

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-K**

(Mark One)

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 or

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number	Registrant, State of Incorporation or Organization, Address, Telephone Number and IRS Employer Identification No.	IRS Employer Identification No.
<b>333-209196-01</b>	<b>DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA PROJECT FINANCE, LLC</b> (a Delaware limited liability company) 299 First Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida 33701 704-382-3853	<b>81-0977581</b>
<b>1-03274</b>	<b>DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC</b> (Depositor and Sponsor) (a Florida limited liability company) 299 First Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida 33701 704-382-3853	<b>59-0247770</b>

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT: None

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act

Duke Energy Florida Project Finance, LLC (DEFPF) Yes  No

Duke Energy Florida, LLC (Duke Energy Florida) Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. (Response applicable to all registrants.) Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants (1) have filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants have submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one): Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company  Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants are a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None

## PART I

The following Items have been omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K:

- Item 1. Business.
- Item 1A. Risk Factors.
- Item 2. Properties.

### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

### Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

On February 22, 2016, a lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida on behalf of a class of Duke Energy Florida and FP&L's customers in Florida. The suit alleges the State of Florida's NCRS are unconstitutional and pre-empted by federal law. Plaintiffs claim they are entitled to repayment of all money paid by customers of Duke Energy Florida and FP&L as a result of the NCRS, as well as an injunction against any future charges under those statutes. The constitutionality of the NCRS has been challenged unsuccessfully in a number of prior cases on alternative grounds. Duke Energy Florida and FP&L filed motions to dismiss the complaint on May 5, 2016. On September 21, 2016, the Court granted the motions to dismiss with prejudice. Plaintiffs filed a motion for reconsideration, which was denied. On January 4, 2017, plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal to the Eleventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals (Eleventh Circuit). On July 11, 2018, the Eleventh Circuit affirmed the U.S. District Court's dismissal of the lawsuit. The deadline to file a petition for cert was October 9, 2018, and no petition was filed; therefore, the dismissal of the lawsuit is final.

### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

None.

## PART II

The following Items have been omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K:

- Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.
- Item 6. Selected Financial Data.
- Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.
- Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.
- Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.
- Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.
- Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

### Item 9B. Other Information.

None.

## PART III

### Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

Following are the managers and executive officers of Duke Energy Florida Project Finance, LLC (DEFPPF) as of December 31, 2018:

Name	Period
<b>Karl W. Newlin (age 50)</b>	
President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Senior Vice President and Manager of DEFPPF	2018 – present
Treasurer and Senior Vice President of Duke Energy Florida and Duke Energy Corporation (Duke Energy)	2018 – present
Senior Vice President, Corporate Development of Duke Energy	2018 – present
<b>Dwight L. Jacobs (age 53)</b>	
Manager of DEFPPF	2018 – present
Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer, Tax and Controller of Duke Energy Florida and Duke Energy	2018 – present
Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and Controller of Duke Energy Florida and Duke Energy	2018 – present
Senior Vice President, Financial Planning and Analysis of Duke Energy	2016 – 2018
Chief Risk Officer of Duke Energy	2014 – 2016
Vice President, Rates and Regulatory Strategy of Duke Energy	2010 – 2014
<b>Bernard J. Angelo (age 48)</b>	
Independent Manager of DEFPPF	2016 – present
Senior Vice President of Global Securitization Services, LLC	1997 – present

DEFPPF is a wholly owned, bankruptcy remote subsidiary of Duke Energy Florida, which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Duke Energy. DEF is an indirect wholly owned sub of Duke Energy Corporation.

### Code of Conduct

Duke Energy has adopted a code of ethics that applies to all officers and employees of Duke Energy and its affiliates, including DEFPPF. This code of ethics, entitled “Code of Business Ethics,” is posted on Duke Energy’s website at [www.duke-energy.com/our-company/about-us/ethics](http://www.duke-energy.com/our-company/about-us/ethics). Duke Energy’s Code of Business Ethics is administered by the Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer of Duke Energy, who provides regular reports directly to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Duke Energy.

### Item 11. Executive Compensation.

Other than the annual independent manager fee of \$3,500 paid to Global Securitization Services, LLC, DEFPPF does not pay any compensation to its managers or executive officers.

### Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

None.

### Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

None.

### Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

Omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K.

## PART IV

### Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

- (a)(1) and (a)(2) Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedules are omitted pursuant to General Instruction J of Form 10-K as listed under Item 8 of this report.
- (a)(3) and (b) See Exhibit Index included as the last part of this report, which is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) Not applicable.

### Item 16. Form 10-K Summary.

None.

**Item 1112(b). Significant Obligators of Pool Assets.**

None.

