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DATE: November 24, 2021
TO: Division of Accounting and Finance, Office of Primary Responsibility
FROM: OFFICE OF COMMISSION CLERK
RE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION

DOCKET NOS: 20210001-EI DOCUMENT NO: 12319-2021

DESCRIPTION: Duke Energy (Bernier) - (CONFIDENTIAL) Information provided in response to OPC's 6th set of interrogatories (Nos. 43-51) and 5th request [for PODs] (Nos. 21-24).

SOURCE: Duke Energy Florida

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/Devlin Higgins on 11.29.21, a copy of which has been sent to the Office of Commission Clerk and the Office of General Counsel.

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DATE: November 29, 2021

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

FROM: Devlin Higgins, Public Utility Analyst IV, Division of Accounting & Finance

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Pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, Duke Energy Florida (DEF or Company) requests confidential classification of certain information filed in the above-referenced docket dated October 21, 2021.

The Company is claiming confidentiality of its information under Section 366.093(3)(d), F.S., and Section 366.093(3)(e), F.S. Per the Statute, propriety of confidential business information includes, but is not limited to: Subsection (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 Subsection (e) “[i]nformation relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.”

The information at issue relates to claimed confidential proprietary business information, audit processes and procedures, specific contractual terms, third-party information, and insurance policy information. DEF asserts the disclosure of this information could detrimentally impact its ability to negotiate favorable contracts, thereby harming its competitive interests, ultimately to its customers’ detriment.

Staff has reviewed the Company’s confidentiality request. It is staff’s opinion that the information subject to this request meets the criteria for confidentiality contained in Section 366.093(3)(d), F.S., and Section 366.093(3)(e), F.S.