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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Petition by Cargill Fertilizer, Inc. for permanent approval of self-service wheeling to, from, and between points within Tampa Electric Company's service area. DOCKET NO. 020898-EQUIMISSION CLERK

FILED: October 1, 2003

COMMISSION'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-03-0866-PCO-EQ, issued July 24, 2003, and Order No. PSC-03-0909-PCO-EQ, issued August 7, 2003, the Commission Staff (Staff) files its prehearing statement as follows:

A. Witnesses

Staff does not intend to call any witnesses.

B. Exhibits

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SEC

Staff does not intend to sponsor any exhibits, but reserves the right to use exhibits for the purpose of cross-examination.

C. Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. Any 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. <u>Issues of Fact, Law and Policy</u>

The following are issues identified by Staff and its positions on these issues. Staff's positions are preliminary, are based upon materials filed by the parties or obtained through discovery and are intended to inform the parties of Staff's preliminary positions. Staff's final positions will be based upon an analysis of the evidence presented at the hearing.

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POSITION: No position pending further development of the record.

ISSUE 2: What factors, other than cost, should the Commission consider in evaluating Cargill's self-service wheeling request?

POSITION: No position pending further development of the record.

ISSUE 3: Has TECO's pilot self-service wheeling program with Cargill resulted in materially higher cost electric service to TECO's general body of retail and wholesale customers?

POSITION: No position pending further development of the record.

ISSUE 4: Would approval of Cargill's request for permanent self-service wheeling be cost-effective from a ratepayer perspective?

POSITION: No position pending further development of the record.

ISSUE 5: Has TECO's pilot self-service wheeling program with Cargill adversely affected the adequacy or reliability of electric service to all of TECO's customers? (possible stipulation)

POSITION: No position pending further development of the record.

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ISSUE 6: If TECO's pilot self-service wheeling program with Cargill has resulted in higher cost electric service to TECO's general body of retail and wholesale customers since October 1, 2002, how much should Cargill be required to refund to TECO as a result of the pilot program pursuant to Order No. PSC-02-1451-PCO-EQ?

POSITION: No position pending further development of the record.

<u>ISSUE 7</u>: Should TECO's self-service wheeling program with Cargill be approved as a permanent program?

POSITION: No position pending further development of the record.

ISSUE 8: Should this docket be closed?

POSITION: Yes, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of the final order.

E. Stipulated Issues

There are no issues that have been stipulated at this time.

F. Pending Matters

TECO's Requests for Confidential Classification filed August 8, 2003, August 15, 2003, September 11, 2003, and September 19, 2003, are pending at this time.

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G. Requirements That Cannot Be Complied With

There are no requirements of Orders Nos. PSC-03-0866-PCO-EQ and PSC-03-0909-PCO-EQ that cannot be complied with at this time.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing COMMISSION'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been furnished to the following individuals, via U.S. Mail, on this <u>lst</u> day of <u>October</u>, 2003:

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