**Item 1114(b)(2). Credit Enhancement and Other Support, Except For Certain Derivative Instruments.**

None.

**Item 1115(b). Certain Derivative Instruments.**

None.

**Item 1117. Legal Proceedings.**

On February 22, 2016, a lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida on behalf of a class of Duke Energy Florida and FP&L's customers in Florida. The suit alleges the State of Florida's NCRS are unconstitutional and pre-empted by federal law. Plaintiffs claim they are entitled to repayment of all money paid by customers of Duke Energy Florida and FP&L as a result of the NCRS, as well as an injunction against any future charges under those statutes. The constitutionality of the NCRS has been challenged unsuccessfully in a number of prior cases on alternative grounds. Duke Energy Florida and FP&L filed motions to dismiss the complaint on May 5, 2016. On September 21, 2016, the Court granted the motions to dismiss with prejudice. Plaintiffs filed a motion for reconsideration, which was denied. On January 4, 2017, plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal to the Eleventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals (Eleventh Circuit). On July 11, 2018, the Eleventh Circuit affirmed the U.S. District Court's dismissal of the lawsuit. The deadline to file a petition for cert was October 9, 2018, and no petition was filed; therefore, the dismissal of the lawsuit is final.

**Item 1119. Affiliations and Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.**

DEFPF is a wholly owned subsidiary of Duke Energy Florida, which is the depositor, sponsor and servicer.

**Item 1122. Compliance With Applicable Servicing Criteria.**

See Exhibits 33.1, 33.2, 34.1, and 34.2 of this Form 10-K.

**Item 1123. Servicer Compliance Statement.**

See Exhibit 35.1 of this Form 10-K.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED WITH REPORTS FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE ACT BY REGISTRANTS WHICH HAVE NOT REGISTERED SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE ACT

No such annual report, proxy statement, form of proxy or other proxy soliciting material has been sent to the registrant's security holders. The registrant will not be sending an annual report or proxy material to its security holders subsequent to the filing of this form.

### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibits filed herewithin are designated by an asterisk (\*). All exhibits not so designated are incorporated by reference to a prior filing, as indicated.

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
3.1	<a href="#">Certificate of Formation of Duke Energy Florida Project Finance, LLC (incorporated by reference to Registration Statement on Form SF-1 of Duke Energy Florida, LLC filed on January 29, 2016, File No. 333-209196)</a>
3.2	<a href="#">Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Duke Energy Project Finance, LLC, dated and effective as of June 10, 2016 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Form 8-K filed June 17, 2016, File No. 333-209196-01)</a>
4.1	<a href="#">Indenture, dated as of June 22, 2016, by and between Duke Energy Florida Project Finance, LLC, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Indenture Trustee and Securities Intermediary (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Form 8-K filed June 22, 2016, File No. 333-209196-01)</a>
99.1	<a href="#">Nuclear Asset-Recovery Property Servicing Agreement, dated as of June 22, 2016, by and between Duke Energy Florida Project Finance, LLC and Duke Energy Florida, LLC, as servicer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Form 8-K filed June 22, 2016, File No. 333-209196-01)</a>
99.2	<a href="#">Nuclear Asset-Recovery Property Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of June 22, 2016, by and between Duke Energy Florida Project Finance, LLC, and Duke Energy Florida, LLC, as seller (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to Form 8-K filed June 22, 2016, File No. 333-209196-01)</a>
99.3	<a href="#">Administration Agreement, dated as of June 22, 2016, by and between Duke Energy Florida Project Finance, LLC and Duke Energy Florida, LLC, as administrator (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to Form 8-K filed June 22, 2016, File No. 333-209196-01)</a>
99.7	<a href="#">Series Supplement, dated as of June 22, 2016, by and between Duke Energy Florida Project Finance, LLC, and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Indenture Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.7 to Form 8-K filed June 22, 2016, File No. 333-209196-01)</a>
99.8	<a href="#">Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of June 22, 2016, by and among SunTrust Bank, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association, Duke Energy Florida Receivables LLC, Duke Energy Florida Project Finance, LLC, and Duke Energy Florida, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.8 to Form 8-K filed June 22, 2016, File No. 333-209196-01)</a>
*31.1	<a href="#">Rule 13a-14(d)/15d-14(d) Certification</a>
*33.1	<a href="#">Report on Assessment of Compliance With Servicing Criteria For Asset-Backed Issuers for Duke Energy Florida, LLC, Servicer</a>
*33.2	<a href="#">Report on Assessment of Compliance With Servicing Criteria For Asset-Backed Issuers for The Bank of New York Mellon, Indenture Trustee</a>
*34.1	<a href="#">Attestation Report on Assessment of Compliance With Servicing Criteria For Asset-Backed Securities of Deloitte &amp; Touche LLP on behalf of Duke Energy Florida, LLC, Servicer</a>
*34.2	<a href="#">Attestation Report on Assessment of Compliance With Servicing Criteria For Asset-Backed Securities of KPMG LLP on behalf of The Bank of New York Mellon, Indenture Trustee</a>
*35.1	<a href="#">Servicer Compliance Statement</a>

