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CERTIFICATION OF

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I do hereby certify:
\angle / (1) That all statutory rulemaking requirements of
Chapter 120, F.S., have been complied with; and
(2) There is no administrative determination under
subsection 120.56(2), F.S., pending on any rule covered by this
certification; and
/X/ (3) All rules covered by this certification are filed
within the prescribed time limitations of paragraph 120.54(3)(e)
F.S. They are filed not less than 28 days after the notice
required by paragraph 120.54(3)(a), F.S., and;
// (a) Are filed not more than 90 days after the notice;
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/ (b) Are filed not more than 90 days after the notice
not including days an administrative determination was pending;
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not less than 21 days from the date of publication of the notice
of change; or
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// (d) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but within 21 days after the adjournment of the final public hearing on the rule; or
// (e) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but within 21 days after the date of receipt of all material

// (f) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but
within 21 days after the date the transcript was received by this
agency; or

authorized to be submitted at the hearing; or

(g) Are filed not more than 90 days after the notice, not including days the adoption of the rule was postponed following notification from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee that an objection to the rule was being considered.

Attached are the original and two copies of each rule covered by this certification. The rules are hereby adopted by the undersigned agency by and upon their filing with the Department of State.

Rule No(s).

25-6.049

Under the provision of subparagraph 120.54(3)(e)6., F.S., th∈ rules take effect 20 days from the date filed with the Department of State or a later date as set out below:

Effective: (month) (day) (year)

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25-6.049 Measuring Customer Service.

- (1) All energy sold to customers, except that sold under flat rate schedule, shall be measured by commercially acceptable measuring devices owned and maintained by the utility, except where it is impractical to meter loads, such as street lighting, temporary or special installations, in which case the consumption may be calculated, or billed on demand or connected load rate or as provided in the utility's filed tariff.
- (2) When there is more than one meter at a location the metering equipment shall be so tagged or plainly marked as to indicate the circuit metered. Where similar types of meters record different quantities, (kilowatt-hours and reactive power, for example), metering equipment shall be tagged or plainly marked to indicate what the meters are recording.
- (3) Meters which are not direct reading shall have the multiplier plainly marked on the meter. All charts taken from recording meters shall be marked with the date of the record, the meter number, customer, and chart multiplier. The register ratio shall be marked on all meter registers. The watt-hour constant for the meter itself shall be placed on all watt-hour meters.
- (4) Metering equipment shall not be set "fast" or "slow" to compensate for supply transformer or line losses.
- (5) (a) Individual electric metering by the utility shall be required for each separate occupancy unit of new commercial establishments, residential buildings, condominiums, cooperatives,

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marinas, and trailer, mobile home and recreational vehicle parks for which construction is commenced after January 1, 1981. This requirement shall apply whether or not the facility is engaged in a time sharing plan. Individual electric meters shall not, however, be required:

- 1. In those portions of a commercial establishment where the floor space dimensions or physical configuration of the units are subject to alteration, as evidenced by non-structural element partition walls, unless the utility determines that adequate provisions can be made to modify the metering to accurately reflect such alterations;
- For electricity used in central heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, or electric back up service to storage heating and cooling systems;
- 3. For electricity used in specialized-use housing accommodations such as hospitals, nursing homes, living facilities located on the same premises as, and operated in conjunction with, a nursing home or other health care facility providing at least the same level and types of services as a nursing home, convalescent homes, facilities certificated under Chapter 651, Florida Statutes, college dormitories, convents, sorority houses, fraternity houses, motels, hotels, and similar facilities;
- 4. For separate, specially-designated areas for overnight occupancy at trailer, mobile home and recreational vehicle

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parks and marinas where permanent residency is not established, and for marinas where living aboard is prohibited by ordinance, deed restriction, or other permanent means.

5. For new and existing :ime-share plans, provided that all of the occupancy units which are served by the master meter or

of the occupancy units which are served by the master meter or meters are committed to a time-share plan as defined in Section 721, Florida Statutes, and none of the occupancy units are used for permanent occupancy. When a time-share plan is converted from individual metering to master metering, the customer must reimburse the utility for the costs incurred by the utility for the conversion. These costs shall include, but not be limited to, the undepreciated cost of any existing distribution equipment which is removed or transferred to the ownership of the customer, plus the cost of removal or relocation of any distribution equipment, less the salvage value of any removed equipment.

