

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Determination of regulated earnings of Tampa Electric Company pursuant to stipulations for calendar years 1995 through 1999.

DOCKET NO. 950379-EI

FILED: AUGUST 6, 2001

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-01-0629-PCO-EI, filed February 28, 2001, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

Staff has no witnesses.

b. All Known Exhibits

Staff has no exhibits at this time.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Does the inclusion of interest expense on tax deficiencies in the calculation of TECO's regulated earnings comply with the provisions of the settlement?

Position: No position pending further development of the record.

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ISSUE 2: Does the settlement preclude interest on tax deficiencies for any items other than those related to the Polk Power Station?

POSITION: No position pending further development of the record.

ISSUE 3: Does the cost/benefit analysis prepared by the company support its claim that the interest on tax deficiencies is prudent and in the best interests of the customers?

POSITION: No position pending further development of the record.

ISSUE 4: What is the appropriate net operating income for 1999?

POSITION: The appropriate number for 1999 is subject to the resolution of other issues.

ISSUE 5: What is the amount to be refunded?

POSITION: The amount to be refunded is subject to the resolution of other issues.

e. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions.

f. Pending Confidentiality Requests

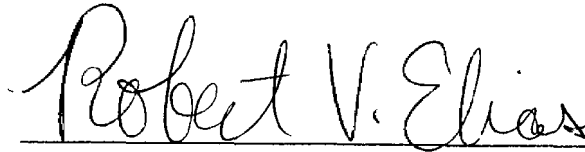
There are no pending confidentiality requests.

g. Compliance with Order No. PSC-01-0629-PCO-EI

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

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Respectfully submitted this 6th day of August, 2001.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert V. Elias". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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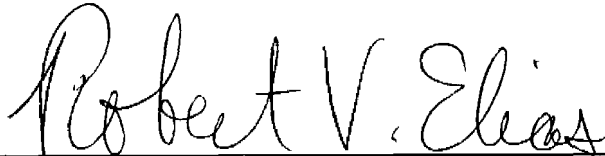
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that one true and correct copy of STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been furnished by U. S. Mail this 6th day of August, 2001, to the following:

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