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May 24, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket 20240025-EI, Petition for Rate Increase by Duke Energy Florida, LLC

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 provided in its Responses to LULAC and FL Rising's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-22) and First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-8). 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 (affidavits of Brian Lloyd, Reginald Anderson, Shannon Caldwell, Marcia Olivier, John Panizza, Lesley Quick & Ed Scott)

DEF's confidential Exhibit A that accompanies the above-referenced was submitted with DEF's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification on May 3, 2024, under separate cover.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me at (727) 820-4692 should you have any questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully,

/s/ Dianne M. Triplett

Dianne M. Triplett

DMT/mw Attachments

In re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC for rate increase

DOCKET NO. 20240025-EI

Dated: May 24, 2024

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 ("Request") for certain information contained in DEF's Response to Florida Rising and League of United Latin American Citizens' (together, "LULAC") First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-8) and LULAC's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-22). DEF's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification was filed May 3, 2024. This Request is timely. *See* Rule 25-22.006(3)(a)1, E.A.C. In support of this Request, DEF states:

1. Documents responsive to LULAC's First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2, and to LULAC's First Set of Interrogatories, Question 10, contain "confidential proprietary business information" under Section 366.093(3), F.S.

2. The following exhibits are included with this request:

(a) Sealed Composite Exhibit A is a package containing unredacted copies of all documents for which DEF seeks confidential treatment. Composite Exhibit A was submitted separately in a sealed envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" on May 3, 2024. 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 DEF 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.

(d) Exhibit D includes affidavits of Reginald D. Anderson, Hans Jacob, EdwardL. Scott, Brian M. Lloyd, Shannon Caldwell, Marcia Olivier, John Panizza, and Lesley Quick, attesting to the confidential nature of the information identified in Exhibit C.

3. As indicated in Exhibits C and D, the information for which DEF requires confidential classification is "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of § 366.093(3), F.S. Specifically:

(a) The information at issue in DEF's responses to LULAC's First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2, and First Set of Interrogatories, Question 10, includes pricing information relating to contracts for goods and services. Disclosure of this non-public information could alter contractors' behavior to the detriment of DEF, its customers, and its affiliates. Thus, absent confidential classification, DEF and its affiliates' efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms may be impaired.

(b) The information at issue in DEF's responses to LULAC's First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2, and First Set of Interrogatories, Question 10, includes internal sensitive business information regarding future projects and capital investments and regarding DEF's administrative costs. That information relates to DEF's competitive business interests, and, absent confidential classification, disclosure of that information would impair DEF's ability to compete in the marketplace.

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4. The information identified in Exhibits A and C is intended to be and is treated as confidential by DEF. *See* Exhibit D. Further, that information has not been disclosed to the public. *See* Exhibit D.

5. It follows that the information identified in Exhibits A and C is proprietary confidential information, which would cause harm to DEF and ratepayers if disclosed and which is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act pursuant to § 366.093(3), F.S.

6. Accordingly, 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 be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 24th day of May, 2024.

<u>/s/Dianne M. Triplett</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Docket No. 20240025-EI

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic mail to the following this 24th day of May, 2024.

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/s/ Dianne M. Triplett Attorney

Exhibit A

"CONFIDENTIAL" (filed under separate cover on May 3, 2024)

Exhibit B

REDACTED (copy-one)

REDACTED DOCUMENTS BEARING BATES NUMBERS 20240025-LULACFLRISINGROG1-00000022 THROUGH 20240025-LULACFLRISINGROG1-00000519 ARE REDACTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY

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REDACTED

DOCUMENTS BEARING BATES NUMBERS 20240025- LULACFLRISINGPOD1-0000001 through 20240025- LULACFLRISINGPOD1-00000018 and 20240025- LULACFLRISINGPOD1-00000030 THROUGH 20240025-LULACFLRISINGPOD1-00000032 and 20240025- LULACFLRISINGPOD1-00006565 through 20240025- LULACFLRISINGPOD1-00007479

ARE REDACTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY

Exhibit B

REDACTED (copy-two)

REDACTED DOCUMENTS BEARING BATES NUMBERS 20240025-LULACFLRISINGROG1-00000022 THROUGH 20240025-LULACFLRISINGROG1-00000519 ARE REDACTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY

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REDACTED

DOCUMENTS BEARING BATES NUMBERS 20240025- LULACFLRISINGPOD1-0000001 through 20240025- LULACFLRISINGPOD1-00000018 and 20240025- LULACFLRISINGPOD1-00000030 THROUGH 20240025-LULACFLRISINGPOD1-00000032 and 20240025- LULACFLRISINGPOD1-00006565 through 20240025- LULACFLRISINGPOD1-00007479

