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EASEMENT

State of Florida County of Hernando

THIS EASEMENT ("Easement") is made this 26th day of <u>September</u> 2023, from HERNANDO COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida existing under the laws of the State of Florida ("Grantor", whether one or more), to DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Post Office Box 14042, St. Petersburg, FL 33733 ("Grantee").

Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of One and 00/100 Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant unto Grantee a perpetual easement, to construct, reconstruct, operate, patrol, maintain, repair, replace, relocate, add to, modify, and remove electric and communication lines including, but not limited to, all necessary supporting structures, and all other appurtenant apparatus and equipment for the transmission and distribution of electrical energy, and for technological purposes related to the operation of the electric facilities and for the communication purposes of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (collectively, "Facilities").

Grantor is the owner of that certain property described in Sections 23 & 24, Township 23S, Range 18E, Hernando County, Florida, as recorded in Book 75, Page 24, in the Public Records of Hernando County, Florida ("**Property**").

The Facilities may be both overhead and underground and located in, upon, over, along, under, through, and across a portion of the Property within an easement area described as follows:

Private roadways of Telcom Drive and Technology Drive, along with a 10 foot wide strip abutting both sides of the private roads in the areas shown on accompanying Exhibit "A" (hereinafter referred to as the "**Easement Area**").

For Grantee's Internal Use: Work Order #: 47218482-40 The rights granted herein include, but are not limited to, the following:

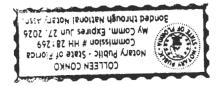
- 1. Grantee shall have the right of ingress and egress over the Easement Area, Property, and any adjoining lands now owned or hereinafter acquired by Grantor (using lanes, driveways, and adjoining public roads where practical as determined by Grantee).
- 2. Grantee shall have the right to trim, cut down, and remove from the Easement Area, at any time or times and using safe and generally accepted arboricultural practices, trees, limbs, undergrowth, other vegetation, and obstructions.
- 3. Grantee shall have the right to trim, cut down, and remove from the Property, at any time or times and using safe and generally accepted arboricultural practices, dead, diseased, weak, dying, or leaning trees or limbs, which, in the opinion of Grantee, might fall upon the Easement Area or interfere with the safe and reliable operation of the Facilities.
- 4. Grantee shall have the right to install necessary guy wires and anchors extending beyond the boundaries of the Easement Area.
- 5. Grantee shall have the right to relocate the Facilities and Easement Area on the Property to conform to any future highway or street relocation, widening, or alterations.
- 6. Grantor shall not place, or permit the placement of, any structures, improvements, facilities, or obstructions, within or adjacent to the Easement Area, which may interfere with the exercise of the rights granted herein to Grantee. Grantee shall have the right to remove any such structure, improvement, facility, or obstruction at the expense of Grantor.
- 7. Excluding the removal of vegetation, structures, improvements, facilities, and obstructions as provided herein, Grantee shall promptly repair or cause to be repaired any physical damage to the surface area of the Easement Area and Property resulting from the exercise of the rights granted herein to Grantee. Such repair shall be to a condition which is reasonably close to the condition prior to the damage, and shall only be to the extent such damage was caused by Grantee or its contractors or employees.
- 8. Grantee may increase or decrease the voltage and change the quantity and types of Facilities.
- 9. The rights granted in this Easement include the right to install Facilities wherever needed on the Property to serve future development on the Property and adjoining lands. Portions of the Facilities may be installed immediately and other portions may be installed in the future as the need develops. Facilities installed in the future shall be installed at locations mutually agreeable to the parties hereto if they are to be located outside of the Easement Area. Upon any future installations of Facilities at mutually agreed locations, the Easement Area shall be deemed to include such future locations.
- 10. All other rights and privileges reasonably necessary, in Grantee's sole discretion, for the safe, reliable, and efficient installation, operation, and maintenance of the Facilities.

The terms Grantor and Grantee shall include the respective heirs, successors, and assigns of Grantor and Grantee. The failure of Grantee to exercise or continue to exercise or enforce any of the rights herein granted shall not be construed as a waiver or abandonment of the right thereafter at any time, or from time to time, to exercise any and all such rights.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said rights, privilege, and easement unto Grantee, its successors, licensees, and assigns, forever. The rights and easement herein granted are exclusive as to entities engaged in the provision of electric energy service. Grantor warrants and covenants that Grantor has the full right and authority to convey to Grantee this perpetual Easement, and that Grantee shall have quiet and peaceful possession, use and enjoyment of the same.

Witnesses:	HERNANDO COUNTY a subdivision of the State of Florida existing under
(Witness #1) Printed Name: Colleen Conko Adidi Kuppe (Witness #2) Printed Name: HEIDI KURPPE	the laws of the State of Florida John Allocco, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners Grantor(s) Mailing Address: 15470 Flight Path Drive Brooksville, FL 34604
STATE OF Florida COUNTY OF Hernando	

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of \square physical presence or \square online notarization, this **26** day of **September**, 20**23** by John Allocco, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners of HERNANDO COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, on behalf of the County. He is personally known to me or has produced ______ as identification.



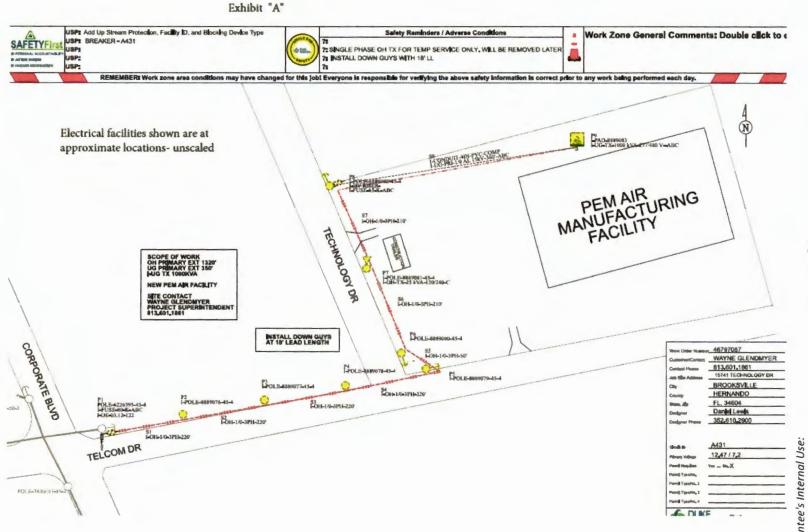
Notary Public: Colling Conference
Printed/ Typed Name: Colleen Conko
Commission Expires: 06/27/2026

This instrument prepared by Manny R. Vilaret, Esquire, 10901 Danka Circle Suite C, St. Petersburg, FL 33716.

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