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**STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST
VIA EMAIL**

Re: Duke Energy Florida, LLC's 2024 Storm Protection Plan Annual Status Report

Dear Mr. Bernier:

By this letter, the Florida Public Service Commission staff requests that Duke Energy Florida, LLC (DEF) provide responses to the following data request:

1. Please explain why the cost of the following programs appear to increase when DEF is planning to complete less projects in 2025 compared to 2024.
 - a. Distribution Lateral Hardening – Underground
 - b. Transmission Tower Upgrades
 - c. Transmission Overhead Ground Wire
 - d. Transmission GOAB Automation
 - e. Transmission Cathodic Protection
2. For the Distribution Underground Flood Mitigation program, please explain the cost disparity of the projects if DEF is planning to complete the same number of projects in 2025 and 2024.

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Please file all responses electronically no later than **Monday, July 14, 2025**, via the Commission's website at www.floridapsc.com, by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form (reference Docket No. 20250000-OT). If you have any questions, please contact me by phone (850) 413-6518 or email at pbuys@psc.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

s/ Penelope D. Buys

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20250000-OT)