



February 15, 2021

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

Subject: Florida Power & Light Company to charge Tropical Storm Eta storm-related costs as operating expenses rather than charging them to Account No. 228.1, as authorized by Rule 25-6.0143(1)(h), F.A.C.

Dear Mr. Teitzman,

Pursuant to Rule 25-6.0143(1)(h), F.A.C., Florida Power & Light Company (“FPL”) is notifying the Commission that it charged its incremental Tropical Storm Eta storm-related costs as operating expenses rather than charging them to Account No. 228.1. This notice is provided and filed in accordance with Rule 25-6.0143(1)(h), F.A.C. As a result of and in accordance with this decision, FPL will not request recovery for the Tropical Storm Eta storm-related costs through depletion of the storm reserve or through a storm surcharge.

Eta’s double landfall resulted in impacts to customers throughout FPL’s service territory. In each case, FPL followed its well developed and systematic plan to respond to such a weather event, which includes obtaining and pre-staging resources in advance of the storm. FPL mobilized a workforce of approximately 12,000 personnel (i.e., FPL employees, external utilities and contractor personnel from multiple states, including Florida) dedicated to the restoration effort.

In total, FPL restored service to approximately 420,000 customers. Preliminary estimates show the Company’s smart grid technology helped avoid approximately 140,000 outages and helped speed restoration. The leading cause of outages was vegetation blowing into power lines. More than 80 drones were deployed to help crews visualize damage in hard to access areas.

As a result of the preparations for and restoration activities following Tropical Storm Eta, FPL incurred significant storm-related costs. Rule 25-6.0143(1)(h), F.A.C., requires a utility opting to charge storm-related costs as operating expenses to provide a schedule of the amounts charged to operating expenses for each incident exceeding \$5 million. FPL has previously advised the Commission that FPL’s storm-related costs associated with Tropical Storm Eta will exceed this threshold.¹ FPL has not yet concluded its analysis and settlement of all storm-related costs associated with Tropical Storm Eta, and therefore is unable to provide a final schedule of all such costs. However, Exhibit A attached to this letter, reflects the amounts FPL recorded to operating expense by FERC account in 2020 related to Tropical Storm Eta.

¹ See FPL’s letter dated December 4, 2020 from David Hughes, Assistant Controller of FPL, to Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (561) 691-7554.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Hughes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Regards,".

David Hughes
Assistant Controller, FPL

Cc: Andrew Maurey, Director of Accounting & Finance, Florida Public Service Commission
Judy Harlow, Director of Economics, Florida Public Service Commission
Charles Rehwinkel, Deputy Public Counsel

Exhibit A

Florida Power & Light Company Tropical Storm Eta Storm Restoration Costs as of December 31, 2020 (\$000s)

Line No.	FERC Account	Description	Total System
1		<u>Base O&M Expense</u>	
2	513	Maintenance of Electric Plant	\$ -
3	532	Maintenance of Miscellaneous Nuclear	756
4	554	Maintenance of Other Power Generation Plant	83
5	573	Maintenance of Miscellaneous Transmission Plant	3,893
6	598	Maintenance of Miscellaneous Distribution Plant	123,034
7	910	Miscellaneous Customer Service	195
8	930	Miscellaneous General Expenses	1,436
9		Total Amount Charged to Base O&M	<u>\$ 129,396</u>
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11		<u>Capital</u>	
12	101	Plant in Service	\$ 439
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14		<u>ICCA Adjustments</u>	
15	Various	ICCA Adjustments	\$ 1,017
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17		<u>Below-the-line Expense</u>	
18	426.5	Other Deductions	<u>\$ -</u>
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20		Total Tropical Storm Eta Storm Restoration Costs ^(A)	<u><u>\$ 130,852</u></u>

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23 ^(A) Storm costs reflect actuals through December 31, 2020. Amount is subject to change as FPL is still
 24 receiving invoices from contractors and mutual aid assistance from other utilities.