

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 7

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Docket No. 20220051-EI – Review of Storm Protection Plan, pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., Florida Power & Light Company.

Issue 1D: Does FPL’s Storm Protection Plan contain all of the elements required by Rule 25-6.030, Florida Administrative Code?

Recommendation: Yes, FPL appears to have met the criteria and intent of the SPP Rule with its filing and the Commission has adequate information in order to satisfy its statutory requirements.


APPROVED



COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING



REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

Commissioner Pascardino dissents.

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Issue 2D: To what extent is FPL’s Storm Protection Plan expected to reduce restoration costs and outage times associated with extreme weather events and enhance reliability?

Recommendation: FPL utilized historical data to support its 2023 SPP program evaluation and prioritization. The historical data demonstrates that FPL’s SPP may reduce restoration costs and outage times associated with extreme weather events.

APPROVED

Issue 3D: To what extent does FPL’s Storm Protection Plan prioritize areas of lower reliability performance?

Recommendation: FPL’s SPP appears to prioritize areas of lower reliability performance.

APPROVED

Issue 4D: To what extent is FPL’s Storm Protection Plan regarding transmission and distribution infrastructure feasible, reasonable, or practical in certain areas of the Company’s service territory, including, but not limited to, flood zones and rural areas?

Recommendation: With the exceptions discussed in Issues 6D, 9, and 10D, FPL’s SPP appears feasible, reasonable, and practical within the Company’s service territory.

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Issue 10D: Is it in the public interest to approve, approve with modification, or deny FPL’s Storm Protection Plan?

Recommendation: Staff recommends FPL’s SPP meets the requirements of Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., as discussed in Issue 1D. Staff recommends that FPL’s SPP, with the following modifications, is in the public interest and should be approved: ~~(1) continue the level of spending for the Distribution Lateral Hardening Program at the 2022 level;~~ (2) remove the new Transmission Access Enhancement Program; and, (3) remove the transmission looping initiative from the Transmission Hardening Program. FPL should file an amended SPP within 30 days of issuance of the final order for administrative approval by Commission staff.

APPROVED as **MODIFIED**

Issue 11D: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. As discussed in Issue 10D, FPL should file an amended SPP within 30 days of the final order for administrative approval by Commission staff. Therefore, the docket shall remain open for staff’s verification that the amended SPP has been filed and complies with the Commission’s order. Once these actions are complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

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Issue 5D: What are the estimated costs and benefits to FPL and its customers of making the improvements proposed in the Storm Protection Plan?

Recommendation: The estimated costs of FPL's SPP programs are shown in Table 5D-1 of staff's memorandum dated September 26, 2022. The estimated benefits, characterized by the reduction in CMH and outage times, are discussed in Issue 2D.

APPROVED

Issue 6D: What is the estimated annual rate impact resulting from implementation of FPL's Storm Protection Plan during the first 3 years addressed in the plan?

Recommendation: The estimated annual rate impact, as provided by FPL, is projected to increase approximately 65 percent the first three years of its Storm Protection Plan. In order to mitigate the rate impact to FPL's customers, staff recommends FPL's Distribution Lateral Hardening Program continue at the 2022 annual spending levels, approximately \$368.2 million per year, starting in 2023.

DENIED

Issue 9: Should the Commission approve, approve with modification, or deny FPL's new Transmission Access Enhancement Program?

Recommendation: FPL's new Transmission Access Enhancement Program should be denied and excluded from its 2023 SPP.

APPROVED