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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Docket 20240013-EG, Commission review of numeric Conservation goals 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 Amended Responses to PCS Phosphate's Second Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 3-4), specifically question 3. The filing includes the following:

- DEF's Request for Confidential Classification
- Slipsheet for confidential Exhibit A
- Redacted Exhibit B (two copies)
- Exhibit C (justification matrix), and
- Exhibit D (affidavit Tim Duff and Jim Herndon)

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me at (850) 521-1425 should you have any questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully,

/s/ Stephanie A. Cuello

Stephanie A. Cuello

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Attachments

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Commission review of numeric
Conservation goals by Duke Energy
Florida, LLC.

Docket No. 20240013-EG

Dated: July 17, 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 for certain information contained in its Response to PCS Phosphate’s Second Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 3-4). In support of this Request, DEF states:

1. Documents responsive to DEF’s Response to PCS’s Second Request for Production of Documents, specifically, Question 3, 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 is being submitted separately in a sealed envelope labeled “CONFIDENTIAL”. 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 the Company 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 is an affidavit of Tim Duff and an affidavit of Jim Herndon, attesting to the confidential nature of the information identified in Exhibit C.

3. As indicated in Exhibit C, the information for which DEF requires confidential classification is “proprietary confidential business information” within the meaning of §366.093(3), F.S. Specifically, DEF’s response to PCS’s Second Request for Production of Documents, Question 3, includes internal business information regarding (workpapers and workbooks that contain pricing information, competitive data and information related to competitive interests and regarding DEF’s strategic plans and regulatory strategies. This information relates to DEF’s competitive business interests, and disclosure would impair DEF’s ability to compete in the marketplace. This information also poses significant security risks to DEF, its customers, and the grid. Additionally, the information includes confidential and proprietary data maintained and used by Resource Innovations, Inc. for the Duke Energy Florida’s DR analysis and similar analysis work throughout the country, frequently in response to competitive solicitations. As such, these workpapers are each considered confidential and should be treated as privileged data, only to be used in the current docket and for no other purpose.

3. 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.

4. It follows that the information identified in Exhibit 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 for Confidential Classification be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 17th day of July, 2024.

/s/Stephanie A. Cuello

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Docket No. 20240013-EG

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic mail to the following this 17th day of July, 2024.

/s/ Stephanie A. Cuello

Attorney

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Exhibit A

“CONFIDENTIAL”

(submitted under separate cover)

Exhibit B

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DOCUMENTS BEARING BATES NUMBER 20240013-
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Exhibit C

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA Confidentiality Justification Matrix

RESPONSE/DOCUMENT	PAGE/LINE	JUSTIFICATION
<p>DEF's Response to PCS's Second Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 3-4) specifically, Question 3.</p>	<p>Question 3: Documents bearing bates numbers 20240013-PCSP0D2-00001086 through 20240013-PCSP0D2-00001109 are confidential in their entirety.</p> <p>Documents bearing bates numbers 20240013-PCSP0D2-00001119 through 20240013-PCSP0D2-00001126 are confidential in their entirety.</p> <p>Documents bearing bates numbers 20240013-PCSP0D2-00001138 through 20240013-PCSP0D2-00001152 are confidential in their entirety.</p>	<p>§366.093(3)(c), F.S. The document in question contains confidential security measures, systems, or procedures.</p> <p>§366.093(3)(e), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information relating to competitive business interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider/owner of the information.</p> <p>§366.093(3)(a), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information relating to trade secrets.</p>

Exhibit D

AFFIDAVIT OF JIM HERNDON

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Commission review of numeric conservation goals (Duke Energy Florida, LLC)

DOCKET NO. 20240013-EG

Dated: May 28, 2024

**AFFIDAVIT OF JIM HERNDON IN SUPPORT OF
DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

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

1. My name is Jim Herndon. 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 Vice President in the Advisory Services Practice within the Utility Services business unit of Resource Innovations, Inc ("RI").

