



September 18, 2019

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Florida Public Service Commission  
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Subject: Storm Event Notification, Per Rule 25-6.0143(1)(d), F.A.C. – Amount to Exceed \$10 million

Dear Mr. Teitzman,

Pursuant to Rule 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 Dorian will exceed the \$10 million threshold contained within the Rule.

Hurricane Dorian posed an enormous threat to peninsular Florida, and for days was forecasted to make landfall in FPL’s service territory with as much as Category 5 force winds. As such, FPL followed its well developed and systematic plan to respond to such a weather event, which includes obtaining and pre-staging resources in advance of the storm. For Hurricane Dorian, this included pre-staging approximately 17,000 personnel (i.e., FPL employees and external utilities and contractor personnel from 26 states). Even as some of the models subsequently began to project that the storm would turn north and remain offshore, a slight deviation to the west of the modeled track could have been catastrophic for much of Florida’s east coast. During this period, FPL remained prepared for any potential outcome.

After Dorian passed through the Bahamas with its devastating Category 5 strength winds, Dorian’s track shifted to the east and its most damaging impacts fortunately remained offshore as it moved north - sparing FPL and Florida from significant harm and damage. Hurricane Dorian’s outer bands began to directly impact FPL’s service territory on September 1, 2019. Its impacts continued through the morning hours of September 5, as Dorian’s path essentially paralleled the east coast of Florida as it slowly traveled north. Due to its path, FPL’s management areas were affected by the impacts of Dorian.

In total, FPL restored service to more than 160,000 customers. Toppled trees, excess vegetation and wind-blown debris were the leading causes of outages. On average, customers’ outages were restored in just over an hour and no outage exceeded more than 24 hours. FPL’s significant investments over the past decade in smart grid technology, undergrounding power lines and strengthening the energy grid enabled FPL to restore power faster and avoid outages. For example, infrastructure storm-hardened and placed underground performed well, nearly 60 drones were employed to help crews visualize damage in dense or flooded areas and more than 37,000 outages were avoided due to investments in smart grid technology (e.g., automated feeder switches).

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Ferguson".

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