(b) For purposes of this rule:

1. "Occupancy unit" means that portion of any commercial establishment, single and multi-unit residential building, or trailer, mobile home or recreational vehicle park, or marina which is set apart from the rest of such facility by clearly determinable boundaries as described in the rental, lease, or ownership agreement for such unit.

2. "Time sharing plan" means any arrangement, plan, scheme, or similar device, whether by membership, agreement, tenancy

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in common, sale, lease, deed, rental agreement, license, or 1 right to use agreement or by any other means, whereby a 2 purchaser, in exchange for a consideration, receives a right 3 to use accommodations of facilities, or both, for a specific 4 period of time less than a full year during any given year, 5 but not necessarily for consecutive years, and which extends 6 for a period of more than three years. 7 2.3. The construction of a new commercial establishment, 8 residential building, marina, or trailer, mobile home or 9 recreational vehicle park shall be deemed to commence on the 10 date when the building structure permit is issued. 11 4. The individual metering requirement is waived for any 12 time sharing facility for which construction was commenced 13 before December 23, 1982, in which separate occupancy units 14 were not metered in accordance with subsection (5)(a). 15 3.5. "Overnight Occupancy" means use of an occupancy unit for 16 a short term such as per day or per week where permanent 17 18 residency is not established. 4.6. The term "cost", as used herein means only those charges 19 20 specifically authorized by the electric utility's tariff, including but not limited to the customer, energy, demand, 21 fuel, and conservation charges made by the electric utility 22 plus applicable taxes and fees to the customer of record 23 responsible for the master meter payments. The term does not 24 include late payment charges, returned check charges, the cost 25

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of the distribution system behind the master meter, the cost of billing, and other such costs.

- (a) Where individual metering is not required under Subsection (5)(a) and master metering is used in lieu thereof, reasonable apportionment methods, including sub-metering may be used by the customer of record or the owner of such facility solely for the purpose of allocating the cost of the electricity billed by the utility.
- (b) Any fees or charges collected by a customer of record for electricity billed to the customer's account by the utility, whether based on the use of sub-metering or any other allocation method, shall be determined in a manner which reimburses the customer of record for no more than the customer's actual cost of electricity.
- 5.7. Each utility shall develop a standard policy governing the provisions of sub-metering as provided for herein. Such policy shall be filed by each utility as part of its tariffs. The policy shall have uniform application and shall be nondiscriminatory.
- 19 Specific Authority 366.05(1) FS.
- 20 Law Implemented 366.05(3) FS.
- 21 History--Amended 7-29-69, 11-26-80, 12-23-82, 12-28-83, Formerly
- 22 25-6.49, Amended 7-14-87, 10-5-88,

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SUMMARY OF RULE

25-6.049(1): The phrase "except that sold under flat rate schedule" is deleted.

25-6.049(5)(a): The sentence, "This requirement shall apply whether or not the facility is engaged in a time sharing plan" is deleted.

25-6.049(5)(a)(4): The phrase "and marinas" is added. The phrase "and for marinas where living aboard is prohibited by ordinance, deed restriction, or other permanent means' is deleted.

25-6.049(5)(a)(5): Adds new language excepting time shares from individual metering requirements, and provides for reimbursement by the customer to the utility for costs of conversion to master metering.

25-6.049(5)(b) 2 and 3: Consistent with the exception just described, these subsections concerning time-shares are deleted and the remaining paragraphs are re-numbered.

SUMMARY OF HEARINGS ON THE RULE

No hearing was requested and none was held.

FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFYING THE RULE

Time shares should be excepted from the rule requiring individual metering of apartment units because the brief period of time any individual time-share participant stays in the unit

would make the conservation goals justifying individual metering irrelevant. The commercial rate applicable to master metering is believed to be appropriate to time shares, because they are more like hotels than residences in their usage patterns.