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Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

# RE: DM 12-145 - NextEra Energy Services New Hampshire, LLC CEPS Registration Renewal – Supplemental Information – Guarantee

Dear Ms. Howland,

Please find enclosed the supplement information request for NextEra Energy Services New Hampshire, LLC CEPS Registration Renewal.

Please find enclosed NextEra Energy Services New Hampshire, LLC's Guarantee effective through July 9, 2022.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at (713) 401-5936, or by email at <u>aundrea.williams@nexteraenergyservices.com</u>.

Respectfully Submitted,

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# **GUARANTY**

THIS GUARANTY (this "Guaranty"), dated as of May <u>4</u>, 2017 (the "Effective Date"), is made by NEXTERA ENERGY CAPITAL HOLDINGS, INC. ("Guarantor"), in favor of NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ("Guaranteed Party").

# **RECITALS:**

- A. WHEREAS, NEXTERA ENERGY SERVICES NEW HAMPSHIRE, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware ("**Obligor**") and an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Guarantor, is required to meet certain minimum financial requirements in order to be certified as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission; and
- **B.** WHEREAS, Obligor is able to meet such requirements through provision of this Guaranty in accordance with the applicable rules of the Guaranteed Party; and
- **C.** WHEREAS, Guarantor will directly or indirectly benefit from certification of Obligor as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier by the Guaranteed Party;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the certification of Obligor as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier by the Guaranteed Party, Guarantor hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

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1. <u>GUARANTY</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions hereof, Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees to Guaranteed Party the timely payment when due of the obligations of Obligor to meet its costs of providing electricity to customers as a certified Competitive Electric Power Supplier (the "Obligations"). This Guaranty shall constitute a guarantee of payment and not of collection. The liability of Guarantor under this Guaranty shall be subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Notwithstanding anything herein, the maximum aggregate obligation and liability of Guarantor under this Guaranty, and the maximum recovery from Guarantor under this Guaranty, shall in no event exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand U.S. Dollars (U.S. \$350,000.00) (the "Maximum Recovery Amount").
- (b) The obligation and liability of Guarantor under this Guaranty is specifically limited to payments expressly required to be made pursuant to the Obligations, as well as costs of collection and enforcement of this Guaranty (including attorney's fees) to the extent reasonably and actually incurred by the Guaranteed Party (subject in all instances, to the limitations imposed by the Maximum Recovery Amount as specified in <u>Section 1(a)</u> above). In no event, however, shall Guarantor be liable for or obligated to pay any consequential, indirect, incidental, lost profit, special, exemplary, punitive, equitable or tort damages.

# 2. <u>DEMANDS AND PAYMENT</u>.

(a) If Obligor fails to pay any Obligation to Guaranteed Party when such Obligation is due and owing (an "Overdue Obligation"), Guaranteed Party may present a written demand to Guarantor calling for Guarantor's payment of such Overdue Obligation pursuant to this Guaranty (a "Payment Demand").

- (b) Guarantor's obligation hereunder to pay any particular Overdue Obligation(s) to Guaranteed Party is conditioned upon Guarantor's receipt of a Payment Demand from Guaranteed Party satisfying the following requirements: (i) such Payment Demand must identify the specific Overdue Obligation(s) covered by such demand, the specific date(s) upon which such Overdue Obligation(s) became due and owing, with a specific statement that Guaranteed Party is calling upon Guarantor to pay under this Guaranty; (ii) such Payment Demand must be delivered to Guarantor in accordance with <u>Section 9</u> below; and (iii) the specific Overdue Obligation(s) addressed by such Payment Demand must remain due and unpaid at the time of such delivery to Guarantor.
- (c) After issuing a Payment Demand in accordance with the requirements specified in <u>Section 2(b)</u> above, Guaranteed Party shall not be required to issue any further notices or make any further demands with respect to the Overdue Obligation(s) specified in that Payment Demand, and Guarantor shall be required to make payment with respect to the Overdue Obligation(s) specified in that Payment Demand within five (5) Business Days after Guarantor receives such demand. As used herein, the term "**Business Day**" shall mean all weekdays (*i.e.*, Monday through Friday) other than any weekdays during which commercial banks or financial institutions are authorized to be closed to the public in the State of Florida or the State of New York.
- 3. **<u>REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES</u>**. Guarantor represents and warrants that:
- (a) it is a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Florida and has the corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and carry out the terms and provisions of the Guaranty;
- (b) no authorization, approval, consent or order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental body having jurisdiction over Guarantor is required on the part of Guarantor for the execution and delivery of this Guaranty; and
- (c) this Guaranty constitutes a valid and legally binding agreement of Guarantor, enforceable against Guarantor in accordance with the terms hereof, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity.