## SIGNATURES


Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 26, 2019

### DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA PROJECT FINANCE, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Dwight L. Jacobs  
Manager

### DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Dwight L. Jacobs  
Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer, Tax and Controller  
Duke Energy Florida, LLC

## CERTIFICATION

I, Dwight L. Jacobs, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-K and all reports on Form 10-D required to be filed in respect of the period covered by this report on Form 10-K of Duke Energy Florida Project Finance, LLC (the Exchange Act periodic reports);
2. Based on my knowledge, the Exchange Act periodic reports, taken as a whole, do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, all of the distribution, servicing, and other information required to be provided under Form 10-D for the period covered by this report is included in the Exchange Act periodic reports;
4. I am responsible for reviewing the activities performed by the Servicer and based on my knowledge and the compliance review conducted in preparing the servicer compliance statement required in this report under Item 1123 of Regulation AB, and except as disclosed in the Exchange Act periodic reports, the Servicer has fulfilled its obligations under the Nuclear Asset-Recovery Property Servicing Agreement, dated as of June 22, 2016, by and between Duke Energy Florida Project Finance, LLC and the Servicer, in all material respects; and
5. All of the reports on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed securities and the related attestation reports on assessment of compliance with servicing criteria for asset-backed securities required to be included in this report in accordance with Item 1122 of Regulation AB and Exchange Act Rules 13a-18 and 15d-18 have been included as an exhibit to this report, except as otherwise disclosed in this report. Any material instances of noncompliance described in such reports have been disclosed in this report on Form 10-K.

In giving the certifications above, I have reasonably relied on information provided to me by the following unaffiliated party: The Bank of New York Mellon, as Indenture Trustee.

Date: March 26, 2019



Dwight L. Jacobs

Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer, Tax and Controller  
and senior officer in charge of the servicing function of  
DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC, as servicer

**REPORT ON ASSESSMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICING CRITERIA FOR ASSET-BACKED ISSUERS**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the undersigned is the duly elected and acting Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer, Tax and Controller of DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC, as servicer (Servicer) under the Nuclear Asset-Recovery Property Servicing Agreement dated as of June 22, 2016 (Servicing Agreement) by and between the Servicer and DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA PROJECT FINANCE, LLC, and further certifies that:

1. The undersigned is responsible for assessing the Servicer's compliance with the servicing criteria set forth in Item 1122(d) of Regulation AB (Servicing Criteria).
2. With respect to each of the Servicing Criteria, the undersigned has made the following assessment of the Servicing Criteria in accordance with Item 1122(d) of Regulation AB, with such discussion regarding the performance of such Servicing Criteria during the fiscal year covered by the Sponsor's annual report on Form 10-K:

Regulation AB Reference	Servicing Criteria	Applicable Servicing Criteria	Inapplicable Servicing Criteria
<b>General Servicing Considerations</b>			
1122(d)(1)(i)	Policies and procedures are instituted to monitor any performance or other triggers and events of default in accordance with the transaction agreements.	X	
1122(d)(1)(ii)	If any material servicing activities are outsourced to third parties, policies and procedures are instituted to monitor the third party's performance and compliance with such servicing activities.		X
1122(d)(1)(iii)	Any requirements in the transaction agreements to maintain a back-up servicer for pool assets are maintained.		X
1122(d)(1)(iv)	A fidelity bond and errors and omissions policy is in effect on the party participating in the servicing function throughout the reporting period in the amount of coverage required by and otherwise in accordance with the terms of the transaction agreements.		X
1122(d)(1)(v)	Aggregation of information, as applicable, is mathematically accurate and the information conveyed accurately reflects the information.	X	
<b>Cash Collection and Administration</b>			
1122(d)(2)(i)	Payments on pool assets are deposited into the appropriate custodial bank accounts and related bank clearing accounts no more than two business days following receipt, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements.	X	
1122(d)(2)(ii)	Disbursements made via wire transfer on behalf of an obligor or to an investor are made only by authorized personnel.		X
1122(d)(2)(iii)	Advances of funds or guarantees regarding collections, cash flows or distributions, and any interest or other fees charged for such advances, are made, reviewed and approved as specified in the transaction agreements.	X	
1122(d)(2)(iv)	The related accounts for the transaction, such as cash reserve accounts or accounts established as a form of overcollateralization, are separately maintained (e.g., with respect to commingling of cash) as set forth in the transaction agreements.	X	
1122(d)(2)(v)	Each custodial account is maintained at a federally insured depository institution as set forth in the transaction agreements. For purposes of this criterion, "federally insured depository institution" with respect to a foreign financial institution means a foreign financial institution that meets the requirements of Rule 13k-1(b)(1) under the Exchange Act.	X	
1122(d)(2)(vi)	Unissued checks are safeguarded so as to prevent unauthorized access.		X
1122(d)(2)(vii)	Reconciliations are prepared on a monthly basis for all asset-backed securities related bank accounts, including custodial accounts and related bank clearing accounts. These reconciliations are: (A) mathematically accurate; (B) prepared within 30 calendar days after the bank statement cutoff date, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements; (C) reviewed and approved by someone other than the person who prepared the reconciliation; and (D) contain explanations for reconciling items. These reconciling items are resolved within 90 calendar days of their original identification, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements.	X	



