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1. Division Name/Staff Name:	Ecr/Draper		
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4. Suggested Docket Title:	Petition for approval to replace optional Average Billing Plan with an optional Budget Billing Program for residential customers by Florida Public Utilities Company		
5. Suggested Docket Mailing List (attach separate sheet if necessary)			
A. Provide NAMES OR ACRONYMS ONLY if a regulated company.			
B. Provide COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS for all others. (Match representatives to companies.)			
1. Parties and their representatives (if any):			
2. Interested persons and their representatives (if any):			
6. Check one:			
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January 23, 2006

BY HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Elizabeth Draper
Division of Economic Regulation
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Draper:

Enclosed herein for review and approval are 3 copies of the following tariff sheets:

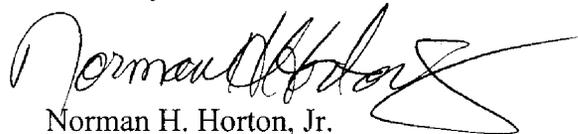
First Revised Sheet No. 23
First Revised Sheet No. 26
Original Sheet No. 26.1

A legislative copy is also included.

The purpose of this filing is to replace the current Optional Average Billing Plan with an Optional Budget Billing Program for Residential Service (RS) customers. The revisions continue to offer qualified residential customers the ability to "budget" monthly payments due the company and describes the method for calculating those payments.

Should you have any questions, you may contact the undersigned or Mark Cutshaw at (904) 277-1957.

Sincerely,


Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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Enclosures
cc: Mr. Mark Cutshaw

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RATE SCHEDULE RS
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

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Purchased Power Costs
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Franchise Fee Adjustment

Customers taking service within franchise areas shall pay a franchise fee adjustment in the form of a percentage to be added to their bills prior to the application of any appropriate taxes. This percentage shall reflect the customer's pro rata share of the amount the Company is required to pay under the franchise agreement with the specific governmental body in which the customer is located.

Average Billing Plan (Optional)

~~Year-round residential customers with a Company determined satisfactory payment record and a minimum of 12 months billing history at their current residence may, at their option, elect to pay for their residentially metered electric service by a special payment method called the "Average Billing Plan". The Plan will apply only to metered service on this rate. Qualified customers electing the Plan will be enrolled contingent upon receipt and approval by the Company of a written application on the Company's standard form.~~

~~Under the Average Billing Plan, the customer will receive a monthly bill which has been determined by the following method: The previous 12 months average KWH is calculated at the currently effective rate. To this amount is applied an adjustment percentage of any deferred balance (debit or credit), which is the cumulative difference between prior actual billings and average billing amounts. The total of the averaged bill, plus the adjustment percentage of the deferred amount, is rounded to the nearest dollar for the current month's average billing amount. Extraneous charges (balances, taxes, deposit interest credit, etc.) are then added to arrive at the current amount due. The adjustment percentage of applied deferred is contingent upon deferred balances according to the following: \$0 to \$199.99 - 10%; \$200 - \$299.99 - 20%; \$300 or more - 30%.~~

Budget Billing Program (optional)

Residential Customers may elect to make budgeted monthly payments of amounts due the Company to help stabilize monthly payments. To qualify for the Budget Billing Program, a Customer must be a year-round Customer with twelve (12) months of consecutive bills and have no past due balance owing when the customer elects to participate in the Program. The Company will implement Customer's participation in the program on the first day of the month following the application by Customer.

If a Customer requests to make budgeted monthly payments, the initial budgeted monthly payment amount is based on an average of the previous twelve (12) months bills due the Company, including all applicable fees and taxes (excluding service charges and additional fees). The Company reserves the right to estimate increases or decreases over historical amounts in rate components (including taxes) to the account, and then apply a factor based upon the above and true-up any variances. After the Customer's budgeted monthly payment amount has been initially established, the Company may recalculate the budgeted monthly payment from time to time. If the recalculated budgeted monthly payment varies by 10% or more from the budgeted monthly payment amount then in effect, the Company may begin charging the recalculated amount on Customer's next successive bill.

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