

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Docket No. 20240025-EI

Dated: July 22, 2024

**NOTICE OF FILING VERIFIED AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY
FLORIDA, LLC'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Duke Energy Florida, LLC, ("DEF") hereby gives notice of filing the verified Affidavit of Matthew Chatelain in support of DEF's Request for Confidential Classification, submitted on June 18, 2024 (document number 06636-2024), regarding its Response to LULAC and FL Rising's Third Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 54-78), this 22nd day of July, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic mail this 22nd day of July, 2024, to the following:

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 20240025-EI

Dated: July 12, 2024

**AFFIDAVIT OF MATTHEW CHATELAIN 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 Matthew Chatelain, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Matthew Chatelain. 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 Manager of Rates and Regulatory Strategy for Duke Energy Business Services, LLC ("DEBS"). DEBS is a service company subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation ("Duke Energy") that provides services to Duke Energy and its subsidiaries, including DEF.

3. As Manager of Rates and Regulatory Strategy, I am responsible for rate administration, rate design, and pricing for DEF.

4. DEF is seeking confidential classification for information contained in response to the Florida Rising and League of United Latin American Citizens' (together, "LULAC") Third Set of Interrogatories, Question 74. A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in Exhibit A to DEF's Request and is outlined in DEF's Confidentiality 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 Third Set of Interrogatories, Question 74, contain confidential information. Specifically, these documents contain sensitive business information relating to competitors' costs per kW and usage on a seasonal basis. These documents also compare DEF's costs to those of its competitors. This information is proprietary and relates to DEF's competitive business interests. 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 12th day of July, 2024.



(Signature)
Matthew Chatelain
Manager, Rates and Regulatory Strategy
DEBS

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of July, 2024 by Matthew Chatelain. He is personally known to me or has produced his _____ driver's license, or his _____ as identification.

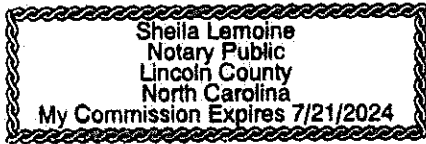
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NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF North Carolina

July 21, 2024
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