

ORIGINAL

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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RULE TITLE:	RULE NO.:
Standard of Construction	25-6.034
<u>Location of the Utility's Electric Distribution Facilities</u>	<u>25-6.0341</u>
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Safety Standards for Construction of New Transmission and Distribution Facilities	25-6.0345
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Facility Charges for <u>Conversion of Existing Overhead Providing Underground Facilities of Public Investor-owned Distribution Facilities Excluding New Residential Subdivisions.</u>	25-6.115

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To increase the reliability of Florida's electric transmission and distribution infrastructure, as well as clarify costs and standards regarding overhead line

CMP _____ extensions and underground electric infrastructure.

COM _____ SUMMARY: The rules will require electric utilities to develop construction standards which, at

CTR _____ a minimum, meet the National Electrical Safety Code; relocate facilities from the rear to the front

ECR _____ of customer's premises in certain circumstances; develop standards for third-party attachments to

ACL _____ electric facilities; extend applicability of the standards to municipally operated systems and

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electric cooperatives; and clarify and revise the charges for overhead line extensions, underground construction, and conversion of overhead facilities to underground facilities.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COST: Florida's five Investor Owned Utilities, 18 electric cooperatives, and 35 municipally operated companies will be affected by these rules. Additionally, telecommunications and cable companies that own or lease space on electric facilities may be indirectly affected. Preliminary data provided by the IOUs indicates estimated costs for increased electric infrastructure reliability will range from \$63 Million to \$193 Million. No data is available from municipally operated systems, electric cooperatives, telecommunications and cable companies.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory cost, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 366.04, 366.04(2)(f), 366.05(1) FS

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.03, 366.04, 366.04(1), 366.04(2)(c), 366.04(2)(f), 366.04(4), 366.04(5), 366.04(6), 366.05, 366.05(1), 366.05(7), 366.05(8), 366.06, 366.06(1) F.S.

WRITTEN COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED RULES MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE FPSC, DIVISION OF THE COMMISSION CLERK AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE FOR INCLUSION IN THE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING.

A HEARING WILL BE HELD ON RULES 25-6.0341, 25-6.0342, AND 25-6.0343 AT THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW. FOR RULES 25-6.034, 25-6.0345, 25-6.064, 25-6.078, AND 25-6.115, A HEARING WILL BE HELD THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW ONLY IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS

NOTICE (IF NOT REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL NOT BE HELD ON RULES 25-6.034, 25-6.0345, 25-6.064, 25-6.078, AND 25-6.115).

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 22, 2006.

PLACE: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THESE PROPOSED RULES ARE: Larry Harris, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0862, (850) 413-6076.

THE FULL TEXT OF THESE PROPOSED RULES ARE:

PART III

GENERAL MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

25-6.034 Standard of Construction.

(1) Application and Scope. This rule is intended to define construction standards for all overhead and underground electrical transmission and distribution facilities to ensure the provision of adequate and reliable electric service for operational as well as emergency purposes. This rule applies to all investor-owned electric utilities. The facilities of the utility shall be constructed, installed, maintained and operated in accordance with generally accepted engineering practices to assure, as far as is reasonably possible, continuity of service and uniformity in the quality of service furnished.

(2) Each utility shall establish, no later than 180 days after the effective date of this rule, construction standards for overhead and underground electrical transmission and distribution facilities that conform to the provisions of this rule. Each utility shall maintain a copy of its construction standards at its main corporate headquarters and at each district office. Subsequent

updates, changes, and modifications to the utility's construction standards shall be labeled to indicate the effective date of the new version and all revisions from the prior version shall be identified. Upon request, the utility shall provide access, within 2 working days, to a copy of its construction standards for review by Commission staff at the utility's offices in Tallahassee. ~~The Commission has reviewed the American National Standard Code for Electricity Metering, 6th edition, ANSI C-12, 1975, and the American National Standard Requirements, Terminology and Test Code for Instrument Transformers, ANSI 57.13, and has found them to contain reasonable standards of good practice. A utility that is in compliance with the applicable provisions of these publications, and any variations approved by the Commission, shall be deemed by the Commission to have facilities constructed and installed in accordance with generally accepted engineering practices.~~

(3) The facilities of each utility shall be constructed, installed, maintained and operated in accordance with generally accepted engineering practices to assure, as far as is reasonably possible, continuity of service and uniformity in the quality of service furnished.

