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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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Re: *Review of Storm Protection Plan pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., Duke Energy Florida, LLC.; Docket No. 20220050-EI*

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Please find enclosed for electronic filing on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF"), DEF's Request for Confidential Classification for certain information contained in DEF's Response to OPC's Third Request to Produce (Nos. 35-41). The filing includes the following:

- DEF's Request for Confidential Classification
- Slip-sheet for confidential Exhibit A
- Redacted Exhibit B (two copies)
- Exhibit C (justification matrix), and
- Exhibit D (affidavit of Christopher Menendez-unverified)

DEF's confidential Exhibit A that accompanies the above-referenced filing was submitted with DEF's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification on May 17, 2022, under separate cover.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me at (850) 521-1428 should you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

s/Matthew R. Bernier

Matthew R. Bernier

MRB/mw
Attachment

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Docket No. 20220050-EI

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the above-mentioned document has been furnished to the following individuals via e-mail on this 6th day of June, 2022.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of Storm Protection Plan
Plan Pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., Duke
Energy Florida, LLC

Docket No. 20200050-EI

Dated: June 6, 2022

**DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA LLC'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Duke Energy Florida, LLC (“DEF” or “Company”), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), submits this Request for Confidential Classification for certain information provided in its response to the Office of the Public Counsel’s (“OPC”) Third Request to Produce Documents (Nos. 35-41), served on May 17, 2022, with DEF’s Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification. This Request is timely. See Rule 25-22.006(3)(a)1, F.A.C. In support of this Request, DEF states:

1. DEF’s Response to OPC’s Third Request to Produce Documents (Nos. 35-41), specifically documents responsive to question 39, bearing bates numbers 20200050-DEF-005285 through 20200050-DEF-005319, respectively, contain “proprietary confidential business information” under § 366.093(3), Florida Statutes.

2. The following exhibits are included with this request:

(a) Sealed Composite Exhibit A is a package containing unredacted copies of all the documents for which DEF seeks confidential treatment. Composite Exhibit A was submitted separately in a sealed envelope labeled “CONFIDENTIAL” on May 17, 2022, with DEF’s Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification. In the unredacted versions, the information asserted to be confidential is highlighted in yellow.

(b) Composite Exhibit B is a package containing two copies of redacted versions of the documents for which the Company requests confidential classification. The specific information for which confidential treatment is requested has been blocked out by opaque marker or other means.

(c) Exhibit C is a table which identifies by page and line the information for which DEF seeks confidential classification and the specific statutory bases for seeking confidential treatment.

3. As indicated in Exhibit C, the information for which DEF requests confidential classification is “proprietary confidential business information” within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S. Specifically, the information at issue includes proprietary and confidential internal presentations, internal management deliberations, costs, and processes and procedures, the disclosure of which would impair the Company’s competitive business interests and efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms. *See* § 366.093(3)(d) & (e), F.S.; Affidavit of Christopher Menendez at ¶¶ 4, 5 and 6. Accordingly, such information constitutes “proprietary confidential business information” which is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act pursuant to Section 366.093(1), F.S.

4. DEF must ensure that sensitive business information is kept confidential, the disclosure of which would impair the Company’s competitive interests and ability to contract on favorable terms to the detriment of customers. *See* § 366.093(3)(d) & (e), F.S.; Affidavit of Christopher Menendez at ¶¶ 4, 5 and 6. If the information at issue was disclosed, DEF’s efforts to obtain contracts that provide economic value to both DEF and its customers could be compromised by competitors and vendors changing their purchasing behavior within the relevant markets. *See id.* at ¶ 6. Accordingly, such information constitutes “proprietary confidential business information” which is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act pursuant to Section 366.093(1), F.S.

5. The information identified as Exhibit “A” is intended to be and is treated as

confidential by the Company. See Affidavit of Christopher Menendez at ¶ 7. The information has not been disclosed to the public, and the Company has treated and continues to treat the information and contracts at issue as confidential. See Christopher Menendez at ¶¶ 6 and 7.

