



Dianne M. Triplett  
DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL

June 23, 2025

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: *Duke Energy Florida, LLC's Petition for Determination of Need for DeLand West – Dona Vista Transmission Line; Docket No. 20250078-EI*

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Please find enclosed for electronic filing on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC ("DEF"), DEF's Request for Confidential Classification for certain information and documents contained in its Response to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-5). The filing includes the following:

- DEF's Request for Confidential Classification
- Slip-sheet for confidential Exhibit A
- Redacted Exhibit B (two copies)
- Exhibit C (justification matrix), and
- Exhibit D (affidavit Dave Rahman)

DEF's confidential Exhibit A that accompanies the above-referenced filing was submitted under separate cover.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me at (727) 820-4692 should you have any questions concerning this filing.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Dianne M. Triplett*

Dianne M. Triplett

DMT/clg  
Enclosures

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Duke Energy Florida, LLC  
Petition for Determination of Need for  
DeLand West – Dona Vista Transmission  
Line

DOCKET NO. 20250078-EI

Dated: June 23, 2025

**DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC’S  
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Duke Energy Florida, LLC (“DEF” or “Company”), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), submits this Request for Confidential Classification for certain documents and information contained in its response to Staff’s First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-5). In support of this Request, DEF states:

1. Information contained in DEF’s Response to Staff’s First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-5), specifically questions 3 and 4, contain information that is “confidential proprietary business information” under Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes.

2. The following exhibits are included with this request:

(a) Sealed Composite Exhibit A is a package containing unredacted copies of all the documents for which DEF seeks confidential treatment. Composite Exhibit A is being submitted separately in a sealed envelope labeled “CONFIDENTIAL.” In the unredacted versions, the information asserted to be confidential is highlighted in yellow.

(b) Composite Exhibit B is a package containing two copies of redacted versions of the documents for which the Company requests confidential classification. The specific information for which confidential treatment is requested has been blocked out by opaque marker or other means.

(c) Exhibit C is a table which identifies by page and line the information for which DEF seeks confidential classification and the specific statutory bases for seeking confidential treatment.

3. As indicated in Exhibit C, the information for which DEF requests confidential classification is “proprietary confidential business information” within the meaning of Section 366.093(3), F.S. Specifically, DEF’s Response to Staff’s First Set of Interrogatories, Questions 3 and 4, relates to security measures, systems or procedures, the disclosure of which would impair competitive business of Duke Energy and its affiliates. See § 366.093(3)(c), F.S.; Affidavit of Dave Rahman at ¶ 4. Accordingly, such information constitutes “proprietary confidential business information” which is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act pursuant to Section 366.093(1), F.S.

4. The information identified as Exhibit “A” is intended to be and is treated as confidential by the Company. *See* Affidavit of Dave Rahman at ¶ 6. The information has not been disclosed to the public, and the Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential. *See* Affidavit of Dave Rahman at ¶ 5.

5. DEF requests that the information identified in Exhibit A be classified as “proprietary confidential business information” within the meaning of section 366.093(3), F.S., that the information remain confidential for a period of at least 18 months as provided in section 366.093(4) F.S., and that the information be returned as soon as it is no longer necessary for the Commission to conduct its business.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, DEF respectfully requests that this Request for Confidential Classification be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025.

/s/Dianne M. Triplett

**DIANNE TRIPLETT**

Deputy General Counsel

299 1st Avenue North

St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

T: (727) 820-4692

E: [dianne.triplett@duke-energy.com](mailto:dianne.triplett@duke-energy.com)

**MATTHEW R. BERNIER**

Associate General Counsel

106 East College Avenue, Suite 800

Tallahassee, Florida 32301

T: (850) 521-1428

E: [matt.bernier@duke-energy.com](mailto:matt.bernier@duke-energy.com)

**STEPHANIE A. CUELLO**

Senior Counsel

106 East College Avenue, Suite 800

Tallahassee, Florida 32301

T: (850) 521-1425

E: [stephanie.cuello@duke-energy.com](mailto:stephanie.cuello@duke-energy.com)

[FLRegulatoryLegal@duke-energy.com](mailto:FLRegulatoryLegal@duke-energy.com)

Attorneys for Duke Energy Florida, LLC

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
**Docket No. 20250078-EI**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via electronic mail to the following this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025.

/s/ Dianne M. Triplett  
Attorney

Adria Harper / Jennifer Augspurger Office of General Counsel Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 <a href="mailto:aharper@psc.state.fl.us">aharper@psc.state.fl.us</a> <a href="mailto:jaugspur@psc.state.fl.us">jaugspur@psc.state.fl.us</a>	
--	--

# **Exhibit A**

**“CONFIDENTIAL”**  
**(filed under separate cover)**

# **Exhibit B**

**REDACTED**

**(copy-one)**

areas in Lake, Volusia, Seminole, and Orange counties. As part of your response, please include the year, number of affected customers, and capacity loss for each contingency event.

**Response:**

REDACTED

Please see attachment “DEF Response\_ROG 1-3\_Contingency Outages.pdf”, bearing Bates numbers 20250078-STAFFROG1-00000002 through 20250078-STAFFROG1-00000003,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4. Refer to witness Rahman’s testimony, page 12, lines 14 through 17. Please detail the number of events that have caused the Lake County Under Voltage Load Shed scheme to activate. As part of your response, please include the year, number of affected customers, and capacity loss for each event.

**Response:**

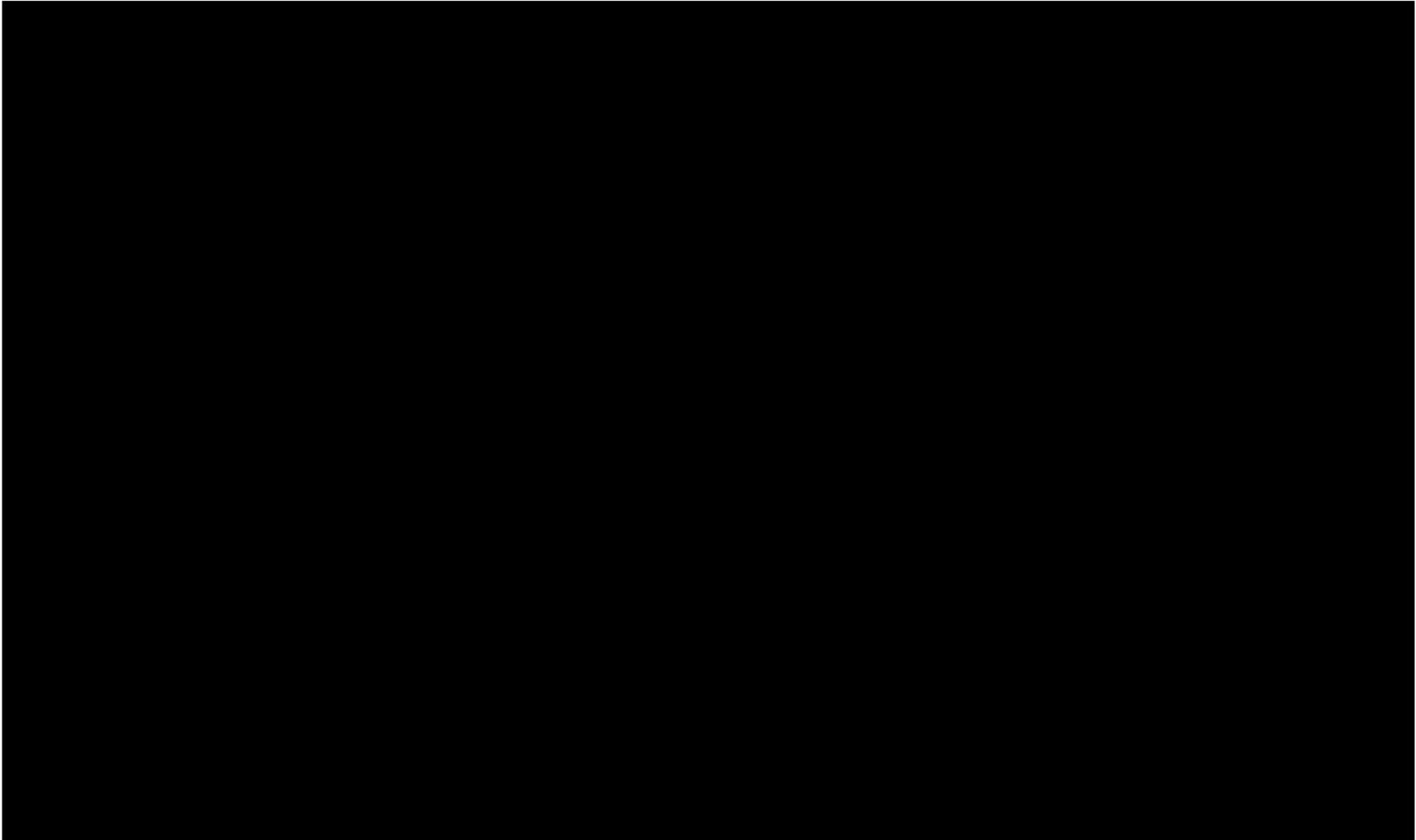
REDACTED

[REDACTED]

DEF Response\_ROG3\_Contingency Outages.pdf

**Staff's First Set of Interrogatories to Duke Energy Florida, LLC (NOS.1-5)**  
**DEF's Response to Staff ROG 1-3**

*1. For the proposed project and each of the Alternative projects identified by witness Rahman, please answer the following questions: Refer to witness Rahman's testimony, page 12, lines 3 through 17. Please detail the number of single and/or double contingency events that customers have experienced in DEF service areas in Lake, Volusia, Seminole, and Orange counties. As part of your response, please include the year, number of affected customers, and capacity loss for each contingency event.*

