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Public Service Commission

October 25, 2024

STAFF'S NINTH DATA REQUEST via email

Beth Keating, Esquire Florida Public Utilities Company Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A. 215 South Monroe Street, Suite 601 Tallahassee, FL 32301 bkeating@gunster.com

> Docket No. 20240099-EI – Petition for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities RE: 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 Florida Public Utilities Company's (FPUC or Company) Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs), Schedule D-1a and Schedule D1-a (Supplement) for the 2025 projected test year, Column K, labeled "Interest Expense," for the following requests:
 - a) In Schedule D-1a, please explain why the total interest expense does not equal the sum of the above components in the column.
 - b) In Schedule D-1a and Schedule D1-a (Supplement), please explain why both interest expenses associated with long term debt are equal despite having different long term debt cost rates.

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c) In Schedule D-1a and Schedule D1-a (Supplement), please provide the interest

calculations under Column K for long term debt, short term debt, customer deposits,

and the total interest expense.

2. Please refer to Direct Testimony of FPUC witness Michelle Napier, page 18, lines 3

through 9, for the following requests:

a) Please provide a citation for where the interest and income tax synchronization

adjustment and its calculation can be found within the MFRs and electronic MFRs.

b) Please provide a step-by-step breakdown of the calculation used to achieve the \$5,950

interest synchronization adjustment.

Please provide details on the estimated additional project cost of \$587,280 for the 3.

General Ledger System CWIP that can be found on MFR Schedule B-13, page 2 of 2.

Please file all responses electronically no later than Friday, November 8, 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

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Special Counsel

SBr/ds

Office of Commission Clerk cc: