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STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST VIA EMAIL

Re: Duke Energy Florida, LLC's 2025 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. What percentage of DEF's storm protection costs are being recovered through the Storm Protection Plan Cost Recovery Clause?
2. Please explain why the cost of the following programs appear to increase when DEF is planning to complete fewer projects in 2026 compared to 2025.
 - a. Distribution Lateral Hardening-Underground
 - b. Transmission Tower Upgrades
 - c. Transmission Pole/Tower Inspections/Drone Inspections
 - d. Transmission Overhead Ground Wire
 - e. Transmission GOAB Automation
 - f. Transmission Substation Hardening
3. Please explain why the cost of the following programs appear to decrease when DEF is planning to complete more projects in 2026 compared to 2025.
 - a. Distribution Lateral Hardening Pole Replacements
 - b. Distribution Lateral Hardening Pole Inspections
 - c. Distribution Vegetation Management
 - d. Transmission Cathodic Protection

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Please file all responses electronically no later than **Tuesday, July 14, 2026**, via the Commission's website at www.floridapsc.com, by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form (reference Docket No. 20260000-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. 20260000-OT)