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June 21, 2024

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**STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST  
VIA EMAIL**

**Re: Duke Energy Florida, LLC's 2023 Storm Protection Plan Annual Status Report**

Dear Mr. Bernier:

By this letter, the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) staff requests that Duke Energy Florida, LLC (DEF or Utility) provide responses to the following data requests:

1. Please explain why the costs of the following projects are increasing when DEF is planning to complete less projects in 2024 compared to 2023.
  - a. Distribution Feeder Hardening
  - b. Distribution Lateral Hardening Pole Replacements
  - c. Distribution Lateral Hardening – Underground
  - d. Distribution Vegetation Management
  - e. Transmission Pole Replacement
  - f. Transmission Tower Upgrades
  - g. Transmission Overhead Ground Wire
  - h. Transmission GOAB Automation
  - i. Transmission Cathodic Protection
2. Please verify that none of DEF's Storm Protection Plan (SPP) projects are being recovered through base rates, as shown in Table 3-2 on page 13 of DEF's SPP report. If there are projects being recovered through base rates, please update Table 3-2.

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Please file all responses electronically no later than **Thursday, July 18, 2024**, via the Commission's website at [www.floridapsc.com](http://www.floridapsc.com), by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form (reference Docket No. 20240000-OT). If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (850) 413-6518 or email at [pbuys@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:pbuys@psc.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

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