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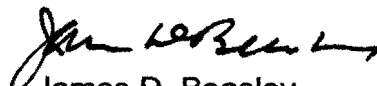
Re: Docket No. 120125-PU – Proposed amendments to Rules 25.6/097, 25-7.083 and 25-30.311, F.A.C., on customer deposits

Dear Ms. Kummer:

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-12-0358-FOF-PU, issued July 11, 2012 in Docket No. 120125-PU, we submit for administrative approval five copies of Tampa Electric Company's Fifth Revised Tariff Sheet No. 5.130, modifying interest rates on customer deposits consistent with the referenced Commission Order. Also enclosed is one red-lined version of this tariff sheet showing the changes made from the fourth revised version.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,


James D. Beasley

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Enclosures

cc: Ann Cole (w/encls.) ✓

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2.12 DEPOSITS

At the company's option, a deposit amount of up to two (2) month's average billing, or a suitable guarantee as security for payment for electric service, may be required at any time. Initial deposits for new premises are calculated based on the customer's submission of electrical load information. This information is then utilized to estimate average monthly usage. Initial deposits for existing premises, where typical usage has registered in the past 6 months, is calculated by accessing historical usage. If such historical usage is not available, a load calculating tool is used to establish average usage based on square footage of dwelling. As a suitable guarantee the applicant for service may furnish either (1) a satisfactory guarantor to secure payment of bills for the service requested, (2) an irrevocable letter of credit from a bank, or (3) a surety bond. For residential customers, a satisfactory guarantor shall, at the minimum, be a customer with a satisfactory payment record. For non-residential customers, a satisfactory guarantor need not be a customer of the utility. Each utility shall develop minimum financial criteria that a proposed guarantor must meet to qualify as a satisfactory guarantor. A copy of the criteria shall be made available to each new non-residential customer upon request by the customer.

After a residential customer has established a satisfactory payment record and has had continuous service for a period of twenty-three (23) months, the customer's deposit shall be refunded provided the customer has not in the preceding twelve (12) months, (a) made more than one late payment of a bill (after the expiration of twenty (20) days from the date of mailing or delivery by the company), (b) paid with a check refused by a bank, (c) been disconnected for nonpayment, or at any time, (d) tampered with the electric meter, or (e) used service in a fraudulent or unauthorized manner.

A minimum of two percent (2%) interest per annum on deposits shall be credited to the current bill annually and when deposits are refunded. Interest of three percent (3%) shall be paid on deposits of non-residential customers after the deposits have been held for twenty-three (23) months and the company elects not to refund the deposits. The deposit interest shall be simple interest in all cases. No customer depositor shall be entitled to receive interest on his deposit until and unless the customer relationship and the deposit have been in existence for a continuous period of six (6) months, then he shall be entitled to receive interest from the day of the commencement of the customer relationship and the placement of deposit.

Upon termination of service, and provided all bills have been paid in full, the deposit and accrued interest may be credited against the final account and the balance if any, shall be returned promptly to the customer within fifteen (15) days after service is discontinued.

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ISSUED BY: G. L. Gillette, President

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A minimum of ~~six-two~~ percent (62%) interest per annum on deposits shall be credited to the current bill annually and when deposits are refunded. Interest of ~~seven-three~~ percent (73%) shall be paid on deposits of non-residential customers after the deposits have been held for twenty-three (23) months and the company elects not to refund the deposits. The deposit interest shall be simple interest in all cases. No customer depositor shall be entitled to receive interest on his deposit until and unless the customer relationship and the deposit have been in existence for a continuous period of six (6) months, then he shall be entitled to receive interest from the day of the commencement of the customer relationship and the placement of deposit.

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