### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Tampa Electric Company.	DOCKET NO. 20210034-EI
depreciation and dismantlement study and	DOCKET NO. 20200264-EI ORDER NO. PSC-2021-0301-PCO-EI ISSUED: August 10, 2021

## ORDER GRANTING TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE <u>AND</u> <u>ESTABLISHING DATE FOR HEARING ON</u> <u>PROPOSED 2021 SETTLEMENT</u>

On August 6, 2021, Tampa Electric Company (Tampa Electric or Company) filed a Motion (Motion) to Suspend Procedural Schedule and Approve 2021 Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. (2021 Agreement).<sup>1</sup> Tampa Electric asks the Florida Public Service Commission to suspend the procedural schedule in these consolidated Dockets,<sup>2</sup> schedule an expedited evidentiary hearing for consideration of the 2021 Agreement, and approve the 2021 Agreement. The Company represents that its Motion and the 2021 Agreement are in the public interest, will result in base rates and charges that are fair, just and reasonable, and will resolve all of the issues in the Dockets. The Company further represents that its Motion and the 2021 Agreement are supported by all parties to the Dockets.<sup>3</sup>

Upon review, the procedural aspects of the Company's Motion are granted as follows. The procedural schedule<sup>4</sup> in the consolidated Dockets is hereby suspended and an evidentiary hearing on the proposed 2021 Agreement shall be scheduled for October 21, 2021.<sup>5</sup>

Therefore, it is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Motion and attached 2021 Agreement have been assigned Document Number 08857-2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In re: Petition for rate increase by Tampa Electric Company, Docket No. 20210034-EI, and In re: Petition for approval of 2020 depreciation and dismantlement study and capital recovery schedules, by Tampa Electric Company, Docket No. 20200264-EI.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Office of Public Counsel, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group, the Florida Retail Federation, the Federal Executive Agencies, Walmart Inc., and the West Central Florida Hospital Utility Alliance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Set forth in the Order Establishing Procedure, Order No. PSC-2021-0172-PCO-EI, issued on May 14, 2021, as Modified by the First Order Modifying Order Establishing Procedure, Order No. PSC-2021-0257-PCO-EI, issued on July 14, 2021.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The hearing in these Dockets was scheduled for October 18-22, 2021.

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ORDERED by Commissioner Art Graham, as Prehearing Officer, that the procedural aspects of Tampa Electric Company's Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule and Approve 2021 Stipulation and Settlement Agreement are granted as follows. The procedural schedule in the consolidated Dockets is suspended and an evidentiary hearing on the 2021 Stipulation and Settlement Agreement shall be scheduled for October 21, 2021.

By ORDER of Commissioner Art Graham, as Prehearing Officer, this <u>10th</u> day of <u>August</u>, <u>2021</u>.

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the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.