

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Proposed Rule 25-6.0115, ) DOCKET NO. 910615-EU  
F.A.C., Underground Electric )  
Facility Costs, and Revision ) ORDER NO. PSC-92-0288-PCO-EU  
of Rule 25-6.078, F.A.C., )  
Schedule of Charges. ) ISSUED: 5/5/92

**NOTICE OF PROCEDURES TO BE  
FOLLOWED AT RULEMAKING HEARING**

**I. Background**

The Florida Public Service Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) is considering rules relating to underground electric facilities. The Commission has proposed rules and, after publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly, has received comments and has scheduled a hearing.

A hearing is scheduled to take place at 9:30 a.m., on May 26-27, 1992. The hearing will be held in Room 106 of the Fletcher Building, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida.

**II. Rulemaking Hearing**

A rulemaking hearing is governed by section 120.54, Florida Statutes, and by Chapter 25-22, Florida Administrative Code.

**III. Procedures to be Followed**

The full Commission will participate in the rulemaking hearing.

Each presenter will have an opportunity to summarize his or her comments. All participants will have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters.

Participants should be prepared to respond to questions regarding their prefiled comments.

If any participant wishes to file additional information, we will incorporate the filings into the indexed set of comments for the Commission. However, no additional comments are required. In order for us to include any comments in the indexed set, they must be filed no later than May 15, 1992. Send them to:

Mr. Steve Tribble  
Director, Division of Records and Reporting  
101 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

The participants expected at the hearing include: Utilities, underground advocates, local governments, environmental associations, staff and other interested persons.

We anticipate the process to be the following:

Overview and Research Report

1. Commission staff will offer a summary of the research report. Staff will summarize how each of the issues identified during the 1991 public meetings was addressed in the report. (See attached list).
2. Other commenters will present any concerns with the research. Anyone who disputes the findings of the research report will be obliged to specifically offer evidence to support a contrary finding (pursuant to May 10, 1991 letter from the legislature).
3. All participants will be given an opportunity, one at a time, to ask each presenter relevant questions.

Rulemaking Proposal

4. Staff will do a full walk-through of the rule proposal.
5. Each commenter may offer alternative rule proposals and the basis for such proposal.

**IV. Post Hearing**

The Commission shall make available a transcript of the proceeding which shall be made available to the public at cost.

Any post-hearing written statements may be submitted to the Commission by any person participating in the proceeding.

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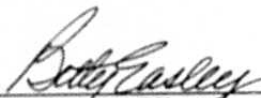
The key remaining steps in the current rulemaking schedule, which are subject to revision, are the following:

- \* Post Hearing Filings Due..... 06/19/92
- \* Staff Recommendation..... 07/09/92
- \* Agenda for Final Action..... 07/21/92
- \* Notice to Joint Administrative  
Procedures Committee..... 07/24/92
- \* File Rule with Secretary of State..... 07/31/92
- \* Rule Effective..... 08/23/92

Based upon the foregoing, it is

ORDERED, that this Procedural Order shall govern the conduct of these proceedings, as set forth above, unless modified by the Commission.

By ORDER of Commissioner Easley, as Prehearing Officer, this  
5th day of MAY, 1992.

  
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BETTY EASLEY, Commissioner  
and Prehearing Officer

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## LIST OF ISSUES IDENTIFIED DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS IN JULY 1991

### GUIDE TO ISSUES

- Issue 1. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH STORM DAMAGE
- a. Hurricanes
    - (1) Damage to Facilities [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
    - (2) Outage Costs to the Customers [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Chs 2 and 3]
    - (3) Cost Differences Between Coastal and Noncoastal Areas [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - b. All Other Nonhurricane Storms
    - (1) Surge and Sag Costs to the Customers [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Chs 2 and 3]
    - (2) Damage to Facilities [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
    - (3) Outage Costs to the Customers [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Chs 2 and 3]
    - (4) Cost Differences Between Coastal and Noncoastal Areas [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
    - (5) Solar Magnetic Storms and Associated Outages [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
- Issue 2. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH POLES AND POLE ACCIDENTS
- a. Death and Injury Including Property Damage and Lost Wages [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Chs 2 and 3]
  - b. Portion of Such Costs Avoided by Undergrounding [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Chs 2 and 3]
  - c. Collocation of Utilities (cable TV, telephone, street lighting, other) [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - d. Fire Damage to Poles [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - e. Emergency Management [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
    - (1) Effect of Overhead Lines on Evacuation Plans
    - (2) Access Blockage During Emergencies
- Issue 3. COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ELECTRIC CONTACT ACCIDENTS
- a. Death and Injury Including Property and Lost Wages [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Chs 2 and 3]
  - b. Portion of Such Costs Avoided by Undergrounding [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Chs 2 and 3]
- Issue 4. ASCERTAINABLE AND MEASURABLE COSTS OF ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS
- a. Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - b. Chemical Preservatives and Insecticides in Wooden Poles [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - c. Defoliants [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - d. Costs of Research on EMF, Herbicides, Preservatives, etc. [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - e. Analysis of EMF to Include Costs of Easements [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - f. Environmental Damage [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
- Issue 5. LIABILITY AND INSURANCE COSTS
- a. Storm Damage [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - b. Pole Accidents [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - c. Electric Contact Accidents [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - d. Adverse Health Effects [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - e. Attorneys' Fees, Legal Settlements, and Costs [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
- Issue 6. DIFFERENTIAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS
- a. Coastal versus Inland (Nonstorm Weather-Related) [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - b. Underground versus Overhead [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
- Issue 7. OTHER DIFFERENTIAL COSTS
- a. Initial Capital Costs (Equipment Needed) [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - b. Right-of-Way [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - c. Increased Initial Costs to Reduce Annual Costs [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - d. Coastal versus Inland Costs - Initial Capital Costs [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - e. Disposal of Wood and Nonwood Materials [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
  - f. Impact of Undergrounding on Customers' Premises [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Chs 2 and 3]
    - (1) Replacement or Relocation of Service Entrance
    - (2) Rewiring of Residential Structure
  - g. Outage Costs to Customers - Nonstorm-Related [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Chs 2 and 3]
- Issue 8. VISUAL POLLUTION (AESTHETICS) [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
- Issue 9. IMPACTS OF POLES AND OVERHEAD LINES ON PROPERTY VALUES [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
- Issue 10. IMPACT OF UNDERGROUNDING ON PUBLIC INSURANCE PREMIUMS [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]
- Issue 11. COMPLIANCE WITH STATE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN [Vol I/Ch 4; Vol II/Ch 2]