

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
IN RE: REVIEW OF STORM PROTECTION PLAN, PURSUANT TO RULE 25-6.030,
F.A.C., DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC.

DOCKET NO. 202200050-EI

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF CHRISTOPHER A. MENENDEZ
ON BEHALF OF DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC

APRIL 11, 2022

I. INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Christopher A. Menendez. My business address is Duke Energy Florida, LLC, 299 1st Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am employed by Duke Energy Florida, LLC (“DEF” or the “Company”) as Director, Rates and Regulatory Planning.

Q. What are your responsibilities as Director, Rates and Regulatory Planning?

A. I am responsible for the Company’s regulatory planning and cost recovery, including the Company’s Storm Protection Plan (“SPP”) filing.

Q. Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

1 A. I joined the Company on April 7, 2008. Since joining the company, I have held
2 various positions in the Florida Planning & Strategy group, DEF Fossil Hydro
3 Operations Finance and DEF Rates and Regulatory Strategy. I was promoted to my
4 current position in April 2021. Prior to working at DEF, I was the Manager of
5 Inventory Accounting and Control for North American Operations at Cott
6 Beverages. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the
7 University of South Florida, and I am a Certified Public Accountant in the State of
8 Florida.

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10 **II. PURPOSE AND SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY.**

11 **Q. What is the purpose of your direct testimony?**

12 A. The purpose of my direct testimony is to provide an estimate of the annual revenue
13 requirements for the Company's 2023-2032 Storm Protection Plan ("SPP"), as
14 required by Rule 25-6.030(3)(g), F.A.C., as well as an estimate of rate impacts for
15 each of the first three years of the SPP for DEF's typical residential, commercial,
16 and industrial customers, as required by Rule 25-6.030(3)(h), F.A.C.

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18 **Q. Have you prepared, or caused to be prepared under your direction,**
19 **supervision, or control, exhibits in this proceeding?**

20 A. Yes. I am co-sponsoring the Revenue Requirements and Rate Impact section of
21 Exhibit No. __ (BML-1) attached to the direct testimony of Mr. Lloyd. This section
22 of Exhibit No. __ (BML-1) is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and
23 belief.

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Q. What are the estimated annual revenue requirements for the Company’s 2023-2032 SPP?

A. That information is found on page 56 of Exhibit No. __ (BML-1).

Q. What are the estimated rate impacts for each of the first three years of the SPP for DEF’s typical residential, commercial, and industrial customers?

A. That information is found on page 56 of Exhibit No. __ (BML-1).

Q. Has DEF complied with the requirements of Rule 25-6.030(3)(g) and (3)(h)?

A. Yes.

Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

A. Yes, it does.