

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for approval of revised
underground residential distribution tariff, by
Tampa Electric Company.

DOCKET NO. 20230042-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-2023-0160-PCO-EI
ISSUED: May 16, 2023

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

ANDREW GILES FAY, Chairman
ART GRAHAM
GARY F. CLARK
MIKE LA ROSA
GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

ORDER SUSPENDING TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S UNDERGROUND
RESIDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION TARIFFS

BY THE COMMISSION:

Background

On March 31, 2023, Tampa Electric Company (TECO) filed a petition for approval of revisions to its underground residential distribution (URD) tariffs and associated charges. These tariffs represent the additional costs, if any, TECO incurs to provide underground service in place of overhead service in new residential subdivisions. The petition was filed pursuant to Rule 25-6.078(3), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), which states, in part, "If the cost differential as calculated in Form PSC 1031 (08/20) varies from the Commission-approved differential by plus or minus 10 percent or more, the utility shall file a written policy and supporting data and analyses as prescribed in subsections (1), (4) and (5) of this rule on or before April 1 of the following year."

In this petition, TECO is proposing revised URD charges to reflect changes in cost differentials between overhead and underground service. For example, TECO proposes to decrease the per service lateral underground charge for low density subdivisions. TECO is also proposing to increase the cost to underground new service laterals, as well as to increase the cost to convert existing overhead service laterals to underground. Finally, TECO is proposing to increase the non-refundable deposit to convert existing overhead distribution facilities to underground facilities. This order is to suspend the proposed tariffs.

We have jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 366.03, 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Decision

Pursuant to Section 366.06(3), F.S., we may withhold consent to the operation of all or any portion of a new rate schedule, delivering to the utility requesting such a change a reason or written statement of good cause for doing so within 60 days. We find that the reason stated above is a good cause consistent with the requirement of Section 366.06(3), F.S.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Tampa Electric Company's proposed underground residential distribution tariffs shall be suspended. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending our decision on the proposed tariffs.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 16th day of May, 2023.



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Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in 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.