ARE REDACTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY

Exhibit C

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA Confidentiality Justification Matrix

RESPONSE/DOCUMENT	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
DEF's Response to LULAC's First	Question 2:	§366.093(3)(e), F.S.
Request for Production of	Documents bearing bates	The documents in
Documents (Nos. 1-8), specifically,	numbers 20240025-	question contain
Question 2.	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	confidential information
	00000030, 20240025-	relating to competitive
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	business interests, the
	00007478 through	disclosure of which
	20240025-	would impair the
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	competitive business of
	00007479, 20240025-	the provider/owner of the
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	information.
	00007477, 20240025-	
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	§366.093(3)(d), F.S.
	00007107 through	The documents in
	20240025-	question contain
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	confidential information,
	00007476, 20240025-	the disclosure of which
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	would impair DEF's
	00007021 through	efforts to contract for
	20240025-	goods or services on
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	favorable terms.
	00007106, 20240025-	
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	
	00006966 through	
	20240025-	
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	
	00007020, 20240025-	
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	
	00000001 through	
	20240025-	
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	
	00000018, 20240025-	
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	
	00006565 through	
	20240025-	
	LULACFLRISINGPOD1-	
	00006965 are confidential in	
	their entirety.	

DEF's Response to LULAC's First	Question 10:	§366.093(3)(d), F.S.
Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-22),	Documents bearing bates	The documents in
specifically, Question 10.	numbers 20240025-	question contain
	LULACFLRISINGROG1-	confidential information,
	00000022 through	the disclosure of which
	20240025-	would impair DEF's
	LULACFLRISINGROG1-	efforts to contract for
	00000519 are confidential in	goods or services on
	their entirety.	favorable terms.
		§366.093(3)(e), F.S.
		The documents in
		question contain
		confidential information
		relating to competitive
		business interests, the
		disclosure of which
		would impair the
		competitive business of
		the provider/owner of the
		information.

Exhibit D

AFFIDAVITS OF REGINALD D. ANDERSON, HANS JACOB, EDWARD L. SCOTT, BRIAN M. LLOYD, SHANNON CALDWELL, MARCIA OLIVIER, JOHN PANIZZA, AND LESLEY QUICK

In re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC for rate increase

DOCKET NO. 20240025-EI

Dated: May 24, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF REGINALD D. ANDERSON IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S <u>REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION</u>

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

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

1. My name is Reginald D. Anderson. 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 employed by DEF as Vice President, Power Generation.

3. As Vice President of DEF's Power Generation organization, I am responsible for providing overall leadership and strategic and tactical planning over employees in DEF's Power Generation organization. In this role, I oversee generation projects, major maintenance programs,

outage and project management, fleet retirement strategy, and workforce planning (including departmental staffing and long-term strategies such as organizational alignment, design, retention, and inclusion). I am responsible for billions of dollars in assets including capital and operating and maintenance ("O&M") budgets, and I lead the development of regional succession planning.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in response to Florida Rising and League of United Latin American Citizens' (together, "LULAC") First Set of Interrogatories, Question 10. A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in 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 confidential information for the reasons set forth below.

5. Documents produced in response to LULAC's First Set of Interrogatories, Question 10, contain confidential information. Specifically, those documents contain pricing information relating to contracts for goods and services. Disclosure of this non-public information could alter contractors' behavior to the detriment of DEF, its customers, and its affiliates. Thus, absent confidential classification, DEF and its affiliates' efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms may be impaired. In addition, the documents in question contain internal sensitive business information regarding future projects and capital investments. That information relates to DEF's competitive business interests, and, absent confidential classification, disclosure of that information would impair DEF's ability to compete in the marketplace.

6. Upon receipt of 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 DEF. At no time since receiving the information in question has DEF publicly disclosed that information. DEF has

treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

7. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 2024.

(Signature) Reginald D. Anderson Vice President, Power Generation Duke Energy Florida, LLC

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2024 by Reginald D. Anderson. 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)

In re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC for rate increase

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Dated: May 24, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF SHANNON CALDWELL IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

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

1. My name is Shannon Caldwell. 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 a Director of Compensation of Duke Energy Business Services LLC. That section provides various administrative and other services to Duke Energy, DEF, and other affiliated companies of Duke Energy Corporation.

3. As the Director of Compensation, I am responsible for broad-based compensation

for Duke Energy, including all of Duke Energy's affiliated regulated and non-regulated companies (like DEF). I am responsible for compensation design and strategy, management of key vendor relationships, compensation administration and compliance.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in response to Florida Rising and League of United Latin American Citizens' (together, "LULAC") First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2 (Human Resources). A detailed description of 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 for the reasons set forth below.