Investor Remittances and Reporting			
1122(d)(3)(i)	Reports to investors, including those to be filed with the SEC, are maintained in accordance with the transaction agreements and applicable SEC requirements. Specifically, such reports: (A) are prepared in accordance with timeframes and other terms set forth in the transaction agreements; (B) provide information calculated in accordance with the terms specified in the transaction agreements; (C) are filed with the SEC as required by its rules and regulations; and (D) agree with investors' or the trustee's records as to the total unpaid principal balance and number of pool assets serviced by the servicer.	X	
1122(d)(3)(ii)	Amounts due to investors are allocated and remitted in accordance with timeframes, distribution priority and other terms set forth in the transaction agreements.		X
1122(d)(3)(iii)	Disbursements made to an investor are posted within two business days to the servicer's investor records, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements.		X
1122(d)(3)(iv)	Amounts remitted to investors per the investor reports agree with canceled checks, or other form of payment, or custodial bank statements.	X	
Pool Asset Administration			
1122(d)(4)(i)	Collateral or security on pool assets is maintained as required by the transaction agreements or related pool asset documents.	X	
1122(d)(4)(ii)	Pool assets and related documents are safeguarded as required by the transaction agreements.	X	
1122(d)(4)(iii)	Any additions, removals or substitutions to the asset pool are made, reviewed and approved in accordance with any conditions or requirements in the transaction agreements.		X
1122(d)(4)(iv)	Payments on pool assets, including any payoffs, made in accordance with the related pool asset documents are posted to the servicer's obligor records maintained no more than two business days after receipt, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements, and allocated to principal, interest or other items (e.g., escrow) in accordance with the related pool asset agreements.	X	
1122(d)(4)(v)	The servicer's records regarding the pool assets agree with the servicer's records with respect to an obligor's unpaid principal balance.		X
1122(d)(4)(vi)	Changes with respect to the terms or status of an obligor's pool assets (e.g., loan modifications or re-agings) are made, reviewed and approved by authorized personnel in accordance with the transaction agreements and related pool asset documents.	X	
1122(d)(4)(vii)	Loss mitigation or recovery actions (e.g., forbearance plans, modifications and deeds in lieu of foreclosure, foreclosures and repossessions, as applicable) are initiated, conducted and concluded in accordance with the timeframes or other requirements established by the transaction agreements.	X	
1122(d)(4)(viii)	Records documenting collection efforts are maintained during the period a pool asset is delinquent in accordance with the transaction agreements. Such records are maintained on at least a monthly basis, or such other period specified in the transaction agreements, and describe the entity's activities in monitoring delinquent pool assets, including, for example, phone calls, letters and payment rescheduling plans in cases where delinquency is deemed temporary (e.g., illness or unemployment).	X	
1122(d)(4)(ix)	Adjustments to interest rates or rates of return for pool assets with variable rates are computed based on the related pool asset documents.		X
1122(d)(4)(x)	Regarding any funds held in trust for an obligor (such as escrow accounts): (A) such funds are analyzed, in accordance with the obligor's pool asset documents, on at least an annual basis, or such other period specified in the transaction agreements; (B) interest on such funds is paid, or credited, to obligors in accordance with applicable pool asset documents and state laws; and (C) such funds are returned to the obligor within 30 calendar days of full repayment of the related pool assets, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements.		X