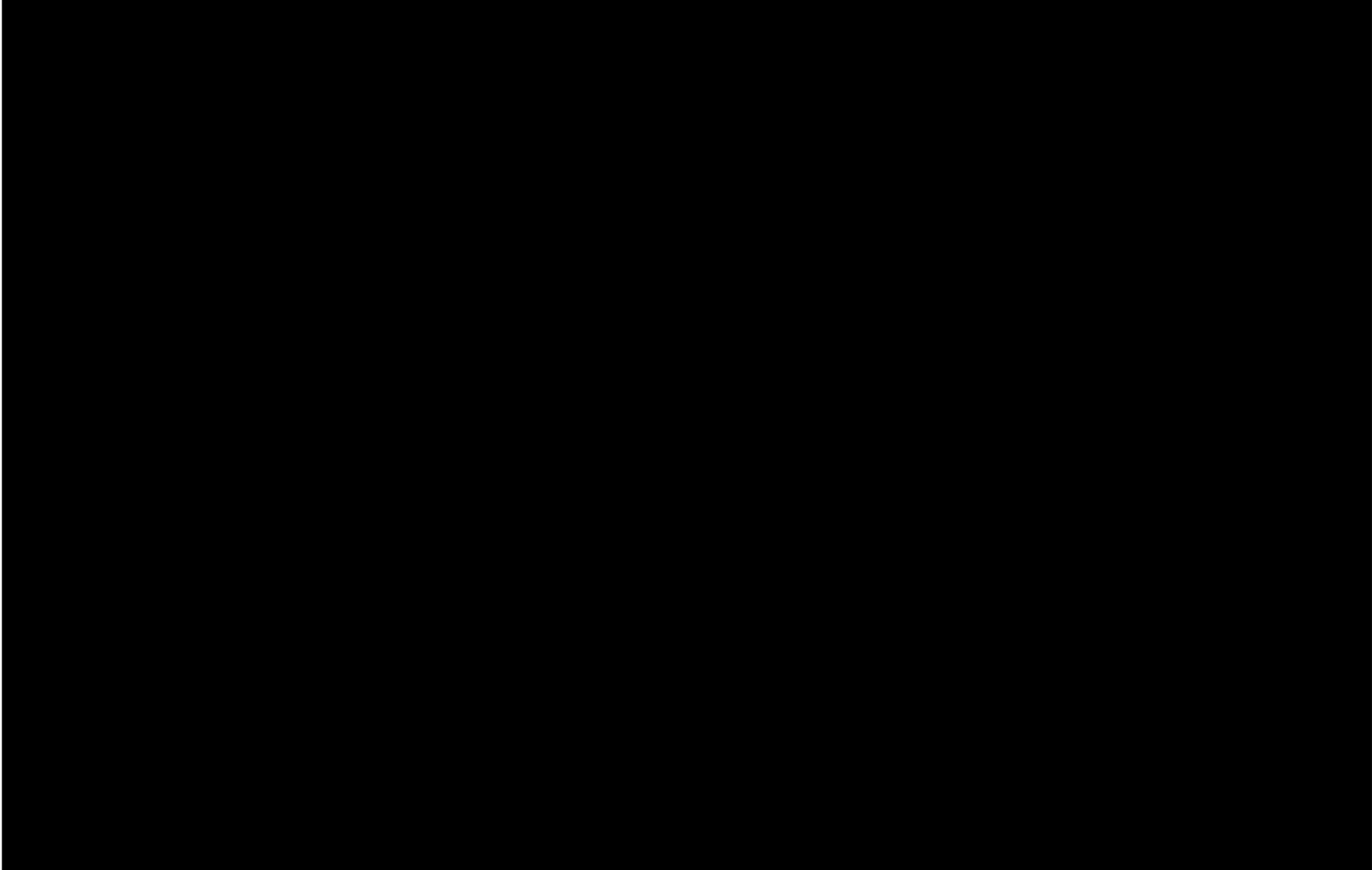


DEF Response\_ROG3\_Contingency Outages.pdf

**Staff's First Set of Interrogatories to Duke Energy Florida, LLC (NOS.1-5)**

**DEF's Response to Staff ROG 1-3**

*1. For the proposed project and each of the Alternative projects identified by witness Rahman, please answer the following questions: Refer to witness Rahman's testimony, page 12, lines 3 through 17. Please detail the number of single and/or double contingency events that customers have experienced in DEF service areas in Lake, Volusia, Seminole, and Orange counties. As part of your response, please include the year, number of affected customers, and capacity loss for each contingency event.*



# **Exhibit B**

**REDACTED**

**(copy-two)**

areas in Lake, Volusia, Seminole, and Orange counties. As part of your response, please include the year, number of affected customers, and capacity loss for each contingency event.

**Response:**

REDACTED

Please see attachment “DEF Response\_ROG 1-3\_Contingency Outages.pdf”, bearing Bates numbers 20250078-STAFFROG1-00000002 through 20250078-STAFFROG1-00000003,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

4. Refer to witness Rahman’s testimony, page 12, lines 14 through 17. Please detail the number of events that have caused the Lake County Under Voltage Load Shed scheme to activate. As part of your response, please include the year, number of affected customers, and capacity loss for each event.