5. Documents produced in response to LULAC's First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2 (Human Resources), contain confidential information. Specifically, these documents contain pricing information relating to contracts for goods and services (along with other terms of such contracts). Disclosure of this non-public information could alter contractors' behavior to the detriment of DEF, its customers, and its affiliates. Thus, absent confidential classification, DEF's efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms may be impaired.

6. Upon receipt of 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 DEF. At no time since receiving the information in question has DEF publicly disclosed that information. DEF has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

7. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

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Dated the _____ day of _____, 2024.

(Signature) Shannon Caldwell Director, Compensation Duke Energy Business Services, LLC

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2024 by Shannon Caldwell. She is personally known to me or has produced her _____ driver's license, or her _____ as identification.

(Signature)

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

(Printed Name) NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF

(Commission Expiration Date)

(Serial Number, If Any)

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AFFIDAVIT OF BRIAN M. LLOYD 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 Brian M. Lloyd, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Brian M. Lloyd. 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 employed by DEF as General Manager, Florida Major Projects.

3. As General Manager, my duties and responsibilities include planning for grid upgrades, system planning, and overall Distribution asset management strategy across DEF, as well as the Project Management for executing the work identified. Additionally, I manage organizations that execute the developer interactions and engineer large residential developments across the DEF territory.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in response to Florida Rising and League of United Latin American Citizens' (together, "LULAC") First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2 (Distribution). A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in 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 confidential information for the reasons set forth below.

5. Documents produced in response to LULAC's First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2 (Distribution), contain confidential information. Specifically, those documents contain pricing information relating to contracts for goods and services. Disclosure of this non-public information could alter contractors' behavior to the detriment of DEF, its customers, and its affiliates. Thus, absent confidential classification, DEF and its affiliates' efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms may be impaired.

7. Upon receipt of 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 DEF. At no time since receiving the information in question has DEF publicly disclosed that information. DEF has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

8. This concludes my affidavit.

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8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the <u>24</u> day of <u>MAY</u> , 2024.

(Signature) Brian M. Lloyd General Manager, Florida Major Projects Duke Energy Florida, LLC

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this $\underline{34}$ day , 2024 by Brian M. Lloyd. He is personally known to me or has produced her of driver's license, or his as identification.

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

OMOO (Signature) NO (Printed Name) 70 NOTARY, PUBLIC, STATE OF 2 C (Commission Expiration Date) 259910 (Serial Number, If Any) SHEMONE WATTS Notary Public - State of F or ca Commission # HH 25995 Comm. Expires .ur SHEMONE WATTS lotary Public - State of Florida Commission # HH 259961 My Comm. Expires Jun 17, 202

In re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC for rate increase

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Dated: May 24, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN R. PANIZZA 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 John R. Panizza, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is John R. Panizza. 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 employed by Duke Energy Business Services, LLC ("DEBS") as Director, Tax Operations. DEBS provides various administrative and other services to DEF and other affiliated companies of Duke Energy Corporation.

3. As Director, Tax Operations, I have overall responsibility for corporate tax

compliance and accounting for Duke Energy and therefore its subsidiary DEF. The Duke Energy Tax Operations Department is responsible for maintaining and reconciling Duke Energy's tax accounts and for the reporting and disclosure of tax-related matters.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in response to Florida Rising and League of United Latin American Citizens' (together, "LULAC") First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2 (Tax). A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in 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 confidential information for the reasons set forth below.

5. Documents produced in response to LULAC's First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2 (Tax), contain confidential information. Specifically, those documents contain internal sensitive business information relating to DEF affiliate's tax rates. That information relates to DEF's competitive business interests, and, absent confidential classification, disclosure of that information would impair DEF's ability to compete in the marketplace.

6. Upon receipt of 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 DEF. At no time since receiving the information in question has DEF publicly disclosed that information. DEF has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

7. This concludes my affidavit.

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Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 2024.

(Signature) John R. Panizza Director, Tax Operations Duke Energy Business Services, LLC

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2024 by John R. Panizza. He is personally known to me or has produced her _____ driver's license, or his _____ as identification.

(Signature)

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

(Printed Name) NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____

(Commission Expiration Date)

(Serial Number, If Any)

In re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC for rate increase

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Dated: May 24, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF LESLEY G. QUICK 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 Lesley G. Quick, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Lesley G. Quick. 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 Vice President of Customer Advocacy, Regulatory Engagement and Support within Customer Services for Duke Energy Corporation, including Duke Energy Florida ("DEF" or the "Company").

