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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Petition for determination of need for Willow Oak-Davis 230 kV transmission line in Polk and Hillsborough Counties, by Tampa Electric Company.

DOCKET NO. 070193-EI

ISSUED:

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-07-0312-PCO-EI, filed April 13, 2007, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

Staff is not sponsoring any witnesses.

b. All Known Exhibits

Staff has no known exhibits.

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: Is there a need for Tampa Electric Company's proposed Willow Oak-Davis 230 kV electrical transmission line project, given the need for electric system reliability and integrity, as prescribed in section 403.537, Florida Statutes?

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COM 5 POSITION: No position at this time.

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ISSUE 2: Is there a need for Tampa Electric Company's proposed Willow Oak-Davis 230 kV electrical transmission line project given the need for abundant, low cost electrical energy to assure the economic well-being of the citizens of the State, as prescribed in section 403.537, Florida Statutes?

POSITION: No position at this time.

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ISSUE 3: Are Tampa Electric Company's planned substation at Willow Oak in Polk County and its planned Davis substation in Hillsborough County the appropriate starting and ending points for the proposed Willow Oak-Davis 230kV electrical transmission line project, as prescribed in section 403.537, Florida Statutes?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 4: Should the Commission grant Tampa Electric Company's petition for determination of need for the proposed Willow Oak-Davis 230 kV electrical transmission line project?

POSITION: No position at this time.

e. Pending Motions

There are no pending motions.


f. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

There are no pending confidentiality claims or requests.

g. Compliance with Order No. PSC-07-0312-PCO-EI

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

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of May, 2007.




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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of Staff's Prehearing Statement was furnished by electronic and U.S. Mail to Lee L. Willis, Ausley & McMullen, 227 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 on behalf of TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY this 16th day of May, 2007.



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