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**DATE:** September 16, 2019

**TO:** Suzanne S. Brownless, Special Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

**FROM:** Lee Smith, Public Utility Analyst III, Division of Economics *LS*

**RE:** Duke Energy Florida – Docket No. 20190140-EI - Confidentiality Request – Document No. 03477-2020, [x-ref DN 03150-2020]

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Pursuant to Section 366.093, F.S., and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C., Duke Energy Florida (DEF or Company) requests confidential classification for information filed in the highlighted portion of the transcript for the deposition of Richard A. Polich, P.E. taken June 12, 2020, in the above-referenced docket. The material that is the subject of this confidentiality request appears in Document No. 03477-2020 and is cross referenced to Document No. 03150-2020.

The Company is claiming confidentiality of portions of the transcript for the deposition of Richard A. Polich, P.E. under Section 366.093(3), F.S. Per the Statute, propriety of confidential business information includes, but is not limited to: Subsections (d) “[i]nformation concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms,” and (e) “[i]nformation relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.” The highlighted information provided in the aforementioned transcript for which confidential treatment is being sought can be described as information revealing vendor-specific information related to DEF’s request for information and request for proposal process.

Staff has reviewed the information provided in the transcript for the deposition of Richard A. Polich, P.E. as well as the Company’s confidentiality request. In staff’s opinion, the information that is the subject of the confidentiality request does meet the criteria for confidentiality contained in Section 366.093(3)(d) and (e), F.S. Therefore, staff recommends that the request for confidentiality of the highlighted portions of information included in Document Nos. 03477-2020 and 03150-2020 be approved.



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**DATE:** September 16, 2020

**TO:** Division of Economics, Office of Primary Responsibility

**FROM:** OFFICE OF COMMISSION CLERK

**RE:** CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION

DOCKET NO: 20190140-EI

DOCUMENT NO: 03477-2020

DESCRIPTION: Duke Energy (Hernandez) - (CONFIDENTIAL) Information contained in transcript for deposition of Richard A. Polich, P.E., taken on 6/12/20.

SOURCE: Duke Energy Florida, LLC

The above confidential material was filed along with a **request for confidential classification**. Please complete the following form by checking all applicable information and forward it to the attorney assigned to the docket, along with a brief memorandum supporting your recommendation.

- The document(s) is (are), in fact, what the utility asserts it (them) to be.
- The utility has provided enough details to perform a reasoned analysis of its request.
- The material has been received incident to an inquiry.
- The material is confidential business information because it includes:
- (a) Trade secrets;
  - (b) Internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors;
  - (c) Security measures, systems, or procedures;
  - (d) Information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms;
  - (e) Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of information;
  - (f) Employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities;
- The material appears to be confidential in nature and harm to the company or its ratepayers will result from public disclosure.
- The material appears not to be confidential in nature.
- The material is a periodic or recurring filing and each filing contains confidential information.

This response was prepared by       /s/ Gary L. Smith II       on   9/16/2020  , a copy of which has been sent to the Office of Commission Clerk and the Office of General Counsel.