4. **RESERVATION OF CERTAIN DEFENSES.** Without limiting Guarantor's own defenses and rights hereunder, Guarantor reserves to itself all rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other defenses to which Obligor is or may be entitled arising from or out of the Obligations, except for defenses (if any) based upon the bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution or liquidation of Obligor or any lack of power or authority of Obligor to enter into and/or perform the Obligations.

5. <u>AMENDMENT OF GUARANTY</u>. No term or provision of this Guaranty shall be amended, modified, altered, waived or supplemented except in a writing signed by Guarantor and Guaranteed Party.

6. <u>WAIVERS AND CONSENTS</u>. Subject to and in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Guaranty:

(a) Except as required in <u>Section 2</u> above, Guarantor hereby waives (i) notice of acceptance of this Guaranty; (ii) presentment and demand concerning the liabilities of Guarantor; and (iii) any right to require that any action or proceeding be brought against Obligor or any other person, or to require that Guaranteed Party seek enforcement of any performance against Obligor or any other person, prior to any action against Guarantor under the terms hereof.

- (b) No delay by Guaranteed Party in the exercise of (or failure by Guaranteed Party to exercise) any rights hereunder shall operate as a waiver of such rights, a waiver of any other rights or a release of Guarantor from its obligations hereunder (with the understanding, however, that the foregoing shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver by Guarantor of any rights or defenses which Guarantor may at any time have pursuant to or in connection with any applicable statutes of limitation).
- (c) Without notice to or the consent of Guarantor, and without impairing or releasing Guarantor's obligations under this Guaranty, Guaranteed Party may: (i) change the manner, place or terms for payment of all or any of the Obligations (including renewals, extensions or other alterations of the Obligations); (ii) release any person (other than Obligor or Guarantor) from liability for payment of all or any of the Obligations; or (iii) receive, substitute, surrender, exchange or release any collateral or other security for any or all of the Obligations.

7. **<u>REINSTATEMENT</u>**. Guarantor agrees that this Guaranty shall continue to be effective or shall be reinstated, as the case may be, if all or any part of any payment made hereunder is at any time avoided or rescinded or must otherwise be restored or repaid by Guaranteed Party as a result of the bankruptcy or insolvency of Obligor, all as though such payments had not been made.

8. <u>**TERMINATION**</u>. Guarantor may terminate this Guaranty by providing a written termination notice to Guaranteed Party specifying the date upon which such termination will take effect (*provided* that no such termination shall take effect prior to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Prevailing Time) on the twentieth ( $20^{\text{th}}$ ) Business Day after the termination notice has been delivered to Guaranteed Party in accordance with *Section 9* hereof). Upon the effectiveness of such termination, Guarantor shall have no further liability hereunder, except as may pertain pursuant to the last sentence of this paragraph. No such termination shall affect Guarantor's liability with respect to any Obligation incurred prior to the time such termination is effective, which Obligation shall remain subject to this Guaranty.

Unless terminated earlier, this Guaranty and the Guarantor's obligations hereunder will terminate automatically and immediately at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Prevailing Time on July 9, 2022; *provided*, *however*, that no such termination shall affect Guarantor's liability with respect to any Obligation incurred prior to the time the termination is effective, which Obligation shall remain subject to this Guaranty.