(4) Each utility shall, at a minimum, comply with the applicable edition of the National Electrical Safety Code (ANSI C-2) [NESC].

(a) The Commission adopts and incorporates by reference the 2002 edition of the NESC, published August 1, 2001. A copy of the 2002 NESC, ISBN number 0-7381-2778-7, may be obtained from the Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers, Inc. (IEEE).

(b) Electrical facilities constructed prior to the effective date of the 2002 edition of the NESC shall be governed by the applicable edition of the NESC in effect at the time of the initial construction.

(5) For the construction of distribution facilities, each utility shall, to the extent reasonably practical, feasible, and cost-effective, be guided by the extreme wind loading

standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2002 edition of the NESC. As part of its construction standards, each utility shall establish guidelines and procedures governing the applicability and use of the extreme wind loading standards to enhance reliability and reduce restoration costs and outage times for each of the following types of construction:

(a) new construction;

(b) major planned work, including expansion, rebuild, or relocation of existing facilities, assigned on or after the effective date of this rule; and

(c) targeted critical infrastructure facilities and major thoroughfares taking into account political and geographical boundaries and other applicable operational considerations.

(6) For the construction of underground distribution facilities and their supporting overhead facilities, each utility shall, to the extent reasonably practical, feasible, and cost-effective, establish guidelines and procedures to deter damage resulting from flooding and storm surges.

(7) In establishing the construction standards, the utility shall seek input from other entities with existing agreements to share the use of its electric facilities. Any dispute or challenge to a utility's construction standards by a customer, applicant for service, or attaching entity shall be resolved by the Commission.

Specific Authority 350.127(2), 366.05(1) FS.

Law Implemented 366.04(2)(c)(f), (5)(6), 366.05(1)(7)(8) FS.

History—Amended 7-29-69, 12-20-82, Formerly 25-6.34, Amended _____.

25-6.0341 Location of the Utility's Electric Distribution Facilities. In order to facilitate safe and efficient access for installation and maintenance, to the extent practical, feasible, and cost-effective, electric distribution facilities shall be placed adjacent to a public road, normally in front of the customer's premises.

(1) For initial installation, expansion, rebuild, or relocation of overhead facilities, utilities shall use easements, public streets, roads and highways along which the utility has the legal right to occupy, and public lands and private property across which rights-of-way and easements have been provided by the applicant for service.

(2) For initial installation, expansion, rebuild, or relocation of underground facilities, the utility shall require the applicant for service to provide easements along the front edge of the property, unless the utility determines there is an operational, economic, or reliability benefit to use another location.

(3) For conversions of existing overhead facilities to underground facilities, the utility shall, if the applicant for service is a local government that provides all necessary permits and meets the utility's legal, financial, and operational requirements, place facilities in road rights-of-way in lieu of requiring easements.

(4) Where the expansion, rebuild, or relocation of electric distribution facilities affects existing third-party attachments, the electric utility shall seek input from and, to the extent practical, coordinate the construction of its facilities with the third-party attacher.

Specific Authority 350.127(2), 366.05(1) FS.

Law Implemented 366.04(2)(c), (5), (6), 366.05(1)(8) FS.

History– New.

25-6.0342 Third-Party Attachment Standards and Procedures.

(1) As part of its construction standards adopted pursuant to Rule 25-6.034, F.A.C., each utility shall establish and maintain written safety, reliability, pole loading capacity, and engineering standards and procedures for attachments by others to the utility's electric transmission and distribution poles (Attachment Standards and Procedures). The Attachment Standards and Procedures shall meet or exceed the applicable edition of the National Electrical

Safety Code (ANSI C-2) pursuant to subsection 25-6.034(4) and other applicable standards imposed by state and federal law so as to assure, as far as is reasonably possible, that third-party facilities attached to electric transmission and distribution poles do not impair electric safety, adequacy, or reliability; do not exceed pole loading capacity; and are constructed, installed, maintained, and operated in accordance with generally accepted engineering practices for the utility's service territory.

(2) No attachment to a utility's electric transmission or distribution poles shall be made except in compliance with such utility's Attachment Standards and Procedures.

(3) In establishing the Attachment Standards and Procedures, the utility shall seek input from other entities with existing agreements to share the use of its electric facilities. Any dispute arising from the implementation of this rule shall be resolved by the Commission.

Specific Authority 350.127(2), 366.05(1) FS.

Law Implemented 366.04(2)(c), (5), (6), 366.05(1)(8) FS.

History New _____.

25-6.0343 Municipal Electric Utilities and Rural Electric Cooperatives.

(1) Standards of Construction.

(a) Application and Scope. This rule is intended to define construction standards for all overhead and underground electrical transmission and distribution facilities to ensure the provision of adequate and reliable electric service for operational as well as emergency purposes. This rule applies to all municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives.

(b) Each utility shall establish, no later than 180 days after the effective date of this rule, construction standards for overhead and underground electrical transmission and distribution facilities that conform to the provisions of this rule. Each utility shall maintain a copy of its construction standards at its main corporate headquarters and at each district office. Subsequent

updates, changes, and modifications to the utility's construction standards shall be labeled to indicate the effective date of the new version and all revisions from the prior version shall be identified. Upon request, the utility shall provide access, within 2 working days, to a copy of its construction standards for review by Commission staff in Tallahassee.

(c) The facilities of each utility shall be constructed, installed, maintained and operated in accordance with generally accepted engineering practices to assure, as far as is reasonably possible, continuity of service and uniformity in the quality of service furnished.

(d) Each utility shall, at a minimum, comply with the applicable edition of the National Electrical Safety Code (ANSI C-2) [NESC].

1. The Commission adopts and incorporates by reference the 2002 edition of the NESC, published August 1, 2001. A copy of the 2002 NESC, ISBN number 0-7381-2778-7, may be obtained from the Institute of Electric and Electronic Engineers, Inc. (IEEE).

2. Electrical facilities constructed prior to the effective date of the 2002 edition of the NESC shall be governed by the applicable edition of the NESC in effect at the time of the initial construction.

(e) For the construction of distribution facilities, each utility shall, to the extent reasonably practical, feasible, and cost-effective, be guided by the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2002 edition of the NESC. As part of its construction standards, each utility shall establish guidelines and procedures governing the applicability and use of the extreme wind loading standards to enhance reliability and reduce restoration costs and outage times for each of the following types of construction:

1. new construction;
2. major planned work, including expansion, rebuild, or relocation of existing facilities, assigned on or after the effective date of this rule; and

3. targeted critical infrastructure facilities and major thoroughfares taking into account political and geographical boundaries and other applicable operational considerations.

(f) For the construction of underground distribution facilities and their supporting overhead facilities, each utility shall, to the extent reasonably practical, feasible, and cost-effective, establish guidelines and procedures to deter damage resulting from flooding and storm surges.

(2) Location of the Utility's Electric Distribution Facilities. In order to facilitate safe and efficient access for installation and maintenance, to the extent practical, feasible, and cost-effective, electric distribution facilities shall be placed adjacent to a public road, normally in front of the customer's premises.

(a) For initial installation, expansion, rebuild, or relocation of overhead facilities, utilities shall use easements, public streets, roads and highways along which the utility has the legal right to occupy, and public lands and private property across which rights-of-way and easements have been provided by the applicant for service.

(b) For initial installation, expansion, rebuild, or relocation of underground facilities, the utility shall require the applicant for service to provide easements along the front edge of the property, unless the utility determines there is an operational, economic, or reliability benefit to use another location.

(c) For conversions of existing overhead facilities to underground facilities, the utility shall, if the applicant for service is a local government that provides all necessary permits and meets the utility's legal, financial, and operational requirements, place facilities in road rights-of-way in lieu of requiring easements.

(3) Third-Party Attachment Standards and Procedures.

(a) As part of its construction standards adopted pursuant to subsection (1), each utility

shall establish and maintain written safety, reliability, pole loading capacity, and engineering standards and procedures for attachments by others to the utility's electric transmission and distribution poles (Attachment Standards and Procedures). The Attachment Standards and Procedures shall meet or exceed the applicable edition of the National Electrical Safety Code (ANSI C-2) pursuant to subsection (1)(d) of this rule and other applicable standards imposed by state and federal law so as to assure, as far as is reasonably possible, that third-party facilities attached to electric transmission and distribution poles do not impair electric safety, adequacy, or reliability; do not exceed pole loading capacity; and are constructed, installed, maintained, and operated in accordance with generally accepted engineering practices for the utility's service territory.

(b) No attachment to a utility's electric transmission or distribution poles shall be made except in compliance with such utility's Attachment Standards and Procedures.

(4) In establishing the construction standards and the attachment standards and procedures, the utility shall seek input from other entities with existing agreements to share the use of its electric facilities. Any dispute or challenge to a utility's construction standards by a customer, applicant for service, or attaching entity shall be resolved by the Commission. Where the expansion, rebuild, or relocation of electric distribution facilities affects existing third-party attachments, the electric utility shall seek input from and, to the extent practical, coordinate the construction of its facilities with the third-party attacher.

(5) If the Commission finds that a municipal electric utility or rural electric cooperative utility has demonstrated that its standards of construction will not result in service to the utility's general body of ratepayers that is less reliable, the Commission shall exempt the utility from compliance with the rule.

Specific Authority: 350.127, 366.05(1) F.S.

Law Implemented: 366.04(2)(c)(f), (5), (6), 366.05(8)F.S.

History New _____.

25-6.0345 Safety Standards for Construction of New Transmission and Distribution Facilities.

(1) In compliance with Section 366.04(6)(b), F.S., 1991, the Commission adopts and incorporates by reference the 2002 edition of the National Electrical Safety Code (ANSI C-2), published August 1, 2001, as the applicable safety standards for transmission and distribution facilities subject to the Commission's safety jurisdiction. Each investor-owned ~~public~~ electric utility, rural electric cooperative, and municipal electric system shall, at a minimum, comply with the standards in these provisions. Standards contained in the 2002 edition shall be applicable to new construction for which a work order number is assigned on or after the effective date of this rule.

(2) Each investor-owned ~~public~~ electric utility, rural electric cooperative and municipal electric utility shall report all completed electric work orders, whether completed by the utility or one of its contractors, at the end of each quarter of the year. The report shall be filed with the Director of the Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Assistance ~~Auditing and Safety~~ no later than the 30th working day after the last day of the reporting quarter, and shall contain, at a minimum, the following information for each work order:

- (a) Work order number/project/job;
- (b) Brief title outlining the general nature of the work; ~~and~~
- (c) Estimated cost in dollars, rounded to nearest thousand and;
- (d) Location of project.

(3) The quarterly report shall be filed in standard DBase or compatible format, DOS ASCII text, or hard copy, as follows:

(a) DBase Format

Field Name	Field Type	Digits
1. Work orders	Character	20
2. Brief title	Character	30
3. Cost	Numeric	8
4. Location	Character	50
5. Kv	Numeric	5
6. Contiguous	Character	1

(b) DOS ASCII Text.

1. - 5.(c) No change.

