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Mr. Adam Teitzman, Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 20240099-EI - Petition for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company, please find the Company's responses to Staff's 28th Set of Data Requests. Certain attachments referenced in the responses are available in Excel only and therefore are not included with this filing, but are being provided to the service list via email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Beth Keating', written over a horizontal line.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company. || DOCKET NO. 20240099-EI

FPUC'S RESPONSES TO STAFF'S TWENTY EIGHTH SET OF DATA REQUESTS

1. Please refer to MFR Schedule E-13c, titled "Base Revenue By Rate Schedule – Calculations," and FPUC's supplemental response to Staff's Fourth Set of Data Requests, Question No. 12, Excel file titled, "DR 4.1 Weather Normalization Forecasts - with Annual (002)(35386069.1) (SUPPLEMENTAL)," tab titled "Annual Summary." Please confirm the following rate classes appearing in MFR Schedule E-13c are the following rate classes appearing in the Excel file:
 - a) Residential Service = Residential
 - b) General Service = Commercial Small
 - c) General Service Demand = Commercial

Company Response:

Confirmed

2. Please refer to MFR schedule E-13c, titled "Base Revenue By Rate Schedule – Calculations." For each customer class listed below, and by division (Northeast, Northwest), please provide FPUC's annual actual customers and UPC for 2015 through 2023, annual actual/forecast of customers and UPC for 2024, and annual forecast of customers and UPC for 2025 for the following rate classes. Please provide this data in Excel format similar to the data provided in FPUC's supplemental response to Staff's Fourth Set of Data Requests, Question No. 12, Excel file titled, "DR 4.1 Weather Normalization Forecasts - with Annual (002)(35386069.1) (SUPPLEMENTAL)," tab

titled “Annual Summary.”

- a) General Service Large Demand (GSLD)
- b) General Service Large Demand1 (GSLD1)
- c) Lighting Service (OL and SL)

Company Response:

Please refer to the attached file “DR 28.2 General Service Large & Lights Annual”.

3. Please refer to MFR schedule E-13c, titled “Base Revenue By Rate Schedule – Calculations.” For each applicable customer class, and by division (Northeast, Northwest), please provide FPUC’s annual actual demand (KW) for 2015 through 2023, annual actual/forecast of demand for 2024, and annual forecast of demand for 2025.

Company Response:

Please refer to the attached file “DR 28.3 KW Demand (2015-2025)”.

4. Please refer to MFR Schedule F-5, page 1 of 3, titled, “Forecasting Models.” The third paragraph on this page appears to address FPUC’s models for peak demand for the GSD and GSLD rate classes. These models do not appear alongside the UPC models in MFR Schedule F-7, pages 1-6 of 21. Please provide equivalent information regarding the demand models similar to that provided for the UPC models.

Company Response:

Models of the type in MFR Schedule F-7, pages 1-6 of 21 were not used to forecast peak demand (kW), only to forecast UPC (kWh). Please refer to the Company’s response to Staff’s Fourth Set of Data Requests, Question No. 4.

5. Please refer to MFR Schedule F-5, page 1 of 3, titled, “Forecasting Models.” The fourth

paragraph on this page appears to address FPUC's methodology for forecasting billing determinants for the GSLD1 rate class. FPUC states that a "direct" forecast of KWH purchases, billed KW demand, and kVar were utilized. Please explain, in more specific terms, the methodology used.

Company Response:


KWH for GSLD1 is not used in the calculation of base rates since the rates are KW and kVar based. But, KWH was used for projections of clause revenue. KWH for GSLD1 was forecast using the prior 2-year average of the existing GSLD1 customer and the Standby customer who is being proposed as GSLD1 in this case. The total estimated KWH was then split between Firm and Non-Firm usage based on the Firm projections for the prior year since those were thought to most closely represent future usage.

KW and kVar usage were based on the prior 3-year average of both the existing GSLD1 customer and the current Standby customer using actuals from June 2021 to May 2024.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by Electronic Mail to the following parties of record this 21st day of January, 2025:

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