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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: *Docket No. 20210160-EU: Joint Petition for approval of modification to territorial agreement in Orange County, by the City of Winter Park and Duke Energy Florida, LLC; Docket No. 20210160-EU*

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

On behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF") and the City of Winter Park, please find enclosed for electronic filing in the above-referenced Docket, DEF and City of Winter Park's Joint Response to Staff's First Data Request (Nos. 1-5).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions concerning this filing, please feel free to contact me at (850) 521-1428.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephanie A. Cuello

Stephanie A. Cuello

SAC/cmw
Enclosure

cc: Sevini Guffey

Duke Energy Florida, LLC’s (“DEF”) Response to the Florida Public Service Commission’s (“FPSC”) First Data Request (Nos. 1-5) re. Joint Petition for Approval of Modification to Territorial Agreement in Orange County, by the City of Winter Park and Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

Docket No. 20210160-EU

1. Paragraph 4 of the petition states that “certain Winter Park customers (currently being served temporarily by DEF) are being transferred to DEF.” Referring to paragraph 4 in the proposed amendment to the territorial agreement, states that “there are no customers to be transferred from Winter Park to DEF...” Please explain and reconcile the difference.

RESPONSE:

Duke Energy Florida, LLC (“DEF”) is not temporarily serving any City of Winter Park customers, and the statement that DEF is temporarily serving certain Winter Park customers was included in error.

2. Paragraph 3 of the proposed amendment to the territorial agreement states that 11 DEF customers (commercial and residential) will be transferred to Winter Park. Please state if the affected customers have been contacted and differences in electric rates explained pursuant to Rule 25-6.0440(1)(d), F.A.C. Additionally, please provide sample copies of the notification letters sent to the commercial and residential customers that includes an explanation of the differences in rates.

RESPONSE:

The customers were provided with a notice prior to the filing of this proposed amendment. A sample of that letter is attached hereto as “Attachment A.”

The rates have changed since the initial notification letter was sent to the affected customers.

Currently, as of October 2021, the commercial rate for DEF for 1,500 Kilowatt Hours (kWh) is \$207.60, and the commercial rate for the City of Winter Park for 1,500 kWh is \$202.54. The residential rate for DEF for 1,000 kWh is \$132.24, and the residential rate for the City of Winter Park for 1,500 kWh is \$121.27.

3. Please state the timeframe to transfer the 11 customers pursuant to the proposed amendment to the territorial agreement.

RESPONSE:

DEF and the City of Winter Park intend to transfer the customers by the end of 2022.

4. Pursuant to Rule 25-6.0440(1)(e), F.A.C., please discuss the degree of acceptance by the affected customers.

RESPONSE:

DEF has not received any comments from the customers, subject to transfer, but will notify the Commission if any comments or questions are received.

5. Please discuss if any electric facilities will be transferred to serve the 11 customers subject to transfer in this proposed amendment.

RESPONSE:

Neither utility plans on transferring nor purchasing any facilities related to this proposed amendment.

Attachment A



September 23, 2021

Robert F. [REDACTED]

1601 [REDACTED]

Winter Park, FL 32789

RE: Duke Energy Account No. [REDACTED]

Dear Customer:

To ensure that electric utilities in Florida, such as Duke Energy Florida (DEF), are able to provide reliable and economical electric service to their customers, utilities enter into territorial agreements with one another establishing the geographical areas in which each utility is the exclusive provider of electric service. DEF and the City of Winter Park are parties to a territorial agreement that was approved by the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) in 2014.

DEF and the City of Winter Park will soon enter into an amended territorial agreement that will revise some of the service area boundaries between the utilities and enable each utility to serve its customers reliably and economically and reduce duplicate electrical distribution lines. The amendment to the territorial agreement must be approved by the FPSC before it can become effective and you will have the opportunity prior to that approval to provide your comments to the Commission. If you wish, we will provide the pertinent contact information for the FPSC when the territorial agreement has been filed and docketed.

If approved by the FPSC, the amended territorial agreement will call on the City of Winter Park to provide electric service to your account and your account would be transferred to the City of Winter Park. You will not need to do anything to initiate this transfer as DEF and the City of Winter Park will handle all of the arrangements on your behalf. If you have a deposit with DEF, your deposit will be applied to your last electric bill and any surplus will be refunded directly to you. The transfer of your account would not occur until mid-2022 if the amendment is approved.

To provide you a rate comparison, in August 2021, the residential rate for Duke for 1,000 Kilowatt Hours (KWH) was \$132.21 and the commercial rate for 1,500 KWH was \$207.72. For the same month, the residential rate for the City of Winter Park for 1,000 KWH was \$115.30 and the commercial rate for 1,500 Kilowatt Hours (KWH) was \$183.57. The rates of both utilities are subject to periodic change and may be raised or lowered in the future.

While we regret losing the opportunity to serve you in the future, the City of Winter Park is an excellent utility and I am confident you will find their service to be satisfactory.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the proposed territorial amendment and the transfer of your service to the City of Winter Park, or if you would like information about contacting the FPSC. You can reach me by phone at 727-820-5846.

Sincerely,

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Territorial Program Manager
Duke Energy