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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 20240025-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-2024-0150-PCO-EI
ISSUED: May 13, 2024

ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE BY
SOUTHERN ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN ENERGY

Duke Energy Florida, LLC (Duke or Utility) filed its Petition for Rate Increase, minimum filing requirements (MFRs), and testimony on April 2, 2024. Duke filed its MFRs based on projected test years from January 1 to December 31, 2025; January 1 to December 31, 2026; and January 1 to December 31, 2027. By Order No. PSC-2024-0092-PCO-EI, issued April 11, 2024, an administrative hearing has been scheduled for these matters for August 12 – 16, 2024. August 19 – 23, 2024, have also been reserved for the continuation and conclusion of this hearing, if necessary.

Petition for Intervention

On April 23, 2024, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE) filed a Petition to Intervene (Petition) in this proceeding. No party filed a response to the Petition.

SACE is a non-profit clean energy corporation organized under the laws of Tennessee and authorized to conduct operations in the State of Florida. The purpose of SACE is to advocate for energy plans, policies, systems, and cost recovery that best serve the environmental, public health, and economic interests of communities in the Southeast, including Florida. SACE represents that it has staff working in Florida to advance energy choices consistent with its purpose that will serve the economic, environmental, and public health interests of all Floridians, including SACE members. SACE further represents that approximately 1,602 of its members who are ratepayers and dedicated to advancing SACE's purpose and mission reside in Duke's service territory, and that these members constitute a substantial number of SACE's membership. SACE asserts that it has presented experts and provided technical testimony and comments on a wide range of utility issues in various forums throughout Florida, including before the Commission. In furtherance of its purpose and mission, continues SACE, the organization has petitioned to intervene and been granted party status in numerous dockets before the Commission.

SACE asserts that the Duke rate plan, if approved, will allow the Utility to raise its revenue requirement and that the cost to support this additional revenue requirement will be borne in part by SACE members who are Duke customers through their power bills. SACE continues that its members, as ratepayers, could also be directly and substantially affected by Duke's proposed rate plan due to the Utility's continued reliance on fossil fuels for generation. SACE asserts that this proceeding will provide SACE and other parties, and the Commission, the opportunity to test the prudence of investment in capital projects and expenses prior to costs