

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20250014-EI

Review of 2026-2035 Storm Protection
Plan, pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C.,
Florida Power & Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 20250015-EI

Review of 2026-2035 Storm Protection
Plan, pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C.,
Duke Energy Florida.

DOCKET NO. 20250016-EI

Review of 2026-2035 Storm Protection
Plan, pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C.,
Tampa Electric Company.

DOCKET NO. 20250017-EI

Review of 2026-2035 Storm Protection
Plan, pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C.,
Florida Public Utilities Company.

PROCEEDINGS: PREHEARING CONFERENCE

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO SMITH

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. All
3 right. Good afternoon, everyone. Today is
4 May 5th, 2025. It is 1:00 p.m., and I will now
5 call this Prehearing Conference to order.

6 Staff, will you please read the notice?

7 MR. IMIG: By notice issued on April 28th,
8 2025, this time and place has been set for a
9 Prehearing Conference in Docket Nos. 20250014-EI,
10 20250015-EI, 20250016-EI and 20250017-EI. The
11 purpose of the Prehearing is set out more fully in
12 the notice.

13 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Thank you.
14 Let's take appearances.

15 MR. IMIG: Staff notes that there are four
16 dockets today in this consolidated proceeding.
17 Staff suggests that all appearances be taken at
18 once. All parties should enter their appearances
19 and declare the dockets for which they are entering
20 an appearance. After the parties make their
21 appearances, staff will make theirs.

22 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. Thank
23 you.

24 All right. So let's start with FPL.

25 MR. WRIGHT: Good afternoon. Christopher

1 Wright for Florida Power & Light, entering an
2 appearance in the 14 docket.

3 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Thank you.

4 MR. BERNIER: Afternoon, Commissioner. Matt
5 Bernier for Duke Energy Florida, and I am appearing
6 in the 15 docket.

7 MR. MEANS: Good afternoon, Commissioner.
8 Malcolm Means with the Ausley Law Firm appearing on
9 behalf of Tampa Electric in the 16 docket.

10 Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Thank you.

12 MS. KEATING: Good afternoon, Commissioner,
13 Beth Keating with the Gunster Law Firm, here for
14 FPUC in the 17 docket.

15 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Thank you.

16 MS. BAKER: Good afternoon, Commissioner.
17 Laura Baker with the firm Stone, Mattheis,
18 Xenopoulos & Brew, appearing on behalf of White
19 Springs Agricultural Chemicals, doing business as
20 PCS Phosphate White Springs. I would also like to
21 enter an appearance -- in the 15 docket only. I
22 would also like to enter an appearance on behalf of
23 James Brew and Sarah Newman.

24 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. Thank
25 you.

1 Office of Public Counsel.

2 MR. REHWINKEL: Good afternoon, Commissioner.
3 Charles Rehwinkel with the Office of Public Counsel
4 appearing in all four dockets. I would also like
5 to enter an appearance for Walt Trierweiler, the
6 Public Counsel.

7 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Thank you.

8 MR. IMIG: Jacob Imig, Commission staff. I
9 would like to enter an appearance in the 14, 15 and
10 16 docket. I would also like to enter appearances
11 for Timothy Sparks in the 14 docket, Jennifer
12 Augspurger in the 15 and 17 docket, and Saad
13 Farooqi in the 16 docket, and Carl Marquez in the
14 17 docket.

15 MS. HELTON: And Mary Anne Helton is here as
16 your Advisor today.

17 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Thank you.

18 All right. Staff, are there any preliminary
19 matters we need to address before we get to the
20 draft Prehearing Order?

21 MR. IMIG: Staff has no preliminaries at this
22 time.

23 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Does any
24 parties have any preliminary matters they need to
25 address? All right. Seeing none.

1 All right. We are going to go through the
2 draft Prehearing Order. You guys kind of all know
3 the drill. If I am going too quick with anything,
4 just feel free to, you know, flag me down and we
5 will slow down and make those adjustments when
6 needed.

