BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by Tampa Electric Company for approval of extension of Demand-side Management Commercial Research and Development Program. DOCKET NO. 990345-EG ORDER NO. PSC-99-1218-PAA-EG ISSUED: June 18, 1999

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JOE GARCIA, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF
PETITION BY TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR EXTENSION OF DEMAND-SIDE

MANAGEMENT COMMERCIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

CASE BACKGROUND

In Order No. PSC-95-0691-FOF-EG, issued June 9, 1995 in Docket No. 941170-EG, we approved Tampa Electric Company's (TECO) Commercial Research and Development (R&D) program as part of TECO's Demand Side Management (DSM) Plan. This Proposed Agency Action was protested, but was reinstated by Order No. PSC-95-1343-S-EG issued November 1, 1995. This order approved the stipulation between TECO and the Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation, as well as dismissed petitions for formal proceeding.

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The Commercial R&D program was designed to fund the planned evaluation of the measures designated as R&D by the Commission in Docket No. 930551-EG (TECO's conservation goals docket). The program was limited to a three year period, with expenditures capped at \$450,000. Program costs are recovered through the Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause. On March 17, 1999, TECO petitioned for an extension of the program until mid 2000.

TECO wishes to extend its Commercial R&D program to allow for the completion of the field monitoring and evaluation of equipment funded in part through the program, and until its new DSM plan is estimated to become effective. TECO does not seek to increase the expenditure cap of \$450,000 established by this Commission in Order No. PSC-95-0691-FOF-EG. As of March 31, 1999, TECO had spent \$309,341. TECO, in partnership with the Department of Energy and the Hillsborough County School System, has partially funded through the Commercial R&D program the installation of an integrated Direct Expansion/solid-desiccant air conditioning system at a local high school. The extension requested will allow TECO to monitor the installation for a full year allowing for the collection of cooling season data. The extension will also allow TECO to research any new technology and determine its cost-effectiveness.

It is estimated that TECO's new DSM plan will become effective in mid 2000 following the establishment of TECO's numeric DSM goals in Docket No. 971007-EG. The order establishing goals is due November 8, 1999. TECO would then have 90 days to file its new DSM plan for approval. TECO has requested in its petition in the instant docket an extension to mid 2000. TECO has agreed that an extension to June 30, 2000 should allow sufficient time for the establishment of numeric DSM goals, and the approval of TECO's new DSM plan. Therefore, we approve the extension of TECO's Demandside Management Commercial Research and Development Program.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the petition by Tampa Electric Company for approval of extension of Demand-side Management Commercial Research and Development Program is granted. It is further

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ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this Docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 18th day of June, 1999.

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of administrative hearing that is available under Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing will be granted or result in the relief sought.

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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.

The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on July 9, 1999.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

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.

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RE:

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COMMERCIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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Attached is an Order, NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF PETITION BY TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR EXTENSION OF DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT COMMERCIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, with attachments, to be issued in the above-referenced docket. (Number of pages in order - 4)

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