

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: December 11, 2020

**NOTICE OF FILING VERIFIED AFFIDAVIT OF JAY W. OLIVER
IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Duke Energy Florida, LLC, ("DEF") hereby gives notice of filing the verified Affidavit of Jay W. Oliver in support of DEF's Request for Confidential Classification regarding its Response to OPC's Eighth Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 235-260), submitted on June 11, 2020 (document number 03052-2020), via electronic filing to Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission, (rdziehc@psc.state.fl.us), this 11th day of December, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Matthew R. Bernier

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic mail to the following this 11th day of December, 2020.

s/ Matthew R. Bernier

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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.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for certain information provided in its response to OPC's Eighth Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 235-260), specifically question 258, bearing bates numbers 20200069-DEF-003328 through 20200069-DEF-003329. 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 forecasted costs for various hardening and vegetation management projects. 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.

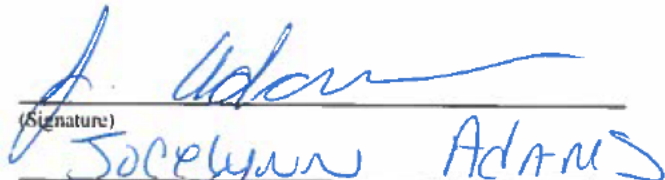
Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 18th day of NOV, 2020.



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

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of NOV, 2020 by Jay W. Oliver. He is personally known to me or has produced his _____ driver's license, or his _____ as identification.



(Signature)
Jocelynn Adams

(Printed Name)
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NC

(Commission Expiration Date)
6/2/2024

(Serial Number, If Any)

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