1122(d)(4)(xi)	Payments made on behalf of an obligor (such as tax or insurance payments) are made on or before the related penalty or expiration dates, as indicated on the appropriate bills or notices for such payments, provided that such support has been received by the servicer at least 30 calendar days prior to these dates, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements.		X
1122(d)(4)(xii)	Any late payment penalties in connection with any payment to be made on behalf of an obligor are paid from the servicer's funds and not charged to the obligor, unless the late payment was due to the obligor's error or omission.		X
1122(d)(4)(xiii)	Disbursements made on behalf of an obligor are posted within two business days to the obligor's records maintained by the servicer, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements.		X
1122(d)(4)(xiv)	Delinquencies, charge-offs and uncollectible accounts are recognized and recorded in accordance with the transaction agreements.	X	
1122(d)(4)(xv)	Any external enhancement or other support, identified in Item 1114(a)(1) through (3) or Item 1115 of Regulation AB, is maintained as set forth in the transaction agreements.		X

3. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, based on such review, the Servicer is in compliance in all material respects with the applicable servicing criteria set forth above as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, covered by the Issuer's annual report on Form 10-K.
4. Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, has issued an attestation report on the Servicer's assessment of compliance with the applicable servicing criteria as of and for the year end December 31, 2018, covered by the Issuer's annual report on Form 10-K.
5. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have their respective meanings as set forth in the Servicing Agreement.

Date: March 26, 2019

**DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC**  
as Servicer

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Dwight L. Jacobs

Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer, Tax and Controller  
and senior officer in charge of the servicing function of  
DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC

ASSESSMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH  
APPLICABLE SERVICING CRITERIA

Management of The Bank of New York Mellon (formerly The Bank of New York), BNY Mellon Trust of Delaware (formerly BNYM (Delaware)) and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (formerly The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A.), (collectively, the “Company”) is responsible for assessing the Company’s compliance with the servicing criteria set forth in Item 1122(d) of Regulation AB promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company’s management has determined that the servicing criteria are applicable in regard to the servicing platform as of and for the period as follows:

Platform: Publicly-issued (i.e., transaction-level reporting initially required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) asset-backed securities issued on or after January 1, 2006 and like-kind transactions issued prior to January 1, 2006 that are subject to Regulation AB (including transactions subject to Regulation AB by contractual obligation) for which the Company provides trustee, securities administration, paying agent or custodial services, as defined and to the extent applicable in the transaction agreements, other than residential mortgage-backed securities and other mortgage-related asset-backed securities (the “Platform”).

Period: The twelve months ended December 31, 2018 (the “Period”).

Applicable Servicing Criteria: All servicing criteria set forth in Item 1122(d), to the extent required by the related transaction agreements as to any transaction, except as set forth in the column titled “Not Applicable To Platform” in Appendix 1 attached hereto.

With respect to servicing criterion 1122(d)(2)(vi) the Company’s management has engaged a vendor to perform the activities required by the servicing criterion. The Company’s management has determined that this vendor is not considered a “servicer” as defined in Item 1101(j) of Regulation AB, and the Company’s management has elected to take responsibility for assessing compliance with the servicing criterion applicable to this vendor as permitted by the SEC’s Compliance and Disclosure Interpretation 200.06, Vendors Engaged by Servicers (“C&DI 200.06”). The Company’s management has policies and procedures in place designed to provide reasonable assurance that the vendor’s activities comply in all material respects with the servicing criterion applicable to the vendor. The Company’s management is solely responsible for determining that it meets the SEC requirements to apply C&DI 200.06 for the vendor and related servicing criterion.

With respect to the Platform as of and for the Period, the Company provides the following assessment of compliance in respect of the Applicable Servicing Criteria:

1. The Company’s management is responsible for assessing the Company’s compliance with the Applicable Servicing Criteria.

2. The Company's management has assessed compliance with the Applicable Servicing Criteria, including the servicing criterion for which compliance is determined based on C&DI 200.06 as described above as of and for the Period. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Securities and Exchange Commission in paragraph (d) of Item 1122 of Regulation AB.

3. With respect to servicing criterion 1122(d)(4)(iii), there were no activities performed during the Period with respect to the Platform, because there were no occurrences of events that would require the Company to perform such activities.

4. Based on such assessment, as of and for the Period, the Company has complied, in all material respects, with the Applicable Servicing Criteria.

KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, has issued an attestation report with respect to the Company's assessment of compliance with the Applicable Servicing Criteria as of and for the Period.

The Bank of New York Mellon

BNY Mellon Trust of Delaware

/s/ Alphonse Briand Jr.

Alphonse Briand Jr.  
Authorized Signatory

/s/ Robert L. Griffin

Robert L. Griffin  
Authorized Signatory

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust  
Company, N.A.

