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DATE: July 13, 2021
TO: Office of Commission Clerk
FROM: Dale Mailhot, Director, Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis
RE: Docket No.: 20210007-EI
Company Name: Duke Energy Florida, LLC
Company Code: EI801
Audit Purpose: A3d: Environmental Cost Recovery Clause
Audit Control No: 2021-019-2-1

Attached is the final audit report for the Utility stated above. I am sending the Utility a copy of this memo and the audit report. If the Utility desires to file a response to the audit report, it should send a response to the Office of Commission Clerk. There are no confidential work papers associated with this audit.

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Attachment: Audit Report

cc: Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis File.

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Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis
Bureau of Auditing
Tampa District Office

Auditor's Report

Duke Energy Florida, LLC
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2020

Docket No. 20210007-EI
Audit Control No. 2021-019-2-1
July 12, 2021

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Tomer Kopelovich
Audit Manager

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Simon Ojada
Reviewer

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Purpose

To: Florida Public Service Commission

We have performed the procedures described later in this report to meet the objectives set forth by the Division of Engineering in its audit service request dated January 15, 2021. We have applied these procedures to the attached summary exhibit and to several related schedules prepared by Duke Energy Florida, LLC in support of its 2020 filing for the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause in Docket No. 20210007-EI.

The report is intended only for internal Commission use.

Objectives and Procedures

General

Definitions

Utility refers to Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

ECRC refers to the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause.

Capital Investment

Utility Plant in Service

Objectives: The objectives were to verify all ECRC project-related plant additions, retirements and adjustments for the period January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

Procedure: We traced Plant in Service and Accumulated Depreciation to the general ledger for each capital project listed on the 2020 Form 42-8A. No exceptions were noted.

Construction Work in Progress

Objectives: The objectives were to verify net investments associated with the following capital projects and to determine whether any project which involved the replacement or retirement of an existing plant asset is retired at the installed costs by the Utility in accordance with Rule 25-6.0142(4)(b), Florida Administrative Code.

- 1) Project 7.4 CAIRCAIR/CAMR Crystal River AFUDC - Base
- 2) Project 6 Phase II
- 3) Project 15.1 ELG

Procedures: We judgmentally selected a sample of capital investment invoices from each of the three projects listed above. We determined whether additions had appropriate supporting documentation and were recorded to the correct project and account. We determined whether items that were replaced had a corresponding retirement. We compared the general ledger to the Depreciation Base and the Non-Interest Bearing amounts on Form 42-8A. No exceptions were noted.

Revenue

Operating Revenue

Objectives: The objectives were to determine the actual Kilowatt Hours (KWH) sold for the period January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, and whether the Utility applied the Commission approved cost recovery factor to actual KWH sales for the ECRC.

Procedures: We reconciled the 2020 filing to the Utility's monthly ECRC monthly Revenue Reports and the general ledger. We applied the billing factors by rate class from Order No. PSC-2019-0500-FOF-EI to KWH sales. We recalculated revenues for the months of January through December. A random sampling of residential and commercial customers' bills were recalculated to verify the use of the correct tariff rates. No exceptions were noted.

Expense

Operation and Maintenance Expense

Objectives: The objectives were to determine whether Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Expenses listed on the Utility's Form 42-5A filing was supported by adequate documentation and that the expenses are appropriately recoverable through the ECRC.

Procedures: We traced expenses in the filing to the general ledger. We judgmentally selected a sample of O&M Expenses for testing for the months of May and August 2019. The source documentation for selected items was reviewed to ensure the expense was related to the ECRC and that the expense was charged to the correct accounts. No exceptions were noted.

Depreciation and Maintenance Expense

Objective: The objective was to determine whether the most recent Commission approved depreciation rates or amortization periods were used in calculating Depreciation Expense.

Procedures: We traced total year Depreciation Expense for each capital project listed on Form 42-8A to the general ledger detail. We recalculated 2020 Depreciation Expense on a test basis using the plant balances and depreciation rates reflected in Order No. PSC-2010-0131-FOF-EI. No exceptions were noted.

Other

SO₂ Allowances

Objectives: The objectives were to verify investments, inventory, expensed amounts, and allowance auctions proceeds and to verify amounts included in Working Capital, Form 42-8A.

Procedures: We traced 2020 consumption for SO₂ allowances from the Utility's detailed allowances reports to the total emission schedule on Form 42-8A. We recalculated amounts included in Working Capital, Form 42-8A, page 5. We verified the wholesale portion of the NO_x and SO₂ Allowance Expense. No exceptions were noted.

True-Up

Objective: The objective was to determine if the True-Up and Interest Provision as filed on Form 42-2A was properly calculated.