6. DEF requests that the information identified in Exhibit A be classified as “proprietary confidential business information” within the meaning of section 366.093(3), F.S., that the information remain confidential for a period of at least 18 months as provided in section 366.093(4) F.S., and that the information be returned as soon as it is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, DEF respectfully requests that this Request for Confidential Classification be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 6th day of June, 2022.

s/Matthew R. Bernier

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished to the following by electronic mail this 6th day of June, 2022, to all parties of record as indicated below.

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Exhibit A

“CONFIDENTIAL”

(submitted on May 17, 2022, under separate cover)

Exhibit B

REDACTED

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Documents bearing bates numbers
20220050-DEF-0005285
through
20220050-DEF-005319
are **redacted** in their entirety.

Exhibit B

REDACTED

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Documents bearing bates numbers
20220050-DEF-0005285
through
20220050-DEF-005319
are **redacted** in their entirety.

Exhibit C

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA Confidentiality Justification Matrix

DOCUMENT/RESPONSES	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
DEF's Response to OPC's Third Request for Production of documents (Nos. 35-41), specifically question 39	Q 39: 20200050-DEF-005285 through 20200050-DEF-005319 all information is confidential.	<p>§366.093(3)(d), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information, the disclosure of which would impair DEF's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms.</p> <p>§366.093(3)(e), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information relating to competitive business interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider/owner of the information.</p>

Exhibit D

AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER MENENDEZ

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of Storm Protection Plan
Plan Pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., Duke
Energy Florida, LLC

Docket No. 20200050-EI

Dated: June 6, 2022

**AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER MENENDEZ IN SUPPORT OF
DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Christopher Menendez, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Christopher Menendez. I am over the age of 18 years old, and I have been authorized by Duke Energy Florida (hereinafter "DEF" or the "Company") to give this affidavit in the above-styled proceeding on DEF's behalf and in support of DEF's Request for Confidential Classification (the "Request"). The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

2. I am the Director of Rates and Regulatory Planning in the Rates and Regulatory Strategy Department. This department is responsible for the Company's revenue requirements and rate impacts, regulatory planning, and cost recovery.

3. As the Director of Rates and Regulatory Planning, I am responsible for the Company's regulatory planning and cost recovery, including the Company's Storm Protection Plan filing.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for certain information provided in its response to OPC's Third Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 35-41), specifically question 39, bearing bates numbers 20200050-DEF-005285 through 20200050-DEF-319. The confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Exhibit A to DEF's Request and is outlined in DEF's Justification Matrix that is attached to DEF's Request as Exhibit C. DEF is requesting confidential classification of this information because it contains sensitive business information, the disclosure of which would impair the Company's competitive business interests and ability to contract for goods and services on favorable terms.

5. The confidential information at issue relates to proprietary and confidential internal presentations, rates, costs, processes, and procedures. DEF must ensure that sensitive business information is kept confidential, the disclosure of which would impair the Company's competitive interests and ability to contract on favorable terms.

6. Further, if the information at issue was disclosed, DEF's efforts to obtain contracts that provide economic value to both DEF and its customers could be compromised by competitors and vendors changing their purchasing behavior within the relevant markets – harming DEF's ability to prudently operate its business. DEF has not publicly disclosed the information. Without DEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality of this sensitive business information, could detrimentally impact DEF's ability to negotiate favorable contracts, as third parties may begin to demand a "premium" to do business with DEF to account for the risk that its proprietary information will become a matter of public record, thereby harming DEF's competitive interests and ultimately its customers' financial interests.

7. Upon receipt of its own confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of the documents and information

provided, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company, and restricting the number of, and access to the information and contracts. At no time since receiving the information in question has the Company publicly disclosed that information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 2022.

(Signature)
Christopher Menendez
Director of Rates & Regulatory Planning
Rates & Regulatory Strategy

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this ___ day of _____, 2022 by Christopher Menendez. He is personally known to me or has produced his _____ driver's license, or his _____ as identification.

(Signature)

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

(Printed Name)
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____

(Commission Expiration Date)

(Serial Number, If Any)