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Duke Energy Florida, Inc. ("DEF" or the "Company") moves the Florida Public Service Commission (the "Commission") to dismiss with prejudice the Petition for an Order Investigating the Prudence of Progress Energy Florida's Efforts to Obtain NEIL Insurance Proceeds, Establishing that Customers Have No Responsibility for Costs of Certain Abandoned CR3 Uprate Costs That are No Longer Subject to the Nuclear Cost Recovery Mechanism, and Delineating Parameters of CR3 "Regulatory Asset," filed by the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") and the Florida Retail Federation ("FRF") in this docket (the "OPC/FRF Petition"), and to close this docket. DEF files this Motion with the Commission pursuant to Rules 28-106.204 and 28-106.211, F.A.C., Section 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, and the Revised and Restated Stipulation and Settlement Agreement (the "Revised and Restated Settlement Agreement"), approved as fair, just, reasonable, and in the public interest by final Commission vote on October 17, 2013 in Docket No. 130208-EI (the "Effective Date" in the Revised and Restated Settlement Agreement). OPC, FRF, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group ("FIPUG"), and White Springs Agricultural Chemicals, Inc. ("White Springs"), consented to this Motion in the Commission-approved Revised and Restated Settlement Agreement and, therefore, DEF's motion to dismiss should be granted.

In support, DEF states:

In the fall of 2009, during Refueling Outage 16, DEF replaced the Crystal River
Unit 3 ("CR3") nuclear power plant's existing steam generators during its steam generator
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delamination (cracking of the layers of concrete) of a portion of CR3's containment building.
CR3 was not returned to service in the timeframe planned by DEF for Refueling Outage 16 and
the outage was extended.

2. By Order No. PSC- 10-0632-PCO-EI, dated October 25, 2010, the Commission granted a DEF motion to create a separate docket to investigate the prudence and reasonableness of DEF's actions concerning the delamination and to review the prudence of DEF's resulting fuel and purchased power replacement costs associated with the extended outage and opened this docket.

3. By Order No. PSC-11-0352-PCO-EI, the Prehearing Officer divided this docket into three phases: (a) Phase 1 was a prudence review of the events and decisions of DEF leading up to the October 2, 2009 delamination event; (b) Phase 2 involved a prudence review of DEF's decision to repair or retire and decommission CR3; and (c) Phase 3 involved a prudence review of the decisions and events subsequent to the October 2, 2009 delamination.

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6. On August 1, 2013, DEF filed its petition for a limited proceeding to approve the Revised and Restated Settlement Agreement in Docket No. 130208-EI. The Revised and Restated Settlement Agreement, among other things, resolves, in a comprehensive manner, the issues in Docket No. 100437-EI related to (1) the circumstances surrounding the delaminations and repairs of the CR3 nuclear power plant; (2) the decision to retire CR3; (3) the decision to settle the CR3 insurance claims with NEIL; and (4) the issues raised by the OPC/FRF Petition. On October 16, 2013, the Commission commenced a public hearing to address DEF's petition for Commission approval of the Revised and Restated Settlement Agreement was fair, just, and reasonable and in the public interest. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission determined that the Revised and Restated Settlement Agreement was fair, just, and reasonable and in the public interest, and the Commission voted to approve the Revised and Restated Settlement Agreement on October 17, 2013.

7. Pursuant to the terms of the Revised and Restated Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, OPC, FRF, FIPUG, and White Springs consented to DEF filing this motion to dismiss, with prejudice, the OPC/FRF Petition, and to close Docket No. 100437-EI. <u>See</u> Revised and Restated Settlement Agreement, ¶ 4. Any remaining issues presented in this Docket that are preserved by the Revised and Restated Settlement Agreement will be addressed in future proceedings before the Commission consistent with Exhibit 10 to the Revised and Restated Settlement Agreement. <u>Id</u>. The Revised and Restated Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission, therefore, contemplates that DEF would file, and the Commission would grant, this Motion.

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Respectfully submitted this 21st day of October, 2013.

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