

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition for approval of ) DOCKET NO. 940600-EI  
certain tariff revisions by ) ORDER NO. PSC-94-0949-FOF-EI  
Tampa Electric Company. ) ISSUED: August 3, 1994  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS

BY THE COMMISSION:

Pursuant to Section 366.06(4), Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-6.033, and 25-6.078, Florida Administrative Code, Tampa Electric Company (TECO) filed a request to change its tariff and charges associated with the installation of underground residential distribution service. This tariff filing incorporates minor wording changes and standard engineering estimate changes which will allow TECO to prudently provide underground service. In addition, TECO has requested that its engineering diagrams be omitted from the applicable tariff sections.

TECO has submitted its updated engineering construction charges and revised tariff sheets for underground residential distribution service. These charges represent the costs to provide an engineering estimate for constructing underground service. The cost of constructing standard overhead service is recovered through the base rates which all customers pay. However, the underground construction differential is paid only by the customer that requests the underground service.

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The current charges include fixed labor and material costs for supplying underground service plus per-foot variable material and overhead costs. The proposed charges for 1994-1995 were derived from the same types of fixed and variable costs, however, the fixed cost component reflects a significant decrease in the cost for underground service for up to a certain distance. Where underground service has become less expensive than overhead service, TECO has eliminated the fixed portion of the new construction charge and will provide a credit for a specified length of underground service. Beyond a certain point, underground service becomes more expensive than overhead service, therefore, the customer will be charged a cost differential for the additional construction. Specifically, customers who receive underground construction up to 100 feet, will receive a credit of 12 feet. Customers who receive underground construction which exceeds 100 feet, will be given a credit of 40 feet. After the first 12 feet or the first 40 feet, the customer will be charged the higher cost differential.

We have reviewed the labor and material cost allocations used to derive the construction charges and find them to be plausible cost allocations.

The second revision requested by TECO involves changes in the wording of tariffs. The majority of the tariff wording changes or deletions in Sections 4.100, 5.030, 5.040, 5.050, 5.110, 5.210, 5.370, 5.390, 5.480, 5.490, and 5.530 are minor changes, which either clarify or simplify the tariff meaning.

In addition to the minor wording changes, TECO requested some major wording revisions to tariff sheet numbers 5.070, 5.075, 5.100, 5.105, 5.170, 5.175, 5.560, and 5.570. We have reviewed these wording changes and find them to be consistent with the applicable statutes and rules. The changes are summarized in the table which follows.

**Summary of Revisions**

TARIFF NOS.	SUBJECT CONTEXT	DESCRIPTION OF THE REVISION
Sheets Nos. 5.070 and 5.075	conjunctive billing requirements.	Explanation of when totalized metering is authorized.
Sheets Nos. 5.100 and 5.105	contribution in aid of construction (CIAC).	Modification to explain the intent of CIAC.
Sheets Nos. 5.170 and 5.175	Type and character of service.	Clearly states that single phase 120/240 voltage is the standard customer's service. Conjunctive billing is stricken because of redundancy.
Sheets Nos. 5.560 and 5.570	Loading levels of meter sockets	Defines voltage drops and flickers.

TECO has also requested that all engineering diagrams contained within tariff Sheet Nos. 5.600 - 5.940 be removed from the tariff and included in a separate manual. In lieu of including the diagrams in the tariff sheets, TECO proposes that the tariff include a reference to the physical location of the manual.

Currently, TECO is the only investor-owned utility (IOU) which includes its construction diagrams within the numbered tariff sheets. The other IOUs publish a separate manual which is incorporated by reference within the tariff. Omission of the engineering diagrams from the tariff reduces the need for the company to continuously file technical construction diagram changes for formal Commission approval. Construction specifications may change for any number of reasons which do not impact the overall operation or pricing of the service.

Maintaining the diagrams in a manual instead of the tariff will not adversely affect TECO's customers. The general public will continue to have access to the most current construction information and upon request, customers may obtain such information from the company.

Based on the above, the proposed changes are found to be reasonable and beneficial to TECO's customers. Therefore, it is determined that the revisions proposed by TECO should be approved.

The proposed tariff revisions shall become effective on July 20, 1994 and shall remain in effect pending resolution of any protest that may be filed within the 21-day protest period. If a timely protest is filed, this docket shall remain open pending resolution of the protest, otherwise, it shall be closed.

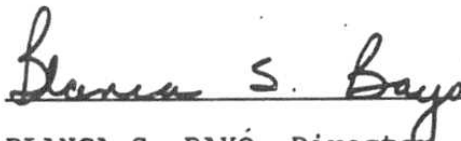
It is therefore

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Tampa Electric Company's request for changes of its tariffs and rate schedules described in the body of this Order are approved. It is further

ORDERED that the revisions to the tariff as described in the body of this Order are effective as of July 20, 1994.

ORDERED that this Order shall become final and this docket shall be closed unless an appropriate petition for a formal proceeding is received by the Division of Records and Reporting, 101 East Gaines, Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on the date indicated in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 3rd day of August, 1994.



BLANCA S. BAYO, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice

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should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed files a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.036(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on August 24, 1994.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this Order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

If this Order becomes final on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days of the date this Order becomes final, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.