



Florida Power & Light Company, 215 S. Monroe Street, Suite 810, Tallahassee, FL 32301

September 19, 2017

Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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Subject: Storm Event Notification, Per Rule No. 25-6.0143(l)(d), F.A.C. - Amount to Exceed \$10 Million

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Pursuant to Rule No. 25-6.0143(1)(d), F.A.C., Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") is notifying the Commission that its storm restoration costs associated with Hurricane Irma will exceed the \$10 million threshold contained within the Rule.

Hurricane Irma began to directly affect South Florida early in the morning on September 9, 2017. As Hurricane Irma traveled north through the state, it continued to impact customers into the evening on September 11. Due to its size and path, Hurricane Irma impacted all 35 counties across FPL's 27,000 square-mile service territory. The National Hurricane Center's preliminary report estimates that parts of FPL's service area experienced hurricane-force wind gusts as high as 142 miles per hour and rainfall totaling as much as 15.9 inches.

Over the last 11 years, FPL has invested nearly \$3 billion to make the energy grid smarter, stronger and more storm-resilient. Preliminary initial assessments indicate that during Hurricane Irma: (1) FPL's hardened feeders, which are our main power lines, performed significantly better during Hurricane Irma than non-hardened feeders; (2) smart grid devices avoided hundreds of thousands of customer outages; and (3) the number of poles down across FPL's system is comparatively low despite Hurricane Irma's high winds, which caused extensive tree and debris damage. Prior to Irma's landfall, FPL aggressively pre-positioned crews, facilities, materials and other resources to quickly and comprehensively respond once it was safe for our team to begin restoring power to customers. As of 12 p.m. today, September 19, 2017, crews have restored more than 4.3 million customers, or approximately 98 percent of the 4.4 million customers affected by Irma. For perspective, this rate of restoration is significantly faster than what was achieved as of the same timeframe after Hurricane Wilma impacted Florida in 2005.

For this unprecedented event, FPL's restoration operations are utilizing more than 25,000 personnel, including thousands of workers from contracting companies and utilities from nearly 30 states and Canada.

FPL's restoration work is still ongoing and is currently expected to continue well beyond the time that all customers' power is restored due to subsequent required follow-up work.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (561) 694-3428.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith Ferguson".
Keith Ferguson
Controller, FPL

cc: Andrew Maurey, Director of Division of Accounting & Finance, Florida Public Service Commission
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