

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian, Nicole, and Tropical Storm Fred, by Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

DOCKET NO. 20230020-EI

DATED: April 29, 2024

COMMISSION STAFF’S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2023-0333-PCO-EI, filed November 2, 2023, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. All Known Witnesses

Witness	Subject Matter	Issues #
Direct		
Carl Vinson	Audit of storm process	1-14
Tomer Kopelovich	Audit Report –dated Feb. 16, 2024	1-14

2. All Known Exhibits

Witness	Proffered By	Exhibit No.	Description	Issue #
Direct				
Tomer Kopelovich	Staff	(TK-1)	Auditor Report dated Feb. 16, 2024	1-14

3. Staff’s Statement of Basic Position

Staff’s positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff’s final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

4. Staff’s Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Should the incremental cost and capitalization approach (ICCA) found in Rule 25-6.0143, F.A.C., be used to determine the reasonable and prudent amounts to be included in the restoration costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

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ISSUE 2: Have the terms of DEF's 2019 Settlement Agreement, approved by Order No. PSC-2019-0232-AS-EI, issued June 13, 2019, been complied with? If not, why not?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 3: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of regular payroll expense to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 4: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of overtime payroll expense to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 5: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of contractor costs, including vegetation and line clearing, to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 6: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of vehicle and fuel expense to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 7: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of employee expenses to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 8: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of materials and supplies expense to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 9: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of logistics costs to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 10: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of other costs to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 11: What is the reasonable and prudent total amount of costs to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 12: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of storm-related costs that should be capitalized?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 13: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of storm-related costs that should be ICCA non-incremental O&M adjustments?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 14: What is the reasonable and prudent total amount of retail Recoverable Storm Costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 15: What is the appropriate accounting treatment associated with any storm costs found to have been imprudently incurred?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 16: If applicable, how should any under-recovery or over-recovery be handled?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 17: Should this docket be closed?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

CONTESTED ISSUES

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ISSUE : Should any cost recovery approved in this docket be recovered from demand-metered customers through the demand charge?

POSITION: No position at this time.

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ISSUE : What additional storm restoration process improvements, if any, should DEF follow in future storms?

POSITION: No position at this time.

5. Stipulated Issues

There are no stipulated issues at this time.

6. Pending Motions

There are no pending motions at this time.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests at this time.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

Staff does not object to the qualifications of any witness as an expert.

9. Sequestration of Witnesses

Staff does not wish to sequester any witnesses.

10. Compliance with Order No. PSC-2023-0333-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of April, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with the Office of Commission Clerk and that a true copy has been furnished to the following by electronic mail this 29th day of April, 2024:

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