Procedures: We traced the December 31, 2019, True-Up Provision to the Commission Order. We recalculated the True-Up and Interest Provision amounts as of December 31, 2020, using the Commission approved beginning balance as of December 31, 2019, the Financial Commercial Paper rates and the 2020 ECRC revenues and costs. No exceptions were noted.

Analytical Review

Objective: The objective was to perform an analytical review of the Utility's ECRC revenues and expenses to determine if there were any material changes or inconsistencies from the prior years.

Procedures: We compared 2020 revenues and expenses to 2019 and 2018. There were no significant variances. Further follow-up was not required.

Audit Findings

None

Exhibit

Exhibit 1: True-Up

DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC
 Environmental Cost Recovery Clause
 Real True-Up
 January 2020 - December 2020
 End-of-Period True-Up Amount
 (in Dollars)

Form 42-2A
 Docket No. 20210007-0
 Duke Energy Florida
 Witness (k): P. Ross
 SA No. 0000000000
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Line	Description	Actual Jan-20	Actual Feb-20	Actual Mar-20	Actual Apr-20	Actual May-20	Actual Jun-20	Actual Jul-20	Actual Aug-20	Actual Sep-20	Actual Oct-20	Actual Nov-20	Actual Dec-20	End of Period Total
1	ECRC Revenue (net of Revenue Taxes)	\$2,043,376	\$2,053,327	\$2,171,236	\$2,063,108	\$2,806,710	\$2,863,807	\$3,096,178	\$3,018,634	\$3,051,748	\$2,696,622	\$2,557,155	\$2,378,372	\$2,496,048
2	True-Up Provision (Order No. PSC-2019-0500-RDF-01)	18,634,948	\$1,354,379	\$1,354,379	\$1,354,379	\$1,354,379	\$1,354,379	\$1,354,379	\$1,354,379	\$1,354,379	\$1,354,379	\$1,354,379	\$1,354,379	18,634,948
3	ECRC Revenue Applicable to Period (Lines 1 + 2)	\$2,237,855	\$3,407,706	\$3,779,815	\$3,417,487	\$4,163,489	\$4,218,186	\$4,450,357	\$4,373,013	\$4,406,127	\$4,051,241	\$3,911,534	\$3,732,751	\$25,131,096
4	Indirect/Other ECRC Costs													
a.	O & M Activities (Form 42-5A, Line 5)	\$1,189,339	\$923,941	\$1,470,179	\$1,137,857	\$1,479,241	\$934,830	\$1,863,634	\$1,463,305	\$1,711,047	\$2,134,343	\$666,053	\$1,457,382	\$16,350,927
b.	Capital Investment Projects (Form 42-7A, Line 9)	1,781,985	2,126,182	2,089,644	2,100,039	1,049,407	2,031,333	2,079,780	2,041,436	2,043,828	2,094,020	2,111,185	2,073,393	34,816,792
c.	Other (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
d.	Total Indirect/Other ECRC Costs	\$2,971,324	\$3,050,123	\$3,559,823	\$3,237,896	\$2,528,648	\$3,976,163	\$3,943,414	\$3,504,741	\$3,754,875	\$4,228,363	\$3,767,238	\$3,530,775	\$51,167,719
5	Over/Under Recovery (Line 3 - Line 4d)	\$466,531	\$377,583	\$219,992	\$119,591	\$634,841	\$241,923	\$496,943	\$868,272	\$651,256	\$826,878	\$1,144,296	\$186,576	\$201,976
6	Interest Provision (Form 42-5A, Line 3c)	22,963	20,549	22,483	12,834	740	928	1,111	1,046	779	803	716	710	83,330
7	Beginning Balance True-Up & Interest Provision	18,634,948	17,798,813	16,804,670	15,442,163	14,711,193	13,517,937	13,308,179	12,800,069	12,812,849	11,332,043	9,690,675	8,447,369	18,634,948
8	True-Up Collected/Retained (see Line 2)	(1,354,379)	(1,354,379)	(1,354,379)	(1,354,379)	(1,354,379)	(1,354,379)	(1,354,379)	(1,354,379)	(1,354,379)	(1,354,379)	(1,354,379)	(1,354,379)	(11,824,958)
9	End of Period Total True-Up (Lines 5-6+7-7a+8)	\$15,967,416	\$15,012,231	\$13,449,723	\$12,840,726	\$11,775,934	\$11,413,723	\$10,807,620	\$10,118,910	\$9,210,609	\$7,854,228	\$7,036,820	\$6,396,227	\$5,516,227
10	Adjustments to Period Total True-Up including interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	End of Period Total True-Up (Under) (Lines 9 + 10)	\$15,967,416	\$15,012,231	\$13,449,723	\$12,840,726	\$11,775,934	\$11,413,723	\$10,807,620	\$10,118,910	\$9,210,609	\$7,854,228	\$7,036,820	\$6,396,227	\$5,516,227

EXCEL:
 (A) N/A