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**VIA E-PORTAL**

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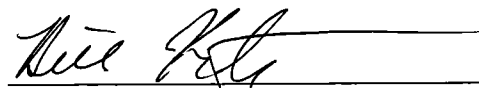
**Re: Docket No. 20190156-EI - Petition for a limited proceeding to recover incremental storm restoration costs, capital costs, revenue reduction for permanently lost customers, and regulatory assets related to Hurricane Michael, by Florida Public Utilities Company.**

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Enclosed for electronic filing, please find Florida Public Utilities Company's Motion for Protective Order for Responses to OPC's First Requests for Production in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. As always, please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Petition for a limited proceeding to recover incremental storm restoration costs, capital costs, revenue reduction for permanently lost customers, and regulatory assets related to Hurricane Michael, by Florida Public Utilities Company. ) Docket No. 20190156-EI  
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**FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S  
MOTION FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPUC" or "the Company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code, hereby submits this Motion for Temporary Protective Order regarding certain material contained in its responses to the Office of Public Counsel's First Requests for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-15). In support of this Request, FPUC states as follows:

1. Portions of the referenced documents, and in some cases all of certain documents, contain information regarding rates and terms in contracts with some of FPUC's vendors. FPUC and these vendors treat this information as highly confidential, proprietary business information in accordance with agreed upon contract terms. If this information is publicly disclosed, such disclosure could harm the Company's business interests, as well as those of its vendors.
2. Subsection 366.093(1), Florida Statutes, provides that upon request, records received by the Commission which are "found by the commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from s. 119.07(1)."
3. "Proprietary confidential business information" is defined as meaning "information, regardless of form or characteristics, which is owned or controlled by the ... company, is intended to be and is treated by the ... company as private in that the disclosure of the information would cause harm to the ratepayers or the company's business operations,

and has not been disclosed unless disclosed pursuant to a statutory provision, an order of a court or administrative body, or private agreement that provides that the information will not be released to the public." Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes.

4. Proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to, information concerning:

(a) Trade secrets.

(b) Internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors.

(c) Security measures, systems, or procedures.

(d) Information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms.

(e) Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.

(f) Employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities.

Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes.

5. The confidential portions of the referenced documents provided to OPC fall within these statutory definitions, and therefore constitute proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093(d) Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code. The information, which has been treated by FPUC as highly confidential and has not been publicly disclosed, constitutes information about payments made by FPUC pursuant to contract, which the parties treat as confidential in accordance with the terms of those contracts. This information, if disclosed, would not only impair the efforts of FPUC to compete for services, but would potentially place the Company in breach of contract. Furthermore, such disclosure could impair the Company's ability to contract for goods and services with other vendors on reasonable terms in the future. The information therein is therefore proprietary confidential business

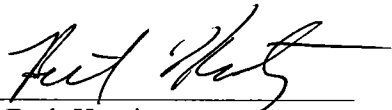
information and is entitled to continued and ongoing protection under Section 366.093(d), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code.

6. For these reasons, FPUC requests that the Commission enter a Protective Order, pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), protecting this information from public disclosure to the extent it is being provided the Office of Public Counsel.
7. Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code, provides in pertinent part, as follows, with respect to a utility allowing OPC to depose, inspect and/or take possession of the utility's information:
  - a. [T]he utility may request a temporary protective order exempting the information from Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes. If the information is to be used in a proceeding before the Commission, then the utility must file a specific request for a protective order under paragraph (a) above. If the information is not to be used in a proceeding before the Commission, the Public Counsel shall return the information to the utility in accordance with the record retention requirements of the Department of State.
8. The information at issue falls squarely under Section 366.093(3)(d), Florida Statutes. Release of the referenced information as a public record would harm FPUC's business operations and ratepayers by impairing the Company's ability to effectively negotiate for goods and services. As such, FPUC requests that the Commission grant this Motion for Protective Order
9. FPUC has been authorized by counsel for OPC to represent that OPC does not object to the granting of this motion but reserves the right to contest the confidentiality of the subject documents.

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WHEREFORE, FPUC respectfully requests that the Commission enter a protective order protecting the referenced information provided to OPC in response to Citizens' First Requests for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-15).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing has been served by Electronic Mail this 17th day of September, 2019, upon the following:

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