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**STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST**  
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RE: Docket No. 20210001-EI - Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause with generating performance incentive factor.

Dear Mr. Bernier, Mr. Pickels and Ms. Triplett:

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

1. Please refer to Duke Energy Florida's (DEF or Company) "Petition for Fuel Recovery Clause Mid[-]Course Correction" (MCC Petition), dated July 9, 2021, filed in Docket No. 20210001-EI.<sup>1</sup>
  - a. Please specify the numerators and denominators of the calculations resulting in the quotients of "10.6%" and "~5.7%" as shown on page two, paragraph 5.
  - b. Please specify the numerators and denominators of the calculations resulting in the quotients of "16.6%" and "5.3%" as shown on page three, paragraph 8.
2. Please specify the exact ranges/beginning and ending dates of DEF's August, September, and October 2021 billing cycles.

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<sup>1</sup>Document No. 07679-2021.

3. Hypothetically, if the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) deems it appropriate, are there any technical or other limitations, including desirability of such from the Company's perspective, to implementing new fuel rates on a date that does not begin with the (exact) monthly-beginning billing date(s) identified in the response to question No. 2?
4. Please identify the exact date when the 2021 fuel factors, authorized by Order No. PSC-2021-0024-FOF-EI, began to be charged to customers.<sup>2</sup>
5. Please refer to page 3 of the MCC Petition. As contemplated in paragraph 9, please provide a reasonable estimate of the incremental revenue that would be collected for the remainder of 2021 if new fuel rates were ordered to begin in September as opposed to October. Please also provide an estimated interest effect between the two aforementioned rate implementation scenarios.
6. Please refer to MCC petition, Exhibit A, Schedule E-10. Please provide the bill impacts (fuel only) to typical (i.e., typical based on a conventional or average level of usage) industrial- and commercial-class (large and small) customers similarly to that performed for the residential class shown on this schedule.
7. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic effects, please discuss general terms if the Company is currently experiencing increased service disconnections, late payments, non-payments, possible payment deferrals etc., over what it would consider typical for a similar timeframe in the recent past? If so, please generally discuss how possible customer-payment issues are currently affecting the Company's fuel-related revenue, if at all.
8. Please describe the Company's anticipated process and timeline for notifying its customers of the proposed action it has requested through its MCC Petition. Please also provide copies of any notifications that were previously, or will be, provided to customers regarding the actions requested in the MCC Petition.
9. Please discuss whether the Company plans on instituting any different processes, procedures, and/or measures related to fuel cost and fuel revenue forecasting as a result of requiring a mid-course correction of its fuel-related charges. If so, please explain.
10. Please discuss how, if at all, the Company's updated fuel costs detailed in its MCC Petition have affected its planned power market purchases for the remainder of 2021.

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<sup>22</sup>Order No. PSC-2021-0024-FOF-EI, issued January 6, 2021, in Docket No. 20200001-EI, *In re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause with generating performance incentive factor.*

11. Please provide schedules detailing DEF's 2021 (system) natural gas fuel cost separated by fuel commodity and fuel transportation that is embedded in its current 2021 fuel rates, and an "actual/estimated" 12-month (2021) schedule underlying the MCC petition.<sup>3</sup>

Please file all responses electronically no later than July 14, 2021 from the Commission's website at [www.floridapsc.com](http://www.floridapsc.com), by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form. Please feel free to call me at (850) 413-6218 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Suzanne S. Brownless*

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk

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<sup>3</sup>Document Nos. 05805-2020 and 07679-2021, respectively.