9. <u>NOTICE</u>. Any Payment Demand, notice, request, instruction, correspondence or other document to be given hereunder (herein collectively called "Notice") by Guaranteed Party to Guarantor, or by Guarantor to Guaranteed Party, as applicable, shall be in writing and may be delivered either by (i) U.S. certified mail with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, or (ii) recognized nationwide courier service with delivery receipt requested, in either case to be delivered to the following address (or to such other U.S. address as may be specified via Notice provided by Guarantor or Guaranteed Party, as

applicable, to the other in accordance with the requirements of this <u>Section 9</u>):

<u>TO GUARANTOR</u> : *	TO GUARANTEED PARTY:
NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc. 700 Universe Blvd. Juno Beach, Florida 33408 <u>Attn</u> : Treasurer	New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301 <u>Attn</u> : Executive Director
[Tel: (561) 694-6204 for use in connection with courier deliveries]	[Tel: (603) 271-2431 for use in connection with courier deliveries]

\* (<u>NOTE</u>: Copies of any Notices to Guarantor under this Guaranty shall also be sent via facsimile to <u>ATTN</u>: Contracts Group, Legal, Fax No. (561) 625-7504 and <u>ATTN</u>: Credit Department, Fax No. (561) 625-7642. However, such facsimile transmissions shall not be deemed effective for delivery purposes under this Guaranty.)

Any Notice given in accordance with this <u>Section 9</u> will (i) if delivered during the recipient's normal business hours on any given Business Day, be deemed received by the designated recipient on such date, and (ii) if not delivered during the recipient's normal business hours on any given Business Day, be deemed received by the designated recipient at the start of the recipient's normal business hours on the next Business Day after such delivery.

# 10. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>.

- (a) This Guaranty shall in all respects be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws thereunder (other than Sections 5-1401 and 5-1402 of the New York General Obligations Law).
- (b) This Guaranty shall be binding upon Guarantor and its successors and permitted assigns and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by Guaranteed Party and its successors and permitted assigns. Guarantor may not assign this Guaranty in part or in whole without the prior written consent of Guaranteed Party. Guaranteed Party may not assign its rights or benefits under this Guaranty in part or in whole without the prior written consent of Guarantor.
- (c) This Guaranty embodies the entire agreement and understanding between Guarantor and Guaranteed Party and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof.
- (d) The headings in this Guaranty are for purposes of reference only, and shall not affect the meaning hereof. Words importing the singular number hereunder shall include the plural number and vice versa, and any pronouns used herein shall be deemed to cover all genders. The term "person" as used herein means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated association, or government (or any agency or political subdivision thereof).
- (e) Wherever possible, any provision in this Guaranty which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition

or unenforceability in any one jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

- (f) Guaranteed Party (by its acceptance of this Guaranty) and Guarantor each hereby irrevocably: (i) consents and submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, or if that court does not have subject matter jurisdiction, to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County (without prejudice to the right of any party to remove to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York) for the purposes of any suit, action or other proceeding arising out of this Guaranty or the subject matter hereof or any of the transactions contemplated hereby brought by Guaranteed Party, Guarantor or their respective successors or assigns; and (ii) waives (to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law) and agrees not to assert any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts, that the suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum, that the venue of the suit, action or proceeding is improper or that this Guaranty or the subject matter hereof may not be enforced in or by such court.
- (g) GUARANTEED PARTY (BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THIS GUARANTY) AND GUARANTOR EACH HEREBY IRREVOCABLY, INTENTIONALLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVES THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY WITH RESPECT TO ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING BASED ON, OR ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THIS GUARANTY, OR ANY COURSE OF CONDUCT, COURSE OF DEALING, STATEMENTS (WHETHER VERBAL OR WRITTEN) OR ACTIONS OF ANY PERSON RELATING HERETO OR THERETO. THIS PROVISION IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT TO GUARANTOR'S EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THIS GUARANTY.
- (h) Delivery of an executed signature page of this Guaranty, and any subsequent amendment(s), by facsimile transmission or other electronic transmission (e.g. "pdf" or "tif") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed signature page hereof.

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SIGNATURE ON FOLLOWING PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantor has executed this Guaranty on May  $\_4$ , 2017, but it is effective as of the Effective Date.

NEXTERA ENERGY CAPITAL HOLDINGS, INC.

By<u>:</u>

Name: Aldo E. Portales Assistant Treasurer Title:

