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DATE: April 21, 2022

TO: Division of Accounting and Finance, Office of Primary Responsibility

FROM: OFFICE OF COMMISSION CLERK

RE: CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION

DOCKET NOS: 20200001-EI DOCUMENT NO: 04446-2020

DESCRIPTION: Duke Energy (Bernier) - (CONFIDENTIAL) Information provided in staff's recommended order regarding the hearing held on 2/4 and 2/5/20 at DOAH.

SOURCE: Duke Energy Florida, LLC

The above confidential material was filed along with a first request for extension of 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 4.22.22, a copy of which has been sent to the Office of Commission Clerk and the Office of General Counsel.

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DATE: April 22, 2022

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

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

RE: Docket No: 20220001-EI Document No: 04446-2020

DESCRIPTION: Duke Energy (Bernier) - (CONFIDENTIAL) Information provided in staff's recommended order regarding the hearing held on 2/4 and 2/5/20 at DOAH.

Pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, Duke Energy Florida (DEF or Company) requests extension of confidential classification of certain information provided in order to compose the Staff Recommended Order (SRO). The confidential classification of the subject document was first approved by Order No. PSC-2020-0379-CFO-EI, issued October 16, 2020.¹

Due to concerns regarding the maintenance of confidentiality with respect to the information subject to this request, the Florida Public Service Commission by Order No. PSC-2019-0484-FOF-EI, and Document No. 10846-2019, sent this matter for hearing to the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings.² The information provided by DEF for the SRO was available to the Office of Public Counsel, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group, White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, Inc., d/b/a PCS Phosphate – White Springs, and Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission, collectively referred to as the “Parties” to the proceeding at DOAH concerning operations at Plant Bartow.

The Company is claiming confidentiality of its filing 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.”

¹Order No. PSC-2020-0379-CFO-EI, issued October 16, 2020, in Docket No. 20200001-EI, *In re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause with generating performance incentive factor.*

²Order No. PSC-2019-0484-FOF-EI, issued November 18, 2019, in Docket No. 20190001-EI, *In re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause with generating performance incentive factor.*

More specifically, the information at issue relates to claimed proprietary and confidential operating technical information regarding a third-party's (to DEF) component/equipment design and operation parameters. DEF asserts that if it cannot demonstrate to its third-party partners that the Company has the ability to protect those third-parties' confidential and proprietary business information, it will be less likely that DEF can secure contracts that benefit its customers.

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