The following format is preferred, but not required:

Completed Electrical Work Orders For PSC Inspection

Work Order	Brief Title	Estimated Cost	Location	KV Rating	Contiguous (y/n)

- (4) No change.

(5) As soon as practicable, but by the end of the next business day after it learns of the occurrence, each investor-owned electric public utility, rural electric cooperative, and municipal electric utility shall (without admitting liability) report to the Commission any accident occurring in connection with any part of its transmission or distribution facilities which:

- (a) - (b) No change.

- (6) Each investor-owned electric public utility, rural electric cooperative, and municipal

electric utility shall (without admitting liability) report each accident or malfunction, occurring in connection with any part of its transmission or distribution facilities, to the Commission within 30 days after it learns of the occurrence, provided the accident or malfunction:

(a) – (7) No change.

Specific Authority 350.127(2), 366.05(1) FS.

Law Implemented 366.04(2)(f), (6), 366.05(7) FS.

History–New 8-13-87, Amended 2-18-90, 11-10-93, 8-17-97, 7-16-02, _____.

PART IV

GENERAL SERVICE PROVISIONS

25-6.064 ~~Extension of Facilities;~~ Contribution-in-Aid-of-Construction for Installation of New or Upgraded Facilities.

(1) Application and scope Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to establish a uniform procedure by which investor-owned electric utilities subject to this rule will calculate amounts due as contributions-in-aid-of-construction (CIAC) from customers who request new facilities or upgraded facilities require extensions of distribution facilities in order to receive electric service, except as provided in Rule 25-6.078, F.A.C.

(2) Applicability. ~~This rule applies to all investor owned electric utilities in Florida as defined in Section 366.02, F.S.~~ Contributions-in-aid-of-construction for new or upgraded overhead facilities (CIAC_{OH}) shall be calculated as follows:

<u>CIAC_{OH}</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Total estimated work order job cost of installing the facilities</u>	=	<u>Four years expected incremental base energy revenue</u>	=	<u>Four years expected incremental base demand revenue, if applicable</u>
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(a) The cost of the service drop and meter shall be excluded from the total estimated work order job cost for new overhead facilities.

(b) The net book value and cost of removal, net of the salvage value, for existing facilities shall be included in the total estimated work order job cost for upgrades to those existing facilities.

(c) The expected annual base energy and demand charge revenues shall be estimated for a period ending not more than 5 years after the new or upgraded facilities are placed in service.

(d) In no instance shall the CIAC_{OH} be less than zero.

(3) Contributions-in-aid-of-construction for new or upgraded underground facilities (CIAC_{UG}) shall be calculated as follows:

<u>CIAC_{UG}</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>CIAC_{OH}</u>	<u>±</u>	<u>Estimated difference between cost of providing the service underground and overhead</u>
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~~(3) Definitions. Actual or estimated job cost means the actual cost of providing the specified line extension facilities, calculated after the extension is completed, or the estimated cost of providing the specified facilities before the extension is completed.~~

~~(4) In developing the policy for extending overhead distribution facilities to customers, the following formulas shall be used to determine the contribution in aid of construction owed by the customer.~~

~~(a) For customers in rate classes that pay only energy charges, i.e., those that do not pay demand charges, the CIAC shall be calculated as follows:~~

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{CIAC}_{\text{oh}} = & \text{(Actual or estimated job cost} \text{---} (4 \times \text{nonfuel energy} \\
 & \text{for new poles and conductors} \text{---} \text{charge per KWH} \\
 & \text{and appropriate fixtures} \text{---} \times \text{expected annual KWH} \\
 & \text{required to provide service,} \text{---} \text{sales over the new line)} \\
 & \text{excluding transformers,}
 \end{aligned}$$

service drops, and meters)

(b) For customers in rate classes that pay both energy charges and demand charges, the

