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STAFF'S FIFTH DATA REQUEST *via email*

Beth Keating, Esquire
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RE: Docket No. 20240099-EI – Petition for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company.

Dear Ms. Keating:

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) provide responses to the following data requests:

1. Please refer to the Direct Testimony of Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC or Company) witness William Haffecke, page 19, line 9, through line 12 for the following requests.
 - a. Please provide a citation for where the cost of the S&P Global Platts package can be found within the Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs).
 - b. Please provide the projected 2025 test year expense for this subscription.
 - c. Please explain, with specificity, what this package will be used for and how it aids the Company in serving its customers.
 - d. Are the costs for this subscription allocated between FPUC and other Chesapeake-owned utilities? If so, please indicate the total unallocated cost.

2. Please refer to FPUC's Responses to Staff's First Data Request, No. 16, MS Excel file, "Staff DR 1.16 Schedules," Tab 16.IT809, line 20, column I for the following request. Please explain the specific reason(s) for the allocated cost amount change from months 7 through 12, as opposed to months 1-6 where the cost is constant month to month.

3. Please refer to FPUC's MFRs, Schedule C-10, filed in both Docket No. 20140025-EI and Docket No. 20240099-EI. In FPUC's 2014 rate case, the 2015 projected test year rate case expense was \$770,721, while the 2025 projected test year rate case expense is \$1,530,907. Please discuss the factors that contributed to the 98.6 percent increase in rate case expense.

Please file all responses electronically no later than Friday, October 25, 2024, through the Commission's website at www.floridapsc.com, by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form. *In addition, please email the filed response to discovery-gcl@psc.state.fl.us.*

Please feel free to call me at (850) 413- 6218 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Suzanne Brownless
Suzanne Brownless
Special Counsel

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk