

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Environmental Cost) DOCKET NO. 960007-EI
Recovery Clause)
_____) FILED: February 8, 1996

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-96-0061-PCO-EI, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

None.

b. All Known Exhibits

None.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff takes no basic statement of position pending the evidence developed at hearing.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

Generic Environmental Cost Recovery Issues

ISSUE 1: What are the appropriate final environmental cost recovery true-up amounts for the period ending September 30, 1995?

STAFF: FPL: No position at this time pending resolution of other issues.

GULF: \$700,728 overrecovery.

ISSUE 2: What are the estimated environmental cost recovery true-up amounts for the period October 1995 through March 1996?

STAFF: FPL: No position at this time pending additional discovery and the resolution of other issues.

GULF: No position at this time pending additional discovery and the resolution of other issues.

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ISSUE 3: What are the total environmental cost recovery true-up amounts to be collected during the period April 1996 through September 1996?

STAFF: FPL: No position at this time.

GULF: No position at this time.

ISSUE 4: What are the appropriate projected environmental cost recovery amounts for the period April 1996 through September 1996?

STAFF: FPL: No position at this time.

GULF: No position at this time.

ISSUE 5: What should be the effective date of the new environmental cost recovery factors for billing purposes?

STAFF: The factor should be effective beginning with the specified environmental cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period April 1996 through September 1996. Billing cycles may start before April 1, 1996, and the last cycle may be read after September 30, 1996, so that each customer is billed for six months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

ISSUE 6: What depreciation rates should be used to develop the depreciation expense included in the total environmental cost recovery true-up amounts to be collected during the period April 1996 through September 1996?

STAFF: The depreciation rates used to calculate the depreciation expense should be the rates that are in effect during the period the allowed capital investment is in service.

ISSUE 7: How should the newly proposed environmental costs be allocated to the rate classes?

STAFF: FPL: The costs of the St. Lucie Plant Sea Turtle Barrier should be allocated on 12CP 1/13 energy basis.

ISSUE 8: What are the appropriate Environmental Cost Recovery Factors for the period April 1996 through September 1996 for each rate group?

STAFF: FPL: No position at this time.
GULF: No position at this time.

ISSUE 9: Should the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause true-up amounts be divided into energy and demand components based on actual project expenditures?

STAFF: Yes. The schedules currently filed by the companies provide sufficient information to adopt this method. Staff believes that this is a more accurate method than the current practice, under which the true-up is allocated based on the proportion of demand and energy amounts for the current projection period.

Company - Specific Environmental Cost Recovery Issues

Gulf Power Company

ISSUE 10: Should the Commission approve recovery of Gulf Power Company's costs of Clean Air Act Compliance Studies through the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause?

STAFF: No position at this time pending additional discovery. This issue was deferred from the August 9, 1995 hearing and was worded as follows:

"Should the Commission approve recovery of Gulf Power Company's costs of Generation Steam Studies through the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause?"

The revised wording more appropriately describes the costs for which Gulf Power Company is requesting recovery.

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Florida Power & Light Company

ISSUE 11a: Should the Commission approve Florida Power & Light's request to recover the cost of the St. Lucie Plant Sea Turtle Barrier through the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause?

STAFF: No position at this time pending additional discovery.

ISSUE 11b: Should the Commission allow Florida Power & Light Company to recover the costs of the current spill abatement project at the Riviera Plant which has been included in the activity titled Maintenance of Stationary Above Ground Fuel Storage Tanks - Spill Abatement?

STAFF: No position at this time pending additional discovery.

ISSUE 11c: Should the Commission allow Florida Power & Light Company to recover the costs of the current spill abatement project at the Sanford Plant which has been included in the activity titled Maintenance of Stationary Above Ground Fuel Storage Tanks - Spill Abatement?

STAFF: No position at this time pending additional discovery.

e. Pending Motions

None.

f. Compliance with Order No. PSC-96-0061-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

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Respectfully submitted this 8th day of February, 1996.



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