CIAC shall be calculated as follows:

$$CIAC_{oh} = \frac{(\text{Actual or estimated} \text{---} (4 \times \text{nonfuel energy} \text{---} (4 \times \text{expected annual} \\ \text{job cost for new} \text{---} \text{charge per KWH} \times \text{---} \text{demand charge} \\ \text{poles and conductors} \text{---} \text{expected annual KWH} \text{---} \text{revenues from sales} \\ \text{and appropriate} \text{---} \text{sales over the new line}) \text{---} \text{over the new line}) \\ \text{fixtures required to} \\ \text{provide service,} \\ \text{excluding transformers,} \\ \text{service drops, and meters})}{\text{---}}$$

(c) Expected demand charge revenues and energy sales shall be based on an annual period ending not more than five years after the extension is placed in service.

(5) In developing the policy for extending underground distribution facilities to customers, the following formula shall be used to determine the contribution in aid of construction.

$$CIAC_{ug} = \frac{(\text{Estimated difference between} \text{---} + \text{---} CIAC_{oh} \text{---} \text{(as above)})}{\text{---}}$$

the cost of providing the
distribution line extension
including not only the distribution
line extension itself but also
the transformer, the service drop,
and other necessary fixtures, with
underground facilities vs. the cost

of providing service using overhead facilities)

~~(6) Nothing in this rule shall be construed as prohibiting a utility from collecting from a customer the total difference in cost for providing underground service instead of overhead service to that customer.~~

~~(7) In the event that amounts are collected for certain distribution facilities via the URD differential tariff as permitted by Rule 25-6.078, F.A.C., that would also be collected pursuant to this rule, the utility shall give an appropriate credit for such amounts collected via the URD differential tariff when calculating the line extension CIAC due pursuant to this rule.~~

~~(4)(8) Each utility shall apply the above formulas in subsections (2) and (3) of this rule uniformly to residential, commercial and industrial customers requesting new or upgraded facilities at any voltage level, requiring line extensions.~~

~~(5) The costs applied to the formula in subsections (2) and (3) shall be based on the requirements of Rule 25-6.034, Standards of Construction.~~

~~(9) Each utility shall calculate an appropriate CIAC for line extensions constructed to serve customers who receive service at the primary distribution voltage level and the transmission voltage level. This CIAC shall be based on the actual or estimated cost of providing the extension less an appropriate credit.~~

~~(6)(10) All CIAC calculations under this rule shall be based on estimated work order job costs. In addition, each The utility shall use its best judgment in estimating the total amount of annual revenues and sales which the new or upgraded facilities are each line extension is expected to produce ~~in the near future.~~~~

~~(a) A customer may request a review of any CIAC charge within 12 months following the in-service date of the new or upgraded facilities. Upon request, the utility shall true-up the CIAC~~

to reflect the actual costs of construction and actual base revenues received at the time the request is made.

(b) In cases where more customers than the initial applicant are expected to be served by the new or upgraded facilities, the utility shall prorate the total CIAC over the number of end-use customers expected to be served by the new or upgraded facilities within a period not to exceed 3 years, commencing with the in-service date of the new or upgraded facilities. The utility may require a payment equal to the full amount of the CIAC from the initial customer. For the 3-year period following the in-service date, the utility shall collect from those customers a prorated share of the original CIAC amount, and credit that to the initial customer who paid the CIAC. The utility shall file a tariff outlining its policy for the proration of CIAC.

~~(7)(11)~~ The utility may elect to waive all or any portion of the line extension CIAC for customers, even when a CIAC is found to be applicable owing. ~~If h~~However, ~~if~~ the utility waives ~~a the~~ CIAC, the utility shall reduce net plant in service as though the CIAC had been collected, unless the Commission determines that there is a quantifiable benefit to the general body of ratepayers commensurate with the waived CIAC. Commission will reduce the utility's net plant in service by an equal amount for ratemaking purposes, as though the CIAC had been collected, except when the company's annual revenues from a customer are sufficient to offset the unpaid line extension CIAC under subsection (4) or (5). Each utility shall maintain records of amounts waived and any subsequent changes that served to offset the CIAC.

~~(12)~~ In cases where larger developments are expected to be served by line extensions, the utility may elect to prorate the total line extension costs and CIAC's owed over the number of customers expected to connect to the new line.

~~(8)(13)~~ A detailed statement of its standard facilities extension and upgrade policies shall be filed by each utility as part of its tariffs. The tariffs This policy shall have uniform

application and shall be nondiscriminatory.

~~(9)~~(14) If a utility and applicant are unable to agree on the CIAC amount, ~~in regard to an extension~~, either party may appeal to the Commission for a review.

Specific Authority 366.05(1), 350.127(2) FS.

Law Implemented 366.03, 366.05(1), 366.06(1) FS.

History—New 7-29-69, Amended 7-2-85, Formerly 25-6.64, Amended _____.

PART V

RULES FOR RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC UNDERGROUND EXTENSIONS

25-6.078 Schedule of Charges.

(1) Each utility shall file with the Commission a written policy that shall become a part of the utility's tariff rules and regulations on the installation of underground facilities in new subdivisions. Such policy shall be subject to review and approval of the Commission and shall include an Estimated Average Cost Differential, if any, and shall state the basis upon which the utility will provide underground service and its method for recovering the difference in cost of an underground system and an equivalent overhead system from the applicant at the time service is extended. The charges to the applicant shall not be more than the estimated difference in cost of an underground system and an equivalent overhead system.

(2) For the purpose of calculating the Estimated Average Cost Differential, cost estimates shall reflect the requirements of Rule 25-6.034, Standards of Construction.

~~(3)~~(2) On or before October 15th of each year each utility shall file with the Commission's Division of Economic Regulation Form PSC/ECR 13-E, Schedule 1, using current material and labor costs. If the cost differential as calculated in Schedule 1 varies from the Commission-approved differential by plus or minus 10 percent or more, the utility shall file a written policy and supporting data and analyses as prescribed in subsections (1), ~~(43)~~ and ~~(54)~~ of

this rule on or before April 1 of the following year; however, each utility shall file a written policy and supporting data and analyses at least once every 3 ~~three~~ years.

(4)(3) Differences in Net Present Value of operational ~~operating and maintenance~~ costs, including average historical storm restoration costs over the life of the facilities, between underground and overhead systems, if any, shall ~~may~~ be taken into consideration in determining the overall Estimated Average Cost Differential. Each utility shall establish sufficient record keeping and accounting measures to separately identify operational costs for underground and overhead facilities, including storm related costs.

(5)(4) Detailed supporting data and analyses used to determine the Estimated Average Cost Differential for underground and overhead distribution systems shall be concurrently filed by the utility with the Commission and shall be updated using cost data developed from the most recent 12-month period. The utility shall record these data and analyses on Form PSC/ECR 13-E (10/97). Form PSC/ECR 13-E, entitled "Overhead/Underground Residential Differential Cost Data" is incorporated by reference into this rule and may be obtained from the Division of Economic Regulation, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, (850) 413-6900.

(6)(5) Numbers (5) through (8) renumbered to (6) through (9) No change.

(10)(9) Nothing in this rule ~~herein contained~~ shall be construed to prevent any utility from waiving assuming all or any portion of a cost differential for ~~of~~ providing underground facilities. ~~distribution systems, provided, however, that such assumed cost differential shall not be chargeable to the general body of rate payers, and any such policy adopted by a utility shall have uniform application throughout its service area.~~ If, however, the utility waives the differential, the utility shall reduce net plant in service as though the differential had been collected unless the Commission determines that there is a quantifiable benefit to the general

body of ratepayers commensurate with the waived differential.

Specific Authority 350.127(2), 366.04(2)(f), 366.05(1) FS.

Law Implemented 366.03, 366.04(1), ~~(4)~~, 366.04(2)(f), 366.06(1) FS.

