

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricane Michael and approval of second implementation stipulation, by Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

DOCKET NO. 20190110-EI

DATED: August 20, 2020

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2020-0039-PCO-EI, filed January 30, 2020, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.<sup>1</sup>

1. All Known Witnesses

Witness

Subject

Simon O. Ojada

Commission Staff's Financial Audit Report of Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Storm Cost Recovery for Hurricane Michael

Carl Vinson

Commission Staff's Review of Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Storm Cost Management and Payment Processing Practices for Hurricane Michael

2. All Known Exhibits

Exhibit

Title

SOO-1

Auditor's Report – Storm Cost Recovery Audit Hurricane Michael (dated January 14, 2020)

CV-1

Review of Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Storm Cost Management and Payment Processing Practices for Hurricane Michael

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<sup>1</sup> Order No. PSC-2020-0039-PCO-EI was subsequently modified by Order Nos. PSC-2020-0138-PCO-EI and PSC-2020-0226-PCO-EI, issued on May 11, 2020, and July 1, 2020, respectively.

3. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

4. Staff's Position on the Issues

**ISSUE 1:** In undertaking storm-recovery activities, was the payroll expense Duke Energy Florida ("DEF") has requested to include for storm recovery reasonable and prudent, in incurrence and amount? If not, what amount should be approved?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 2:** In undertaking storm-recovery activities, were the benefit costs requested by DEF for storm recovery reasonable and prudent, in incurrence and amount? If not, what amount should be approved?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 3:** In undertaking storm-recovery activities, were the overhead costs requested by DEF for storm recovery reasonable and prudent, in incurrence and amount? If not, what amount should be approved?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 4:** In undertaking storm-recovery activities, were the contractor costs DEF has included for storm recovery reasonable and prudent, in incurrence and amount? If not, what amount should be approved?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 5:** In connection with the restoration of service associated with storm-related electric power outages affecting customers, were the vehicle and fuel costs DEF included for storm recovery reasonable and prudent, in incurrence and amount? If not, what amount should be approved?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 6:** In connection with restoration of service associated with storm-related electric power outages affecting customers, were the material and supply costs DEF included for storm recovery reasonable and prudent, in incurrence and amount? If not, what amount should be approved?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 7:** Were the uncollectible account expenses DEF included for storm recovery reasonable and prudent, in incurrence and amount? If not, what amount should be approved?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 8:** Was the methodology DEF utilized to capitalize costs reasonable and prudent, and was the amount of costs DEF capitalized reasonable and prudent, and consistent with Rule 25-6.0143, F.A.C.?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 9:** What is the correct amount to be included in storm recovery to replenish the level of DEF's storm reserve?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 10:** What is the total amount of storm-related costs and storm reserve replenishment DEF is entitled to recover?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 11:** If applicable, how should any under-recovery or over-recovery be handled?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 12:** Should the docket be closed?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

5. Stipulated Issues

There are no stipulated issues at this time.

6. Pending Motions

Commission staff has no pending motions at this time.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Commission staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests at this time.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

Commission staff has no objections to witness qualifications at this time.

9. Compliance with Order No. PSC-2020-0039-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of August, 2020.

*/s/ Ashley Weisenfeld*

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with the Office of Commission Clerk and that a true copy has been furnished to the following by electronic mail this 20th day of August, 2020:

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