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DATE: JANUARY 25, 2001 .

TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYÓ)

- FROM: DIVISION OF ECONOMIC REGULATION (SPRINGER, WHEELER) DE CONCESSION OF LEGAL SERVICES (HART) DE RUE
- RE: DOCKET NO. 001792-EI PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF FILING WHICH WILL LIMIT AVAILABILITY OF RECREATIONAL LIGHTING SERVICE BY FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY.
- AGENDA: 02/06/01 TARIFF FILING INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2001

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\ECR\WP\001792.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

On September 29, 1997 Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) filed a petition for approval of Recreational Lighting (RL) service rate schedules and agreements. The RL rate schedule offers customers lighting fixtures and poles for recreational areas that were not available under the existing rate schedules. The Recreational Lighting Rate Schedules and Agreements were approved by the Commission in Order No. PSC-98-0260-FOF-EI, issued on February 9, 1998.

On December 14, 2000, FPL filed a petition to close its Recreational Lighting Service to new customers. FPL proposes to continue to serve existing customers under this rate schedule.

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission approve FPL's petition to close its Recreational Lighting Service tariff to new customers?

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Yes. (Springer, Wheeler)

STAFF ANALYSIS: The RL rate schedule expanded the application of FPL's lighting offerings. The Street Lighting (SL-1) tariff is available for streets and roadways only, and does not apply to municipally or privately-owned parking lots, parks and recreational areas. The Outdoor Lighting (OL-1) tariff is available for outdoor security lighting of yards or walkways. The RL rate is available to community recreational areas such as football fields.

FPL is proposing to close the RL rate schedule to new customers due to a lack of customer interest. The RL rate schedule has been in effect since February 8, 1998, and currently only one customer is taking service. FPL is proposing to allow its one existing customer to remain on the RL rate schedule, and close this optional service to new customers.

Staff believes that this modification is reasonable. Lighting is an optional service that can be provided by private contractors, and the single existing customer on this optional rate will not be adversely affected by FPL's proposal.

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Yes, if no protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance of the order. (Hart)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If a protest is filed within 21 days of the Commission order approving this tariff, the tariff should remain in effect pending resolution of the protest, with any charges held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no protest is filed, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

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