/s/ Antonio I. Portuondo

Antonio I. Portuondo  
Authorized Signatory

Dated: February 28, 2019

## APPENDIX 1

REG AB REFERENCE	SERVICING CRITERIA	APPLICABLE TO PLATFORM		NOT APPLICABLE TO PLATFORM
		Performed Directly by the Company	Performed by Vendor(s) for which the Company is the Responsible Party	
<b>General servicing considerations</b>				
1122(d)(1)(i)	Policies and procedures are instituted to monitor any performance or other triggers and events of default in accordance with the transaction agreements	X		
1122(d)(1)(ii)	If any material servicing activities are outsourced to third parties, policies and procedures are instituted to monitor the third party's performance and compliance with such servicing activities	X		
1122(d)(1)(iii)	Any requirements in the transaction agreements to maintain a back-up servicer for the pool assets are maintained			X
1122(d)(1)(iv)	A fidelity bond and errors and omissions policy is in effect on the party participating in the servicing function throughout the reporting period in the amount of coverage required by and otherwise in accordance with the terms of the transaction agreements			X
1122(d)(1)(v)	Aggregation of information, as applicable, is mathematically accurate and the information conveyed accurately reflects the information			X
<b>Cash collection and administration</b>				
1122(d)(2)(i)	Payments on pool assets are deposited into the appropriate custodial bank accounts and related bank clearing accounts no more than two business days of receipt, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements	X		
1122(d)(2)(ii)	Disbursements made via wire transfer on behalf of an obligor or to an investor are made only by authorized personnel	X		
1122(d)(2)(iii)	Advances of funds or guarantees regarding collections, cash flows or distributions, and any interest or other fees charged for such advances, are made, reviewed and approved as specified in the transaction agreements			X
1122(d)(2)(iv)	The related accounts for the transaction, such as cash reserve accounts or accounts established as a form of over collateralization, are separately maintained (e.g., with respect to commingling of cash) as set forth in the transaction agreements	X		

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		Performed Directly by the Company	Performed by Vendor(s) for which the Company is the Responsible Party	
1122(d)(2)(v)	Each custodial account is maintained at a federally insured depository institution as set forth in the transaction agreements. For purposes of this criterion, "federally insured depository institution" with respect to a foreign financial institution means a foreign financial institution that meets the requirements of Rule 240.13k-1(b)(1) of this chapter.	X		
1122(d)(2)(vi)	Unissued checks are safeguarded so as to prevent unauthorized access.		X	
1122(d)(2)(vii)	Reconciliations are prepared on a monthly basis for all asset-backed securities related bank accounts, including custodial accounts and related bank clearing accounts. These reconciliations (A) Are mathematically accurate, (B) Are prepared within 30 calendar days after the bank statement cutoff date, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements, (C) Are reviewed and approved by someone other than the person who prepared the reconciliation, and (D) Contain explanations for reconciling items. These reconciling items are resolved within 90 calendar days of their original identification, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements.	X		
<b>Investor remittances and reporting</b>				
1122(d)(3)(i)	Reports to investors, including those to be filed with the Commission, are maintained in accordance with the transaction agreements and applicable Commission requirements. Specifically, such reports (A) Are prepared in accordance with timeframes and other terms set forth in the transaction agreements, (B) Provide information calculated in accordance with the terms specified in the transaction agreements, (C) Are filed with the Commission as required by its rules and regulations, and (D) Agree with investors' or the trustee's records as to the total unpaid principal balance and number of pool assets serviced by the servicer.	X		
1122(d)(3)(ii)	Amounts due to investors are allocated and remitted in accordance with timeframes, distribution priority and other terms set forth in the transaction agreements.	X		
1122(d)(3)(iii)	Disbursements made to an investor are posted within two business days to the servicer's investor records, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements.	X		
1122(d)(3)(iv)	Amounts remitted to investors per the investor reports agree with cancelled checks, or other form of payment, or custodial bank statements.	X		
<b>Pool asset administration</b>				

