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### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Carlotta Stauffer, Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause and Generating Performance Incentive Factor: Docket No. 150001-EI.

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Please find enclosed for filing on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, Inc. ("DEF"), DEF's First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification concerning portions of information in Staff audit's Work-papers pertaining to the 2013 Hedging Audit Control No. 13-016-2-1 (document number 02553-13) filed in docket no. 130001-EI and Revised Exhibit D, Affidavit of James McClay in Support of DEF's Request for Extension of Confidential Classification. The original Request included Exhibits A, B and C.

There are no changes to the original Request's Exhibit A consisting of the confidential unredacted documents, Exhibit B containing two (2) redacted copies of the confidential document, or Exhibit C containing a justification table in support of DEF's original Request. The aforementioned exhibits remain on file with the Clerk.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me at (850) 521-1428 should you have any questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully,

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MRB/mw Enclosures cc: Certificate of Service

### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause with generating performance incentive factor.

Docket No. 150001-EI

Dated: January 30, 2015

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA INC.'S
FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
OF INFORMATION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO AUDIT NO. 13-016-2-1

Duke Energy Florida, Inc. ("DEF" or "Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes ("F.S."), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code ("F.A.C."), submits its First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification for certain information contained in Staff's audit work papers pertaining to DEF's 2013 Hedging Activities Audit, Audit Control No. 13-016-2-1, performed in Docket No. 130001-EI. In support of this Request, DEF states:

- 1. On May 8, 2013, DEF filed a request for confidential classification of information contained in Staff's audit work-papers pertaining to the 2013 Hedging Audit, Audit Control No. 13-016-2-1 (Document No. 02553-13), including sensitive business information such as internal hedging practices and procedures, hedging volumes and transactions, hedging forecasts, percentages and pricing information.
- 2. DEF's May 8, 2013 Request was granted by Order No. PSC-13-0364-CFO-EI on August 7, 2013. The period of confidential treatment granted by that order will expire on February 7, 2015. The information continues to warrant treatment as "proprietary confidential"

business information" within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S. Accordingly, DEF is filing its First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification.

- 3. DEF submits that the portions of Staff's audit work-papers identified in the Exhibit A to the May 8, 2013 Request continue to be "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of section 366.093(3), F.S. and continue to require confidential classification. *See* Affidavit of James McClay at ¶ 7, attached as Revised Exhibit "D". This information is intended to be and is treated as confidential by the Company. The information has not been disclosed to the public. Pursuant to section 366.093(1), F.S., such materials are entitled to confidential treatment and are exempt from the disclosure provisions of the Public Records Act. *See* Affidavit of James McClay ¶¶ 5-7.
- 4. Nothing has changed since the issuance of Order No. PSC-13-00364-CFO-EI to render the information stale or public such that continued confidential treatment would not be appropriate. Upon a finding by the Commission that this information continues to be "proprietary confidential business information," it should continue to be treated as such for an additional period of at least 18 months, and should be returned to DEF as soon as the information is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business. *See* §366.093(4), F.S.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, DEF respectfully requests that this Request for Extension of Confidential Classification be granted.

Respectfully submitted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

## s/Matthew R. Bernier

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## **Duke Energy Florida, Inc.**

Docket No.: 150001

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic mail this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015 to all parties of record as indicated below.

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## Exhibit A

## "CONFIDENTIAL"

(On file)

# Exhibit B (On file)

## **Exhibit C**

## **DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA Confidentiality Justification Matrix**

(On file)

# Revised Exhibit D AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES MCCLAY

### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Dated: January 30, 2015

## AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES MCCLAY IN SUPPORT OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA'S FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

**COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG** 

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared James McClay, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

- 1. My name is James McClay. I am over the age of 18 years old and I have been authorized by Duke Energy Florida (hereinafter "DEF" or the "Company") to give this affidavit in the above-styled proceeding on DEF's behalf and in support of DEF's First Request for Extension of Confidential Classification. The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.
- 2. I am the Manager of Gas Trading in the Fuel Procurement group. This section is responsible for natural gas procurement and scheduling needed to support the gas generation needs for Duke Energy Indiana (DEI), Duke Energy Kentucky (DEK), Duke Energy Carolinas (DEC), Duke Energy Progress (DEP), and DEF Systems.
- 3. As the Manager of Gas Trading, I am responsible, along with the other members of the section, for natural gas and oil procurement, scheduling, hedging

activities in the Fuel Procurement group for the Duke Energy regulation fleet for DEI, DEK, DEC, DEF and DEP.

- 4. DEF is seeking an extension of confidential classification for certain information contained in Staff's Hedging Audit Work-papers, Audit Control No. 13-016-2-1 (document no. 02553-13) filed May 8, 2013 in Docket No. 130001. There are no changes to the information contained in DEF's confidential Exhibit A, redacted Exhibit B, and justification matrix C. The referenced Exhibits are on file with the Clerk. DEF is requesting an extension of confidential classification of this information because it contains sensitive business information, the disclosure of which would impair the Company's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms.
- 5. DEF negotiates with potential fuel suppliers to obtain competitive contracts for fuel options that provide economic value to DEF and its ratepayers. In order to obtain such contracts, however, DEF must be able to assure fuel suppliers that sensitive business information, such as volumes and hedging costs, will be kept confidential. With respect to the information at issue in this Request, DEF has kept confidential and has not publicly disclosed confidential contract terms such as volumes, hedging costs and itemized hedging gains/losses. Absent such measures, suppliers would run the risk that sensitive business information that they provided in their bids/contracts with DEF would be made available to the public and, as a result, end up in possession of potential competitors. Faced with that risk, persons or companies who otherwise would contract with DEF might decide not to do so if DEF did not keep specific information confidential. Without DEF's measures to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive terms

in contracts between DEF and fuel suppliers, the Company's efforts to obtain competitive fuel supply contracts could be undermined.

- 6. Additionally, the disclosure of confidential information in the DEF's fuel supply contracts, could adversely impact DEF's competitive business interests. If such information was disclosed to DEF's competitors, DEF's efforts to obtain competitive fuel supply options that provide economic value to both DEF and its ratepayers could be compromised by DEF's competitors changing their consumption or purchasing behavior within the relevant markets.
- 7. Upon receipt of confidential information from fuel suppliers, and with its own confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of the documents and information provided, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company, and restricting the number of, and access to the information and contracts. At no time since receiving the contracts and information in question has the Company publicly disclosed that information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information and contracts at issue as confidential.
  - 8. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

## Dated the 26 day of January, 2015.

NT was sworn to and subscribed before me this as McClay. He is personally known to me, or driver's license, or his ion.
(Signature)  KATIC JAMILSON  (Printed Name)  NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NO  Line 14, 2016  (Commission Expiration Date)  (Serial Number, If Any)

(Signature)
James McClay

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