

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian, Nicole, and Tropical Storm Fred, by Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

DOCKET NO. 20230020-EI

In re: Petition for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricane Idalia, by Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

DOCKET NO. 20230116-EI

DATED: May 12, 2025

COMMISSION STAFF’S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2025-0067-PCO-EI, filed March 5, 2025, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. All Known Witnesses

Witness	Subject Matter	Issues #
Direct		
Curt Mouring	Staff Audit	1-14

2. All Known Exhibits

Witness	Proffered By	Exhibit No.	Description	Issue #
Direct				
Curt Mouring	Staff	(CM-1)	Auditor Report dated March 18, 2025	1-14

3. Staff’s Statement of Basic Position

Staff’s positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff’s final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

4. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Should the incremental cost and capitalization approach (ICCA) found in Rule 25-6.0143, F.A.C., be used to determine the reasonable and prudent amounts to be included in restoration costs for Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 2: Have the terms of DEF's 2021 Settlement Agreement, approved by Order No. PSC-2021-0202A-AS-EI, issued June 28, 2021, been complied with? If not, why not?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 3: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of regular payroll expense to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs for Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 4: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of overtime payroll expense to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs for Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 5: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of contractor costs, including vegetation and line clearing, to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs for Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 6: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of vehicle and fuel expense to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs for Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 7: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of employee expenses to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs for Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 8: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of materials and supplies expense to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs for Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

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ISSUE 9: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of other costs to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs for Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 10: What is the reasonable and prudent total amount of costs to be included in Total Storm Related Restoration Costs for Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 11: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of storm-related costs that should be capitalized for Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 12: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of storm-related costs that should be ICCA non-incremental O&M adjustments for Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 13: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of retail Recoverable Storm Costs for Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 14: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of the combined retail Recoverable Storm Costs for Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian, Nicole, Tropical Storm Fred and Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 15: What is the combined amount of Recoverable Storm Costs recovered through the Storm Cost Recovery Surcharge for Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian, Nicole, Tropical Storm Fred and Hurricane Idalia?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 16: What is the appropriate accounting treatment associated with any storm costs for Hurricanes Elsa, Eta, Isaias, Ian, Nicole, Tropical Storm Fred and Hurricane Idalia found to have been imprudently recovered?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 17: If applicable, how should any under-recovery or over-recovery be handled?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 18: Should this docket be closed?

POSITION: No position at this time.

5. Stipulated Issues

There are no stipulated issues at this time.

6. Pending Motions

There are no pending motions at this time.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests at this time.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

Staff has no objections to the qualifications of any witness as an expert at this time.

9. Sequestration of Witnesses

Staff has not requested sequestration of any witnesses at this time.

10. Compliance with Order No. PSC-2025-0067-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of May, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with the Office of Commission Clerk and that a true copy has been furnished to the following by electronic mail this 12th day of May, 2025:

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