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STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST
VIA EMAIL

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RE: Docket No. 20220029-EI – Petition for approval of a plant account and depreciation rate for electric vehicle DC fast charge stations by Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

Dear Counsel:

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that Duke Energy Florida, LLC. (DEF) provide responses to the following data requests:

1. In paragraph 5 of its petition, DEF requests that the Commission approve a 10 percent depreciation rate for Company-owned DC Fast Charge (DCFC) stations to be booked in the proposed subaccount of Account 370 - Meters.
 - a. Please clarify the proposed subaccount by name and number.
 - b. Please provide a full description and diagram of the equipment that constitutes a DCFC station (for all types of DCFC stations).
 - c. Please explain the basis for DEF's assumption of a 10 percent depreciation rate for all types of DCFC stations and all related equipment to be included in the proposed subaccount.
 - d. Please provide all reports and studies that support a 10 percent depreciation rate for the assets included in this petition.

- e. Please cite and identify any sources that support DEF's intention to record the costs of DCFC equipment in the proposed subaccount of Account 370 – Meters.
 - f. Please explain why DEF believes that Account 370 – Meters is a better selection of accounts over other options, such as Account 371 – Installations on Customer Premises.
 2. Please provide the following depreciation parameters, and the basis for those parameters, for the proposed subaccount:
 - a. Average Service Life.
 - b. Net Salvage.
 3. Please answer the following:
 - a. Is DEF currently recording any depreciation expense associated with the DCFC stations?
 - b. If the response to Request 3.a. is affirmative, is the company requesting any plant in service and accumulated depreciation transfers be performed as part of this docket?
 - c. If the response to Request 3.b. is affirmative, please specify: amounts to be transferred; accounts in which the property/balances are currently being depreciated; and accounts to which the property/balances are being transferred.
 - d. Please provide the monthly DC Fast Charger book entries related depreciation (accounts, year/month, amounts) DEF has recorded as relates to both the DC Fast Charger Pilot program and the permanent DC Fast Charger Program since the inception of the pilot program.
 - e. See Table 5 of DEF's December 20, 2021 EV Charger Pilot Program 4th Annual Report. Explain how the DC Fast Charger units' capital costs (pilot program) shown in the table are reflected in the amounts reported in Question 3.d.
 4. Is DEF aware of any regulated electric utility, located in the United States, which currently books depreciation of DCFC stations? If the response is affirmative, please identify the following to the extent that DEF has access to such information:
 - a. The account number and its associated description.
 - b. The average service life.
 - c. The average net salvage.
 5. Will DEF's DCFC stations carry any type of warranty when purchased from the equipment manufacturers? If so, please provide a copy of the warranty for each type of DCFC station.

6. In its petition (unnumbered page 3, at bottom), DEF has requested the proposed subaccount and depreciation rate for DC Fast Charging assets be effective as of January, 2022. Please clarify whether DEF's intended effective date to be the beginning of the month of January, 2022 (i.e. January 1, 2022).

Please file all responses electronically no later than March 8, 2022, from the Commission's website at www.floridapsc.com, by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form. Please feel free to call me at (850) 413-6187 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Shaw Stiller

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SPS/ds

cc: Office of Commission Clerk
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