,463,467	13,032,822	13,258,930	13,617,281	9,258,985
a.	Deferred True-Up - January 2018 - December 2018 (2018 TU filing dated 3/29/19)	1,988,942	1,988,942	1,988,942	1,988,942	1,988,942	1,988,942	1,988,942	1,988,942	1,988,942	1,988,942	1,988,942	1,988,942	1,988,942
8	True-Up Collected/(Refunded) (see Line 2)	(771,582)	(771,582)	(771,582)	(771,582)	(771,582)	(771,582)	(771,582)	(771,582)	(771,582)	(771,582)	(771,582)	(771,582)	(9,258,985)
9	End of Period Total True-Up (Lines 5+6+7a+8)	\$11,144,493	\$11,432,723	\$10,149,722	\$9,514,077	\$9,984,004	\$11,342,943	\$12,142,823	\$13,452,409	\$15,021,764	\$15,247,872	\$15,606,223	\$16,862,509	\$16,862,509
10	Adjustments to Period Total True-Up Including Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	End of Period Total True-Up Over/(Under) (Lines 9 + 10)	\$11,144,493	\$11,432,723	\$10,149,722	\$9,514,077	\$9,984,004	\$11,342,943	\$12,142,823	\$13,452,409	\$15,021,764	\$15,247,872	\$15,606,223	\$16,862,509	\$16,862,509

Notes:
(A) N/A