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		Performed Directly by the Company	Performed by Vendor(s) for which the Company is the Responsible Party	
1122(d)(4)(i)	Collateral or security on pool assets is maintained as required by the transaction agreements or related pool asset documents	X		
1122(d)(4)(ii)	Pool asset and related documents are safeguarded as required by the transaction agreements	X		
1122(d)(4)(iii)	Any additions, removals or substitutions to the asset pool are made, reviewed and approved in accordance with any conditions or requirements in the transaction agreements	X		
1122(d)(4)(iv)	Payments on pool assets, including any payoffs, made in accordance with the related pool asset documents are posted to the applicable servicer's obligor records maintained no more than two business days after receipt, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements, and allocated to principal, interest or other items (e.g., escrow) in accordance with the related pool asset documents	X		
1122(d)(4)(v)	The servicer's records regarding the pool assets agree with the servicer's records with respect to an obligor's unpaid principal balance	X		
1122(d)(4)(vi)	Changes with respect to the terms or status of an obligor's pool assets (e.g., loan modifications or re-agings) are made, reviewed and approved by authorized personnel in accordance with the transaction agreements and related pool asset documents			X
1122(d)(4)(vii)	Loss mitigation or recovery actions (e.g., forbearance plans, modifications and deeds in lieu of foreclosure, foreclosures and repossessions, as applicable) are initiated, conducted and concluded in accordance with the timeframes or other requirements established by the transaction agreements			X
1122(d)(4)(viii)	Records documenting collection efforts are maintained during the period a pool asset is delinquent in accordance with the transaction agreements. Such records are maintained on at least a monthly basis, or such other period specified in the transaction agreements, and describe the entity's activities in monitoring delinquent pool assets including, for example, phone calls, letters and payment rescheduling plans in cases where delinquency is deemed temporary (e.g., illness or unemployment)			X
1122(d)(4)(ix)	Adjustments to interest rates or rates of return for pool assets with variable rates are computed based on the related pool asset documents	X		



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1122(d)(4)(x)	Regarding any funds held in trust for an obligor (such as escrow accounts). (A) Such funds are analyzed, in accordance with the obligor's pool asset documents, on at least an annual basis, or such other period specified in the transaction agreements, (B) Interest on such funds is paid, or credited, to obligors in accordance with applicable pool asset documents and state laws, and (C) Such funds are returned to the obligor within 30 calendar days of full repayment of the related pool asset, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements			X
1122(d)(4)(xi)	Payments made on behalf of an obligor (such as tax or insurance payments) are made on or before the related penalty or expiration dates, as indicated on the appropriate bills or notices for such payments, provided that such support has been received by the servicer at least 30 calendar days prior to these dates, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements			X
1122(d)(4)(xii)	Any late payment penalties in connection with any payment to be made on behalf of an obligor are paid from the servicer's funds and not charged to the obligor, unless the late payment was due to the obligor's error or omission.			X
1122(d)(4)(xiii)	Disbursements made on behalf of an obligor are posted within two business days to the obligor's records maintained by the servicer, or such other number of days specified in the transaction agreements.			X
1122(d)(4)(xiv)	Delinquencies, charge-offs and uncollectible accounts are recognized and recorded in accordance with the transaction agreements			X
1122(d)(4)(xv)	Any external enhancement or other support, identified in Item 1114(a)(1) through (3) or Item 1115 of this Regulation AB, is maintained as set forth in the transaction agreements	X		

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors of  
Duke Energy Florida, LLC  
Charlotte, North Carolina

We have examined management of Duke Energy Florida LLC's assertion, included in the accompanying Report on Assessment of Compliance with Servicing Criteria for Asset-Backed Issuers, that Duke Energy Florida, LLC (the "Company") complied with the servicing criteria set forth in Item 1122(d) of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation AB for Duke Energy Florida Project Finance LLC's Series A Senior Secured Bonds (the "Platform"), excluding criteria items 1122(d)(1)(ii), 1122(d)(1)(iii), 1122(d)(1)(iv), 1122(d)(2)(ii), 1122(d)(2)(vi), 1122(d)(3)(ii), 1122(d)(3)(iii), 1122(d)(4)(iii), 1122(d)(4)(v), 1122(d)(4)(ix), 1122(d)(4)(x), 1122(d)(4)(xi), 1122(d)(4)(xii), 1122(d)(4)(xiii), and 1122(d)(4)(xv) (the "servicing criteria"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, which management has determined are not applicable to the activities performed by the Company with respect to the Platform. Management's assertion identifies the individual asset-backed transactions defined by management as constituting the Platform. Management is responsible for the Company's compliance with the servicing criteria and its assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about the Company's compliance with the servicing criteria based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion about compliance with the servicing criteria is fairly stated, in all material respects, and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Company's compliance with the servicing criteria, including tests on a sample basis of the servicing activities related to the Platform, determining whether the Company performed those selected activities in compliance with the servicing criteria during the specified period, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Our procedures were limited to selected servicing activities performed by the Company during the period covered by this report and, accordingly, such samples may not have included servicing activities related to each asset-backed transaction included in the Platform. Further, an examination is not designed to detect noncompliance arising from errors that may have occurred prior to the period specified above that may have affected the balances or amounts calculated or reported by the Company during the period covered by this report. We believe that the evidence we obtained in our examination is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Company's compliance with the servicing criteria.