3. My responsibilities as Vice President, Customer Advocacy include the oversight,

leadership, integration, and implementation of strategic business planning governance, change management, audit and compliance requirements, customer technology support, digital experience transformation, and enhanced customer communications. I provide direction and leadership in the development of organizational business plans to ensure alignment and achievement of objectives, regulatory compliance and reporting, key performance indicators, and operational metrics. Additionally, I lead the Customer Advocacy division. Customer Advocacy is responsible for enhancing support for our customers by expanding outreach with local, state, and federal agency partners to improve access to assistance funding.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in response to Florida Rising and League of United Latin American Citizens' (together, "LULAC") First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2 (Customer). A detailed description of 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 confidential information for the reasons set forth below.

5. Documents produced in response to LULAC's First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2 (Customer), contain confidential information. Specifically, these documents contain pricing information relating to contracts for goods and services (along with other terms of such contracts). Disclosure of this non-public information could alter contractors' behavior to the detriment of DEF, its customers, and its affiliates. Thus, absent confidential classification, DEF's efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms may be impaired.

6. Upon receipt of confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of the documents and information provided,

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including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist DEF. At no time since receiving the information in question has DEF publicly disclosed that information. DEF has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

7. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 2024.

(Signature) Lesley G. Quick Vice President, Customer Advocacy Duke Energy Corporation

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2024 by Lesley G. Quick. She is personally known to me or has produced her _____ driver's license, or her _____ as identification.

(Signature)

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

(Printed Name) NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____

(Commission Expiration Date)

(Serial Number, If Any)

In re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC for rate increase

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AFFIDAVIT OF MARCIA J. OLIVIER 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 Marcia J. Olivier, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Marcia J. Olivier. 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 employed by DEF as the Director of Rates and Regulatory Planning.

3. As Director of Rates and Regulatory Planning, I am responsible for the preparation of jurisdictional separation studies and class cost of service studies, overseeing rate case activities, reporting actual and forecasted earnings and surveillance results, and supporting various regulatory

filings and initiatives.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in response to Florida Rising and League of United Latin American Citizens' (together, "LULAC") First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2 (Rates). A detailed description of 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 confidential information for the reasons set forth below.

5. Documents produced in response to LULAC's First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2 (Rates), contain confidential information. Specifically, those documents contain internal sensitive business information relating to DEF's administrative costs (e.g., DEF's marketing costs, DEF's management costs, and DEF's costs associated with the interactions it has with customers). That information relates to DEF's competitive business interests, and, absent confidential classification, disclosure of that information would impair DEF's ability to compete in the marketplace.

6. Upon receipt of 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 DEF. At no time since receiving the information in question has DEF publicly disclosed that information. DEF has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

8. This concludes my affidavit.

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Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 2024.

(Signature) Marcia J. Olivier Director, Rates and Regulatory Planning Duke Energy Florida, LLC

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2024 by Marcia J. Olivier. She is personally known to me or has produced her _____ driver's license, or her _____ as identification.

(Signature)

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

(Printed Name) NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____

(Commission Expiration Date)

(Serial Number, If Any)

In re: Petition by Duke Energy Florida, LLC for rate increase

DOCKET NO. 20240025-EI

Dated: May 24, 2024

AFFIDAVIT OF EDWARD L. SCOTT 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 Edward L. Scott, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Edward L. Scott. 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 employed by DEF as General Manager of System Operations, Florida.

3. As General Manager of System Operations, I am responsible for the safe, reliable, economic, and regulatory compliant operation of the DEF power system. This is done by overseeing the real time electric system operations of DEF, including generation dispatch,

transmission reliability, and transmission service transactions. I also serve as Vice Chair on the Florida Reliability Coordinating Council's ("FRCC") Operating Committee.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in response to Florida Rising and League of United Latin American Citizens' (together, "LULAC") First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2 (Transmission). A detailed description of 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 confidential information for the reasons set forth below.

5. Documents produced in response to LULAC's First Request for Production of Documents, Question 2 (Transmission), contain confidential information. Specifically, these documents contain pricing information relating to contracts for goods and services (along with other terms of such contracts). Disclosure of this non-public information could alter contractors' behavior to the detriment of DEF, its customers, and its affiliates. Thus, absent confidential classification, DEF's efforts to contract for goods and services on favorable terms may be impaired. In addition, the documents in question contain details about the location and nature of future transmission planning projects. Disclosure of that information could pose significant security risks to DEF, its customers, and the transmission grid.

6. Upon receipt of 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 DEF. At no time since receiving the information in question has DEF publicly disclosed that information. DEF has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

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7. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 2024.

(Signature) Edward L. Scott General Manager, System Operations Duke Energy Florida, LLC

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 2024 by Edward L. Scott. 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 _____

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