7 Okay, so we will start with -- Section I is
8 Case Background.

9 Section II is the Conduct of Proceedings.
10 Section III, Jurisdiction.

11 Section IV, the Procedure for Handling
12 Confidential Information. Staff, yeah.

13 MR. IMIG: When confidential information is
14 used in the hearing, parties must have copies for
15 the Commissioners, necessary staff and the court
16 reporter in red envelopes clearly marked with the
17 nature of the contents. Any party wishing to
18 examine the confidential material that is not
19 subject to an order granting confidentiality shall
20 be provided a copy in the same fashion as provided
21 to the Commissioners, subject to execution of any
22 appropriate protective agreement with the owner of
23 the material.

24 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. Thank
25 you.

1 Does any party have any matters related to
2 confidential information?

3 Seeing none, we are going to move to prefiled
4 testimony and exhibits. Staff.

5 MR. IMIG: Staff suggests that the witness
6 summary testimony be no longer than three minutes.
7 If a witness has filed both direct and rebuttal
8 testimonies, staff recommends that the witness
9 receive three minutes for direct and three minutes
10 for rebuttal. Staff also recommends that a total
11 of eight minutes for the O&M witness.

12 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Are there any
13 objections to that? Mr. Rehwinkel, you are okay
14 with eight minutes for your witness?

15 MR. REHWINKEL: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay.

17 MR. REHWINKEL: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: All right. So
19 then -- all right, so I am just making my official
20 ruling as I said. So three minutes for direct,
21 three minutes for rebuttal. OPC Witness Mara will
22 have eight minutes.

23 Okay. Moving on, yeah, sorry. Staff.

24 MR. IMIG: Parties' exhibits will be available
25 on Case Center, so no paper copies of

1 nonconfidential exhibits are required for hearing.
2 However, parties must bring paper copies of
3 confidential exhibits to the hearing in red folders
4 if the confidential information was not part of
5 prefiled testimony or prefiled exhibits.

6 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. Thank
7 you.

8 All right. We are going to move to order of
9 witnesses. Do we know if there are any witnesses
10 that can be stipulated? Staff?

11 MR. IMIG: At this time, staff is unaware of
12 any of witnesses that have been stipulated to by
13 the parties, but the parties may suggest witnesses
14 at this time. If there are stipulated witnesses
15 the parties would like to suggest, staff will
16 confirm with the parties, staff and each
17 Commissioner that the witness may be excused. If
18 there are no questions of these witnesses the
19 witnesses may be excused from the hearing and their
20 testimony entered into the record at the hearing as
21 though read, and their prefiled exhibits admitted
22 into the record.

23 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Yes, Mr.
24 Wright.

25 MR. WRIGHT: Commissioner Passidomo, I just

1 want to know for the record, we will get to it, but
2 Public Counsel and Florida Power & Light have filed
3 a joint stipulation and proposed resolutions. Part
4 of those stipulations include stipulating our
5 respective witnesses and associated exhibits and
6 discovery responses.

7 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. Great.
8 So then I think we will have -- you know, staff
9 will coordinate with you about making sure that if
10 any of the Commissioners -- other Commissioners
11 have questions or anything, but otherwise, thank
12 you for reaching that.

13 Let's see, are there any other issues related
14 to witness order that the parties would like to
15 discuss? Seeing none, we are going to move to
16 basic positions.

17 Do the parties have any changes to their basic
18 positions at this time? No.

19 All right. We will move on to the issues.
20 Staff.

21 MR. IMIG: Issues and positions are included
22 in the draft Prehearing Order. Changes to the
23 basic positions should be submitted in writing by
24 close of business on Wednesday, May 7th.

25 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. So we

1 are going to go through issues and positions, so --
2 I mean, I guess I am just reiterating, but are
3 there any changes to FPL Issues 1 and 2? Okay.

4 We are going to -- I mean, Duke Issues 1
5 through 3, we will come back to the contested
6 issues in a little bit if that's okay. Okay.

7 So then TECO Issues 1 through 4?

8 FPUC Issues 1 through 3?

9 Okay, so seeing no problems there, we are
10 going to now address those contested Issues A, B
11 and C in the Duke docket. Staff.

12 MS. AUGSPURGER: Good afternoon, Commissioner.
13 OPC has raised three proposed issues in the
14 20250015-EI DEF SPP docket.