In our opinion, management's assertion that the Company complied with the aforementioned applicable servicing criteria as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018 for the Platform is fairly stated, in all material respects.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina  
March 26, 2019

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors  
The Bank of New York Mellon  
BNY Mellon Trust of Delaware  
The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.:

We have examined management's assertion, included in the accompanying Assessment of Compliance with Applicable Servicing Criteria, that The Bank of New York Mellon (formerly The Bank of New York), BNY Mellon Trust of Delaware (formerly BNYM (Delaware)) and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (formerly The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A.), (collectively, the Company) complied with the servicing criteria set forth in Item 1122(d) of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation AB for the publicly-issued (i.e., transaction-level reporting initially required under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) asset-backed securities issued on or after January 1, 2006 and like-kind transactions issued prior to January 1, 2006 that are subject to Regulation AB (including transactions subject to Regulation AB by contractual obligation) for which the Company provides trustee, securities administration, paying agent or custodial services, as defined and to the extent applicable in the transaction agreements, other than residential mortgage-backed securities and other mortgage-related asset-backed securities (the Platform), except for servicing criteria 1122(d)(1)(iii), 1122(d)(1)(iv), 1122(d)(1)(v), 1122(d)(2)(iii), 1122(d)(4)(vi), 1122(d)(4)(vii), 1122(d)(4)(viii), 1122(d)(4)(x), 1122(d)(4)(xi), 1122(d)(4)(xii), 1122(d)(4)(xiii) and 1122(d)(4)(xiv), which the Company has determined are not applicable to the activities it performs with respect to the Platform (the Servicing Criteria), as of and for the twelve months ended December 31, 2018. With respect to applicable servicing criterion 1122(d)(4)(iii), the Company has determined that there were no activities performed during the twelve months ended December 31, 2018 with respect to the Platform, because there were no occurrences of events that would require the Company to perform such activities. Management is responsible for the Company's compliance with the Servicing Criteria. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion about the Company's compliance with the Servicing Criteria based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants to obtain reasonable assurance and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Company's compliance with the Servicing Criteria and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. Our examination included testing selected asset-backed transactions and securities that comprise the Platform, testing selected servicing activities related to the Platform, and determining whether the Company processed those selected transactions and performed those selected activities in compliance with the Servicing Criteria. Furthermore, our procedures were limited to the selected transactions and servicing activities performed by the Company during the period covered by this report. Our procedures were not designed to determine whether errors may have occurred either prior to or subsequent to our tests that may have affected the balances or amounts calculated or reported by the Company during the period covered by this report for the selected transactions or any other transactions. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Company's compliance with the Servicing Criteria.

As described in the Company's Assessment of Compliance with Applicable Servicing Criteria, for servicing criterion 1122(d)(2)(vi), the Company has engaged a vendor to perform the activities required by this servicing criterion. The Company has determined that this vendor is not considered a "servicer" as defined in Item 1101(j) of Regulation AB, and the Company has elected to take responsibility for assessing compliance with the servicing criterion applicable to this vendor as permitted by the SEC's *Compliance and Disclosure Interpretation (C&DI) 200.06, Vendors Engaged by Servicers* (C&DI 200.06). As permitted by C&DI 200.06, the Company has asserted that it has policies and procedures in place designed to provide reasonable assurance that the vendor's activities comply in all material respects with the servicing criterion applicable to the vendor. The Company is solely responsible for determining that it meets the SEC requirements to apply C&DI 200.06 for the vendor and related servicing criterion as described in its assertion, and we performed no procedures with respect to the Company's eligibility to apply C&DI 200.06.

In our opinion, management's assertion that the Company complied with the aforementioned Servicing Criteria, including servicing criterion 1122(d)(2)(vi) for which compliance is determined based on C&DI 200.06 as described above, as of and for the twelve months ended December 31, 2018 is fairly stated, in all material respects.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Chicago, Illinois  
February 28, 2019

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the undersigned is the duly elected and acting Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer, Tax and Controller of DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC, as servicer (Servicer) under the Nuclear Asset Recovery Property Servicing Agreement dated as of June 22, 2016 (Servicing Agreement) by and between the Servicer and DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA PROJECT FINANCE, LLC, and further certifies that:

1. A review of the activities of the Servicer and of its performance under the Servicing Agreement as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, has been made under the supervision of the undersigned pursuant to Section 3.03 of the Servicing Agreement.
2. To the undersigned's knowledge, based on such review, the Servicer has fulfilled all of its obligations in all material respects under the Servicing Agreement as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Date: March 26, 2019

**DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC,  
as Servicer**

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Dwight L. Jacobs

Senior Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer, Tax and Controller  
and senior officer in charge of the servicing function of  
DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA, LLC