

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition for approval of) DOCKET NO. 931008-EI
revisions to service charges,) ORDER NO. PSC-93-1817-FOF-EI
lighting service, interruptible) ISSUED: December 22, 1993
service and curtailable service)
rate schedules by Florida Power)
Corporation.)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK
JULIA L. JOHNSON
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 18, 1993, Florida Power Corporation, (FPC or Company), filed a request with this Commission to change the terms of its interruptible service (IS-1, IST-1, and SS-2), curtailable service (CS-1, CST-1, and SS-3) and lighting service (LS-1) rate schedules.

The need for the revisions to its interruptible and curtailable service rates according to FPC is due to the recent change in the size and make-up of its interruptible class that was caused primarily by the elimination of the minimum demand eligibility requirement of 1,000 KW for interruptible service in FPC's last rate case. Since the conclusion of that rate case, a large number of nonindustrial customers with lower demands have transferred from firm service to interruptible service.

The first revision limits the applicability of the power factor adjustment provision (penalty and credit) of the IS-1 and IST-1 rate schedules to customers with demands of 1,000 KW or greater for three or more of the last twelve months. The power factor adjustment currently applies to all interruptible service customers. The company states that it is requesting this change because the addition of these nonindustrial or nontraditional interruptible customers has increased significantly the administrative burden on FPC of measuring the power factor without a corresponding benefit in power factor improvement. This revision would make the applicability of the power factor adjustment the same for both firm and interruptible service customers.

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The second revision proposed by FPC is the addition of a new Special Provision to the interruptible and curtailable rate schedules, including interruptible standby (SS-2) and curtailable standby (SS-3). This provision would allow FPC to not interrupt service or request curtailment of interruptible and curtailable service customers whose facilities are being used as a designated public shelter during an emergency or natural disaster. According to FPC, several public schools that take service on interruptible service have been designated as public shelters by emergency preparedness authorities during natural disasters or other emergencies that pose a threat to public safety.

Also, FPC has proposed revisions to rate schedule LS-1 that clarify the applicability and terms of the rate schedule. Since the changes are not substantive and are consistent with the way in which the rate schedule is currently being applied, we agree with our staff that the changes should be approved.

We agree with our Staff that the revisions proposed by the Company should be approved. In addition to the revisions discussed above FPC has petitioned to increase the service charge for returned checks from \$15 to \$20. This increase is consistent with the latest revision of Subsection 68.065, Florida Statutes. It has been our policy in the past to allow a electric utility to set its returned check charge at the level provided for by the Florida Statutes, and therefore this change should be approved.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Florida Power Corporation's request for changes of its tariffs and rate schedules described in the body of this Order are approved. It is further

ORDERED that revisions to the tariff as described in the body of this Order are effective as of December 7, 1993.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 22nd day of December, 1993.



STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed files a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.036(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on January 11, 1994.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this Order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

If this Order becomes final on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days of the date this Order becomes final, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.