15 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Thank you.

16 OPC, would you like to be heard on these
17 issues, and are you going to -- would you prefer
18 them being in a block all three, or address each
19 one individually?

20 MR. REHWINKEL: Madam Commissioner, I can --
21 the argument that I have applies to all three --

22 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay.

23 MR. REHWINKEL: -- so make it as one. Would
24 you like me to read the issues into the record and
25 then provide --

1 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: That would be
2 grade. I was going to ask you to do that, so thank
3 you for preempting me.

4 MR. REHWINKEL: Thank you.

5 The OPC has put forward Issue A, and these are
6 only for Duke Energy Florida, which reads: Has the
7 scope of the Tower Upgrade subprogram been modified
8 since it was approved in Docket No. 20220050-EI,
9 and if so, what action, if any, should the
10 Commission take with respect to the scope of the
11 Tower -- of the Tower Upgrade subprogram included
12 in DEF's proposed 2026 through 2035 SPP?

13 Issue B reads: Has the scope of the Overhead
14 Wire Upgrade (OHGW) subprogram been modified since
15 is it was approved in Docket No. 20220050-EI, and
16 if so, what action, if any, should the Commission
17 take with respect to the scope of the OHGW
18 subprogram included in DEF's proposed 2026 through
19 2035 SPP?

20 Issue C is a legal issue that reads: What is
21 the preclusive effect, if any, of the prior
22 litigation in Docket No. 20220050-EI and resulting
23 orders, Commissioner Order No. PSC-2022-0388-EI and
24 Citizens of the State of Florida V Fay, 395 So.3d.
25 549, Florida 2024, on the OPC's right to challenge

1 previously approved subprograms in this docket?

2 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Thank you.

3 Would you like to expand upon --

4 MR. REHWINKEL: Just briefly.

5 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Yes.

6 MR. REHWINKEL: Yes, thank you.

7 Madam Chairman, the Public Counsel has filed
8 expert witness testimony of Mr. Mara in this
9 docket. He has challenged certain elements of
10 these subprograms on a prospective basis not
11 seeking to void previously authorized subprograms,
12 but whether there is -- something about them has
13 changed since approved by the Commission. That
14 should be heard and decided by the Commission.

15 Duke has, as is their right, and we agree
16 with, raised a legal issue about whether there is
17 anything preclusive about the prior order, and the
18 Supreme Court's approval of the prior order, that
19 means that these issues cannot be adjudicated.

20 What the Public Counsel is wanting to do is to
21 have the Commission decide whether something about
22 the SPP is different and beyond the scope of what
23 the Commission originally approved.

24 Section 366.96(5) and (8) have a bearing on
25 this. 366.96(5) requires the Commission to make a

1 determination based on all of the elements required
2 by Commission rule within 180 days whether to
3 determine if it's in the public interest to
4 approve, approve with modification or deny the
5 submitted plan. And there is a provision in
6 Section (8) of 366.96 that prohibits double
7 recovery of costs in the SPP as with -- and costs
8 included in base rates.

9 So we think there is a fair amount of
10 granularity in the requirements that the
11 Legislature expects the Commission to review when
12 reviewing these programs on a relatively expedited
13 scope. The Public Counsel has provided testimony
14 in good faith to challenge certain limited aspects
15 of these elements of the program -- of the SPP, and
16 we believe that the public expects a specific
17 determination when the Public Counsel raises an
18 issue on their behalf.

19 So we would just ask that the two substantive
20 issues be heard separately and we get a separate
21 determination -- recommendation and determination
22 on those issues along with the legal issue that
23 Duke has raised.

24 Certainly, the Duke issue may turn out to mean
25 that Issues A and B are moot, and we understand

1 that. But we would urge that, given the relatively
2 limited nature of this proceeding, and the number
3 of issues that are raised, that you hear testimony
4 and provide these issues to be separately stated.

5 Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. Thank
7 you.

8 I am going to give an opportunity for the
9 parties to respond if they would like. I mean,
10 Duke and PCS might have -- Duke, you -- I mean,
11 whoever wants to go first.

