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## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Applications for qualified representative status

Docket No. 20250008-OT Filed: March 28, 2025

# **REQUEST FOR NAMING OF QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE**

Pursuant to Rules 28-106.106 and 28-106.107, Florida Administrative Code ("FAC"), the Florida Retail Federation ("FRF") requests that James W. Brew, an attorney with the law firm Stone Mattheis Xenopoulos & Brew, PC, be named a qualified representative for FRF in Docket No. 20250011-EI, In re: Petition for rate increase by Florida Power & Light Company, and all docketed and non-docketed matters before the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission").

1. Mr. Brew's business address is as follows:

James W. Brew Stone Mattheis Xenopoulos & Brew, PC 1025 Thomas Jefferson St., NW Suite 800 West Washington, D.C. 20007 (202) 342-0800 (202) 342-0807 (fax) jbrew@smxblaw.com

2. Consistent with Rule 28-106.106(2)(a), F.A.C., FRF is aware that it can elect to be represented solely by "counsel," as that term is defined by Rule 28-106.106(1), F.A.C.

3. FRF submits that Mr. Brew possesses the necessary qualifications to continue to responsibly represent FRF's interests in these matters. In this regard, Mr. Brew's qualifications are set forth in the attached affidavit.

4. As reflected in Mr. Brew's affidavit, he: (i) is an attorney admitted to practice in the State of New York State and the District of Columbia, (ii) has reviewed those portions of the Florida Statutes relative to the Commission's jurisdiction, (iii) has reviewed the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in an administrative proceeding, and (iv) has reviewed those portions of the F.A.C. and Florida Statutes related to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in an administrative proceeding.

5. Consistent with the standard set forth in Rule 28-106.106, F.A.C., Mr. Brew has acquired or will acquire actual knowledge of the factual and legal issues involved insofar as his representation of FRF is concerned in the above-referenced matters.

WHEREFORE, for the above and foregoing reasons, FRF respectfully requests that this Request for Naming of Qualified Representative be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Loreha Holley Vice President & General Counsel Florida Retail Federation 227 South Adams St. Tallahassee, Florida 32301 (850) 222-4082 lorena@frf.org

Dated: March 2025

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Naming of Qualified Representative has been furnished electronically and/or by U.S. Mail to the following on this 28th day of March, 2025:

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/s/ Sarah B. Newman

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## AFFIDAVIT

JAMES W. BREW, being first duly sworn, states that:

1. I am an attorney with the law firm Stone Mattheis Xenopoulos & Brew, PC.

2. I have been engaged to represent the Florida Retail Federation ("FRF") in connection with certain regulatory matters relating to energy services.

3. I have prepared this affidavit in connection with FRF's request that I be named a qualified representative of FRF in Docket No. 20250011-EI, In re: Petition for rate increase by Florida Power & Light Company, and all docketed and non-docketed matters before the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission"). I have previously requested and received qualified representative status concerning matters before the Commission.

4. I possess the necessary qualifications to responsibly represent FRF in all docketed and nondocketed matters before the Commission.

5. I am a member in good standing of the bars of New York State and the District of Columbia; and have practiced extensively before utility regulatory agencies and authorities, including the Commission, the Public Service Commissions of New York, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Indiana, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

6. I have knowledge of the Florida Statutes relevant to the Commission's jurisdiction; knowledge of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in administrative

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proceedings; and knowledge of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes relative to the rules of evidence, including the concept of hearsay in administrative proceedings. I have acquired or will acquire knowledge of the factual and legal issues in these matters, and have knowledge of, am in compliance with and will comply with the Standards of Conduct for qualified representatives contained in Rule 28-106.107, Florida Administrative Code.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct based on my knowledge, information, and belief.

James W. Brew

Name and address:

James W. Brew Stone Mattheis Xenopoulos & Brew, PC 1025 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW Suite 800 West Washington, DC 20007

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this  $\frac{28}{day}$  day of March, 2025. State of Virginin, County of Fairfax -District of Columbia ) SS.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: q/30/28