**Response:**

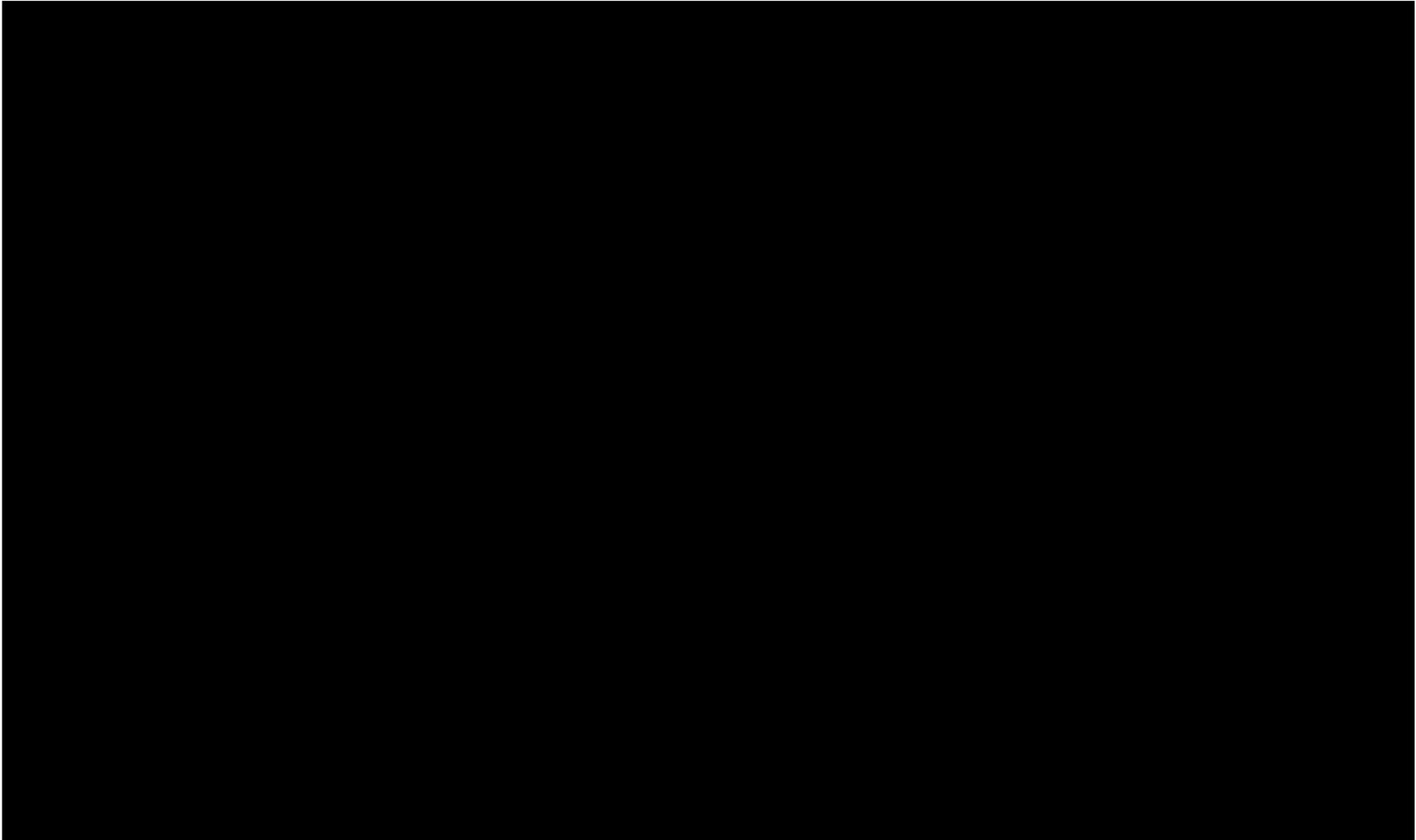
REDACTED

[REDACTED]

