

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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In re: Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery  
Clause

Docket No. 20220010-EI

Dated: October 13, 2022

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**DECLARATION OF CHRISTOPHER MENENDEZ**

Pursuant to instructions by the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (“Staff”), at the October 6, 2022, Informal meeting, Duke Energy Florida, LLC, (“DEF”) hereby submits the declaration and affidavit of Christopher Menendez as follows:

1. My name is Christopher A. Menendez. My business address is Duke Energy Florida, LLC, 299 1st Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701.
  2. I am employed by Duke Energy Florida, LLC (“DEF” or the “Company”) as Director of Rates and Regulatory Planning. In this role, I am responsible for the Company’s regulatory planning and cost recovery, including the Company’s Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery Clause (“SPPCRC”) filing.
  3. On April 1, 2022, I caused to be filed direct testimony and Exhibit Nos. \_\_ (CAM-1) in this docket, which shows DEF’s 2021 SPPCRC true-up of actual costs.
  4. On May 2, 2022, I caused to be filed direct testimony and Exhibit Nos. \_\_ (CAM-2) and (CAM-3)<sup>1</sup> in this docket, which show the Company’s 2022 actual/estimated SPPCRC costs and 2023 projected SPPCRC costs, respectively.
  5. On September 1, 2022, DEF filed amended versions of Exhibit Nos. \_\_ (CAM-1), \_\_ (CAM-2), and (CAM-3) to adjust property tax expense.
  6. As discussed in my May testimony, the Company’s 2023 projected SPPCRC costs were based on the Company’s proposed Storm Protection Plan as filed in Docket No. 20220050-EI (“2023 SPP”).
  7. On October 4, 2022, the Florida Public Service Commission (“Commission”) voted to approve DEF’s 2023 SPP with modifications. The modification approved by the Commission removed DEF’s Transmission Loop Radially Fed Substations Program from the 2023 SPP. *See* doc. no. 09026-2022, Docket No. 20220050-EI (vote sheet).
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8. Pursuant to Rule 25-6.031(2), F.A.C., in the event a Storm Protection Plan is approved with modifications, “the utility shall, within 15 business days, file an amended cost recovery petition and supporting testimony reflecting the modifications.”
9. However, as demonstrated in Ex. \_\_ (CAM-3), DEF’s 2023 projected SPPCRC expenditures did not include any costs pertaining to removed program, and as such the modification approved by the Commission does not necessitate any amendments to DEF’s projection petition, testimony, or schedules.

Respectfully submitted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

*s/ Matthew R. Bernier*

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic mail to the following this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

*s/ Matthew R. Bernier*

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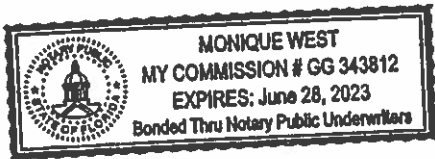
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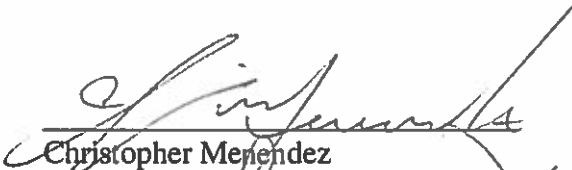
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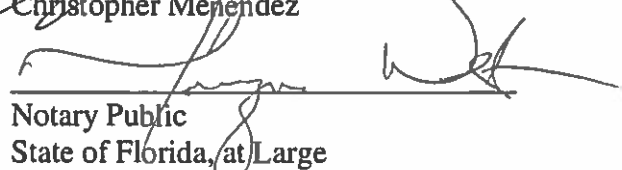
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

I hereby certify that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared CHRISTOPHER MENENDEZ, who is personally known to me, and he acknowledged before me that he provided the Declaration of Christopher Menendez in Docket No. 20220010-EI, and that the information is true and correct based on his personal knowledge.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the State and County aforesaid as of this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.



  
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Christopher Menendez

  
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Notary Public  
State of Florida, at Large

My Commission Expires:  
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