3. As a Vice President in the Advisory Services Practice, I am responsible for providing consulting services for RI clients in the field of Demand-Side Management ("DSM") initiatives. In this capacity, I primarily focus on DSM planning, including analysis of DSM market

impacts, and assisting utilities in the identification of DSM opportunities and the development and design of DSM program initiatives. This includes the development of market baseline and potential studies, cost-benefit analysis and design of comprehensive DSM programs and portfolios.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for a portion of DEF's Response to PCS Phosphate's Second Production of Documents (Nos. 3-4), specifically question 3, served on April 15, 2024, in this docket. The confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Exhibit A provided with DEF's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification provided on May 7, 2024 and is outlined in DEF's Justification Matrix attached to DEF's Request as Exhibit C. DEF is requesting confidential classification of this information because it contains confidential proprietary business information relating to specific algorithms and data regarding the Demand Response Model. The disclosure of that information to the public would adversely impact DEF and third-party vendors' competitive business interests.

5. Upon receipt of confidential information from capacity suppliers, and with its own 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 the Company, and restricting the number of, and access to the information and contracts. At no time since receiving the contracts and information in question has the Company publicly disclosed that information or contracts. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information and contracts at issue as confidential.

6. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 28 day of May, 2024.

[Handwritten Signature]

(Signature)

Jim Herndon

Vice President, Advisory Services Practice

Resource Innovations, Inc.

2500 Regency Parkway, Suite 220

Cary, North Carolina 27518

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of May, 2024, by Jim Herndon. He is personally known to me or has produced his DL driver's license, or his _____ as identification.



[Handwritten Signature]

(Signature)

Harrison M Collea

(Printed Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

08/28/28

(Commission Expiration Date)

(Serial Number, If Any)

Exhibit D

AFFIDAVIT OF TIM DUFF

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Commission review of numeric conservation goals (Duke Energy Florida, LLC)

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Dated: May 28, 2024

**AFFIDAVIT OF TIM DUFF 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 Tim Duff, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Tim Duff. I am over the age of 18 years old and I have been authorized by Duke Energy Florida, Inc. (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 facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

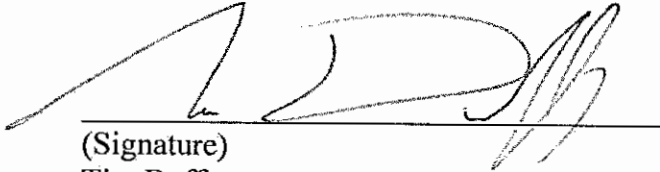
2. I am the General Manager, Customer Solutions Regulatory Enablement. In this role, I am responsible for the development of strategies and policies related to energy efficiency, demand side management and all other retail products and services.

3. As the General Manager of Customer Solutions Regulatory Enablement, I also oversee the analytics functions associated with evaluating, tracking, and reporting the performance of Duke Energy's retail products and services related to energy efficiency, demand side management programs and all other retail products and services.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for a portion of DEF's Response to PCS Second Production of Documents (Nos. 3-4), specifically question 3, served on April 15, 2024, in this docket. The confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Exhibit A provided with DEF's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification provided on May 7, 2024 and is outlined in DEF's Justification Matrix attached to DEF's Request as Exhibit C. DEF is requesting confidential classification of this information because it contains confidential proprietary business information relating to specific algorithms and calculations regarding cost effectiveness modeling that contain pricing information and competitive data. The disclosure of that information to the public would adversely impact DEF and third-party vendors' competitive business interests.
5. Upon receipt of confidential information from utility system equipment and power suppliers, as well as with its own 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 the Company, and restricting the number of, and access to the information and contracts. At no time since receiving the contracts and information in question has the Company publicly disclosed that information or contracts. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information and contracts at issue as confidential.
6. This concludes my affidavit.

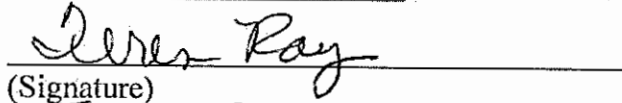
Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 22nd day of May, 2024.



(Signature)
Tim Duff
General Manager
Customer Solutions Regulatory Enablement
Duke Energy
550 South Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of May, 2024, by Tim Duff. He is personally known to me or has produced his driver's license, or his _____ as identification.



(Signature)
Teresa Ray
(Printed Name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

01/21/29
(Commission Expiration Date)

(Serial Number, If Any)

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

