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

Re: *Petition of Duke Energy Florida, LLC, for Limited Proceeding for Approval of a smart meter opt-out tariff; Docket No. 20180088*

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Pursuant to Order No. 2018-0435-TRF-EI, issued on August 28, 2018 in the above referenced docket, Duke Energy Florida, LLC (“DEF”), submits the below information regarding its smart meter Opt-Out program and deployment. That Order included the following reporting requirement:

“Within three months after the AMI smart meter deployment is completed, December 2021, DEF shall report to this Commission on the costs of the program, revenues, and actual participation. We find that three months is a reasonable time to allow DEF to prepare and file a report in this docket, which shall happen no later than March 31, 2022. If AMI smart meter deployment is significantly delayed beyond the Utility’s anticipated completion date, the Utility shall notify this Commission with a filing in this docket.”

The DEF smart meter deployment completed ahead of schedule, with charges as recently as July 2021. DEF is submitting this report three months after that completion date, as required in the order. The costs, revenues, and actual participation related to the program as of September 30, 2021 are provided below:

Program Costs: \$883,882

Program Revenues: \$774,054

Actual Participation: 1,916

Although smart meter opt-out revenues are less than the costs of providing this service, DEF is currently not requesting an increase to the smart meter opt-out fees. In order to provide rate stability to the customers of its smart meter opt-out service, DEF intends to leave existing smart meter opt-out rates in place at this time.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me at (727) 820-4692 should you have any questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully,

s/Dianne M. Triplett

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