DEF Response\_ROG3\_Contingency Outages.pdf

**Staff's First Set of Interrogatories to Duke Energy Florida, LLC (NOS.1-5)**  
**DEF's Response to Staff ROG 1-3**

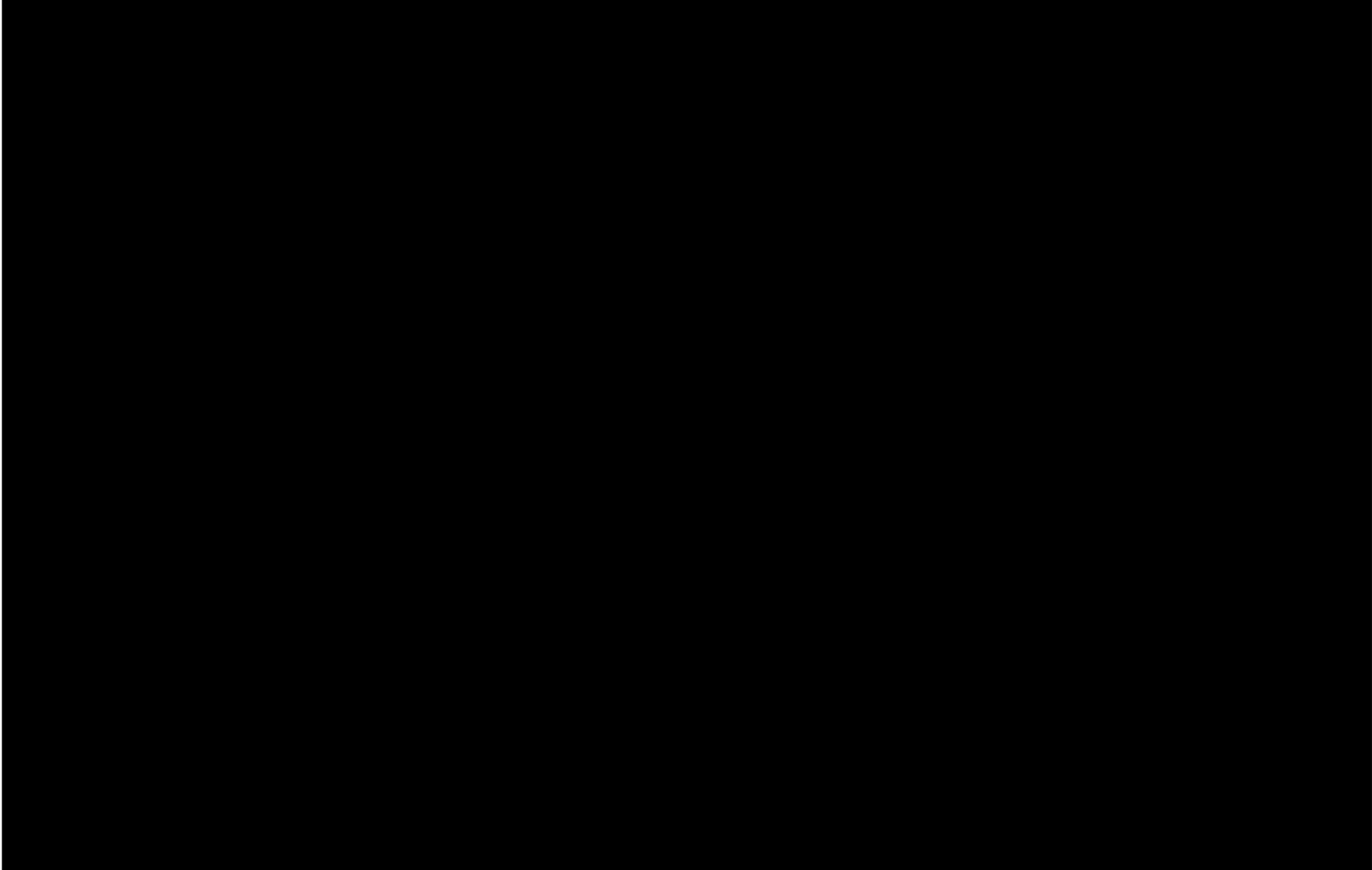
*1. For the proposed project and each of the Alternative projects identified by witness Rahman, please answer the following questions: Refer to witness Rahman's testimony, page 12, lines 3 through 17. Please detail the number of single and/or double contingency events that customers have experienced in DEF service areas in Lake, Volusia, Seminole, and Orange counties. As part of your response, please include the year, number of affected customers, and capacity loss for each contingency event.*