12 MS. BAKER: I will just -- Commissioner, I
13 will briefly speak in support on behalf of PCS. We
14 support OPC's issues. We think that it's important
15 to -- OPC has raised these issues, and we think
16 it's important to be able to address them
17 specifically. We think it will focus all of our
18 briefing and all of our -- and allow us to give
19 y'all better information to make your determination
20 in this proceeding, so, the Commissioners.

21 Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Thank you.

23 MR. BERNIER: Thank you, Commissioner.

24 DEF has in the not objected to OPC's Issues A
25 and B, as long as Issue C was included. My

1 understanding is the arguments would be made under
2 Issue 2 if these weren't approved, so it's really
3 kind of a form over substance in our opinion, so we
4 don't have any objection.

5 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay.

6 MR. BERNIER: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Staff, would
8 you like to weigh in?

9 MS. AUGSPURGER: Thank you, Commissioner.

10 Staff would -- takes the position that these
11 two issues, A and B, may be addressed under the
12 overall Issue 2, and that there is no need to have
13 these specifically set out.

14 Certainly, OPC may make the arguments that
15 they are going to make, that it can be handled
16 under the overarching issue, and under the
17 criteria, that the Commission will either approve,
18 approve with modification or deny, that there is no
19 good reason to separate these issues out.

20 And then as to Issue 3 -- or C, rather,
21 Sections 396.96(5) and Section 396.96(6) of the
22 statutes requires each public utility to file the
23 updated -- an updated Storm Protection Plan at
24 least every three years. The Commission must
25 evaluate whether approving, modifying or denying

1 the updated plan serves the public interest
2 applying the same criteria used for the initial
3 review. Whether a program was approved in a prior
4 plan or is being presented to the Commission for
5 the first time in an updated plan, the Commission
6 must evaluate if the plan meets the statutory
7 criteria as set forth in Section 396.96 of the
8 Florida Statutes. And it is upon that, in order to
9 determine whether to approve, modify or deny it.
10 And staff would recommend that this Issue C not be
11 included. And going back to Issue A and B, staff
12 would also take the position that A and B should
13 not be included.

14 Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. All
16 right. Well, thank you. I appreciate all the
17 comments that are made.

18 I think -- I think what I am going to do is
19 probably take this under advisement and then let
20 you -- and then get back to you all. I have some
21 thinking to do. Generally, I would, you know, kind
22 of agree -- my interpretation of the statute too is
23 that it's a de novo review of the updated plan
24 using the same criteria as that, you know, from the
25 initial plan that was filed, but I appreciate the

1 comments that are being made here, I think that you
2 guys made some good points. I just might need a
3 little bit more time to kind of reflect and look at
4 the statute a little bit more clearly, but we will
5 get back to you as soon as we can with that. So
6 thank you.

7 So let's move on to the parties who have taken
8 no position. Staff.

9 MR. IMIG: Staff notes that the Order
10 Establishing Procedure requires that a party take a
11 position that at the Prehearing Conference unless
12 good cause is shown as to why that party cannot
13 take a position at this time.

14 Accordingly, if a party's position in the
15 draft Prehearing Order is currently no position at
16 this time, that party must change its position or
17 show good cause as to why it cannot take a
18 position.

19 Parties that wish to change their position
20 must submit their position in writing no later than
21 close of business Wednesday, May 7th. If a party
22 fails to take a position by that time, the
23 Prehearing Order will reflect no position for that
24 party for such issues.

25 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Are there any

1 objections to that?

2 MR. REHWINKEL: No, but I can say that with
3 respect to Duke, Tampa Electric and Florida Public
4 Utilities on the closure of the docket issue, we
5 can revert to no position on that. We have a
6 stipulated position with FPL --

7 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Right.

8 MR. REHWINKEL: -- so that's stated as is.

9 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. Thank
10 you. Let the record reflect that.