History—New 4-10-71, Amended 4-13-80, 2-12-84, Formerly 25-6.78, Amended 10-29-97, ___.

PART VII

UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION FACILITY CHARGES

25-6.115 Facility Charges for Conversion of Existing Overhead Providing Underground Facilities of Public Investor-owned Distribution Facilities Excluding New Residential Subdivisions.

(1) Each investor-owned public utility shall file a tariff showing the non-refundable deposit amounts for standard applications addressing ~~new construction~~ and the conversion of existing overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities ~~excluding new residential subdivisions~~. The tariff shall include the general provisions and terms under which the public utility and applicant may enter into a contract for the purpose of ~~new construction or conversion~~ of existing overhead electric facilities to underground electric facilities. The non-refundable deposit amounts shall be calculated in the same manner as approximate the engineering costs for underground facilities serving each of the following scenarios: urban commercial, urban residential, rural residential, existing low-density single family home subdivision and existing high-density single family home subdivision service areas.

(2) For ~~the purposes~~ of this rule, the applicant is the person or entity requesting the conversion seeking the undergrounding of existing overhead electric distribution facilities to underground facilities. In the instance where a local ordinance requires developers to install underground facilities, the developer who actually requests the construction for a specific location is ~~when a developer requests local government development approval, the local~~

government shall not be deemed the applicant for purposes of this rule.

(3) No change:

(a) ~~s~~Such work meets the investor-owned public utility's construction standards;

(b) ~~t~~The investor-owned public utility will own and maintain the completed distribution facilities; and

(c) ~~s~~Such agreement is not expected to cause the general body of ratepayers to incur additional ~~greater~~ costs.

(4) No change.

(5) Upon an applicant's request and payment of the deposit amount, an investor-owned public utility shall provide a binding cost estimate for providing underground electric service.

(6) An applicant shall have at least 180 days from the date the estimate is received, to enter into a contract with the public utility based on the binding cost estimate. The deposit amount shall be used to reduce the charge as indicated in subsection (7) only when the applicant enters into a contract with the public utility within 180 days from the date the estimate is received by the applicant, unless this period is extended by mutual agreement of the applicant and the utility.

(7) – (8) No change:

(a) ~~t~~The estimated cost of construction of the underground distribution facilities based on the requirements of Rule 25-6.034, Standards of Construction, including the construction cost of the underground service lateral(s) to the meter(s) of the customer(s); and

(b) ~~For conversions,~~ the estimated remaining net book value of the existing facilities to be removed less the estimated net salvage value of the facilities to be removed.

(9) For the purpose of this rule, the charge for overhead facilities shall be the estimated construction cost to build new overhead facilities, including the service drop(s) to the meter(s) of

the customer(s). Estimated construction costs shall be based on the requirements of Rule 25-6.034, Standards of Construction.

(10) An applicant requesting to a public utility for construction of underground distribution facilities under this rule may petition challenge the utility's cost estimates the Commission pursuant to Rule 25-22.032, F.A.C.

(11) For purposes of computing the charges required in subsections (8) and (9):

(a) The utility shall include the Net Present Value of operational costs including the average historical storm restoration costs for comparable facilities over the expected life of the facilities.

(b) If the applicant chooses to construct or install all or a part of the requested facilities, all utility costs, including overhead assignments, avoided by the utility due to the applicant assuming responsibility for construction shall be excluded from the costs charged to the customer, or if the full cost has already been paid, credited to the customer. At no time will the costs to the customer be less than zero.

(12) Nothing in this rule shall be construed to prevent any utility from waiving all or any portion of the cost for providing underground facilities. If, however, the utility waives any charge, the utility shall reduce net plant in service as though those charges had been collected unless the Commission determines that there is quantifiable benefits to the general body of ratepayers commensurate with the waived charge.

(13+) Nothing in this rule shall be construed to grant any investor-owned electric utility any right, title or interest in real property owned by a local government.

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