DEF Response\_ROG3\_Contingency Outages.pdf

**Staff's First Set of Interrogatories to Duke Energy Florida, LLC (NOS.1-5)**  
**DEF's Response to Staff ROG 1-3**

*1. For the proposed project and each of the Alternative projects identified by witness Rahman, please answer the following questions: Refer to witness Rahman's testimony, page 12, lines 3 through 17. Please detail the number of single and/or double contingency events that customers have experienced in DEF service areas in Lake, Volusia, Seminole, and Orange counties. As part of your response, please include the year, number of affected customers, and capacity loss for each contingency event.*



## Exhibit C

### DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA Confidentiality Justification Matrix

<b>DOCUMENT/RESPONSES</b>	<b>PAGE/LINE</b>	<b>JUSTIFICATION</b>
DEF's Response to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-5), specifically, Question 3	<b>Question 3:</b> The response after "20250078-STAFFROG1-00000003" is confidential in its entirety.  <b>Question 3:</b> Documents bearing bates numbers 20250078-STAFFROG1-00000002 through 20250078-STAFFROG1-00000003 all information beneath the headers is confidential in its entirety.	§366.093(3)(e), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information relating to competitive business interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider/owner of the information.
<b>DOCUMENT/RESPONSES</b>	<b>PAGE/LINE</b>	<b>JUSTIFICATION</b>
DEF's Response to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-5), specifically, Question 4	<b>Question 4:</b> The response is confidential in its entirety.	§366.093(3)(e), F.S. The document in question contains confidential information relating to competitive business interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider/owner of the information.

# **Exhibit D**

## **AFFIDAVIT OF DAVE RAHMAN**

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Duke Energy Florida, LLC  
Petition for Determination of Need for  
DeLand West – Dona Vista Transmission  
Line

DOCKET NO. 20250078-EI

Dated: June 23, 2025

**AFFIDAVIT OF DAVE RAHMAN IN SUPPORT OF  
DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC'S  
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority duly authorized to administer oaths, personally appeared Dave Rahman, who being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that:

1. My name is Dave Rahman. I am over the age of 18 years old, and I have been authorized by Duke Energy Florida (hereinafter "DEF" or the "Company") to give this affidavit in the above-styled proceeding on DEF's behalf and in support of DEF's Request for Confidential Classification (the "Request"). The facts attested to in my affidavit are based upon my personal knowledge.

2. I am a Director of Power Grid Planning at Duke Energy Florida, LLC. As the Director of Power Grid Planning, I am responsible for the direct supervision of engineers in the development of long-range electric transmission expansion plans. I am responsible for ensuring transmission plans and assessments are done in accordance with all applicable FERC, NERC, and Regional Planning Standards and requirements. I also oversee transmission service request studies performed in accordance with DEF's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) as well as NERC

compliance activities associated with the Transmission Planner functional role.

3. DEF is seeking confidential classification for certain information provided in its response to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 1-5), specifically questions 3 and 4. A detailed description of the confidential information at issue is contained in confidential Exhibit A to DEF's Request and is outlined in DEF's Justification Matrix that is attached to DEF's Request as Exhibit C. DEF is requesting confidential classification of this information because it contains sensitive business information, the disclosure of which would impair the Company's competitive business interests.

4. The confidential information at issue contains internal sensitive business information that relates to security measures, systems or procedures. DEF has kept confidential and has not publicly disclosed this confidential information.

5. Upon receipt of confidential information, strict procedures are established and followed to maintain the confidentiality of the terms of the documents and information provided, including restricting access to those persons who need the information to assist the Company, and restricting the number of, and access to the information. At no time since receiving the information in question has the Company publicly disclosed that information. The Company has treated and continues to treat the information at issue as confidential.

6. This concludes my affidavit.

Further affiant sayeth not.

Dated the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

---

Dave Rahman  
Director, Power Grid Planning  
Duke Energy Florida  
6565 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

St Petersburg, FL 33710

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 by Dave Rahman. He is personally known to me or has produced his \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

(AFFIX NOTARIAL SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Commission Expiration Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Serial Number, If Any)