11 Anyone else?

12 Okay. We are going to move on to the
13 comprehensive exhibit list. Staff.

14 MR. IMIG: Staff notes that it has prepared a
15 Comprehensive Exhibit List which includes all
16 prefiled exhibits and also includes those exhibits
17 staff wishes to include in the record. Staff has
18 circulated the draft list to check with the parties
19 prior to the prehearing to determine if there are
20 any objections to the Comprehensive Exhibit List or
21 any of staff's exhibits being entered into the
22 record. The parties' corrections to the CEL will
23 be reflected in the CEL prior to the hearing.

24 Staff has -- is uploading all testimony and
25 exhibits into Case Center for use during the

1 hearing.

2 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. Thank
3 you.

4 All right. So we are going to move to
5 proposed stipulations.

6 MR. IMIG: FPL and OPC have reached
7 stipulations on all issues in the FPL docket.
8 Those stipulations are listed in the Prehearing
9 Order.

10 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. All
11 right. Pending -- are there any pending motions?

12 MR. IMIG: There are no pending motions.

13 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Are there any
14 pending confidentiality orders?

15 MR. IMIG: There are no pending
16 confidentiality matters at this time.

17 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. Staff,
18 are there any post-hearing procedures that need to
19 be addressed?

20 MR. IMIG: Staff recommends that the
21 post-hearing briefs be lited to 40 pages unless
22 briefs are waived. If the parties do submit
23 post-hearing briefs, staff notes that they are due
24 on June 6th, 2025. Staff recommends that a 75-word
25 summary of each position, set off with asterisks,

1 should be included in each post-hearing statement.

2 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. Are
3 there any objections?

4 MR. REHWINKEL: There is a little bit of an
5 issue for the Public Counsel. I don't anticipate
6 briefing at large with everything else that's going
7 on, but we have four dockets, and each other party
8 has only one. So I don't think that 40 pages for
9 all four is going to be a problem for us, but I am
10 just not really sure.

11 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: No, I am
12 willing to give you a little bit more, you know,
13 what ballpark number do you think?

14 MR. REHWINKEL: I would just if you double it.
15 I mean, I have a feeling we are bringing it under
16 40, but just --

17 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Yeah.

18 MR. REHWINKEL: -- just for the principle.

19 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Staff, are you
20 okay with that? I mean, I imagine that all the
21 other parties are going to stay --

22 MR. REHWINKEL: Actually, I have three, so
23 let's just make it 60.

24 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. All
25 right. Thank you. 80 sounds like a lot. Okay.

1 Let's just say -- let's just say we will limit it
2 to 60 then.

3 Okay. And I mean, we can, like, you know -- I
4 am sorry, go ahead. We can kind of see also, like,
5 you know, during the hearing what happens, you
6 know, so -- but I don't mind.

7 MR. REHWINKEL: That's a good one to revisit
8 at that time.

9 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Right.
10 Exactly. So I think that, you know, the presiding
11 officer at that time, the Chairman, can make that
12 determination.

13 Okay. Staff, are there any rulings to
14 address?

15 MR. IMIG: Staff recommends that the
16 Prehearing Officer make a ruling that all parties
17 shall be provided five minutes for opening
18 statements, and that OPC be provided eight minutes
19 for its opening statement.

20 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Is that okay?
21 No objections? All right. So opening statements
22 are limited to five minutes per party, with the
23 exception of OPC, which has eight minutes.

24 Are there any other matters to address in this
25 Prehearing Conference?

1 MR. IMIG: Staff is not aware of any other
2 matters at this time.

3 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Do any of the
4 parties have any other matters they need to
5 address? All right.

6 MR. REHWINKEL: Just thank you for considering
7 our issues, and it's been a pleasure to work with
8 all the parties and your staff in getting to this
9 point. It's been very smooth.

10 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Thank you for
11 saying that. I agree, this is a nice -- this is a
12 very welcoming experience as me as being the
13 Prehearing Officer.

14 All right. Well, with that, this meeting is
15 adjourned. Thank you.

16 (Proceedings concluded.)

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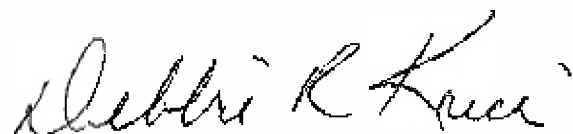
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