

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by Tampa
Electric Company for approval of
a Special Lighting Service
Agreement and Revised Lighting
tariffs.

DOCKET NO. 000300-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-00-0909-TRF-EI
ISSUED: May 8, 2000

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of
this matter:

JOE GARCIA, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.
LILA A. JABER

ORDER GRANTING SPECIAL LIGHTING SERVICE AGREEMENT AND REVISED
LIGHTING TARIFFS

BY THE COMMISSION:

Tampa Electric Company (TECO) proposed a Special Lighting
Service Agreement (Agreement) with the City of Tampa (City) and a
number of revisions to its Street (SL-2) and Outdoor (OL-1 and OL-
3) lighting rate schedules.

TECO's proposed Agreement with the City covers the
installation and maintenance of lamps illuminating 30 decorative
archways in Ybor City. TECO states that the City has provided
lighting for the decorative archways in past years, however, the
City has encountered difficulties in maintaining the lights. The
Agreement transfers ownership of these lights and responsibility
for their maintenance to TECO. The Agreement covers an initial 6-
year term and can be extended after the initial term for successive
one-year terms.

Under the Agreement, TECO will install new lighting systems on
the 30 archways. Specifically, TECO will remove the existing
lighting systems and install new light bulbs, sockets, and wiring.
Each archway has 80 lights. TECO will inspect and make necessary
repairs to the lighting system twice a year. Having reviewed the

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supporting cost data to develop the monthly charge to the City, we approve the Agreement.

In addition to the Agreement with the City, TECO proposes a number of revisions to its street and outdoor lighting rate schedules. The changes include the addition of a premium outdoor lighting fixture (175 Watt Metal Halide Shoebox) and the closing of certain pole and fixture rates to new customers. TECO states that there has been little or no demand for certain fixture and pole offerings and some of the products such as Decorative Cube lights have been discontinued by the manufacturer.

TECO also proposes to reduce the estimated monthly kilowatt-hour (kWh) usage of the 175 Watt metal halide lamp from 75 kWh to 74 kWh to reflect the latest manufacturer's information available regarding the energy usage of the fixture. The kWh estimate is applied to the non-fuel energy, fuel, capacity, environmental, and conservation charges to determine the monthly billing for the fixture. Estimates are used since lighting is not metered. The revised kWh usage will result in a minor decrease in the monthly billing of customers.

Finally, TECO proposes a new monthly rate covering the installation, maintenance, and replacement of timing devices. Lighting service is normally provided during the hours of darkness. At the customer's request, however, TECO will install a timer to control the lighting. Currently, customers choosing that option pay an up-front cost of \$700 for the timer plus all associated costs. TECO states that customers have been reluctant to pay the up-front cost and prefer to be billed on a monthly basis. In addition, TECO has been able to find a new programmable product which is less expensive and eliminates the need for manual resets. The proposed monthly charge for the timer is \$10.86.

Having reviewed the supporting cost data used to develop the new charges, we approve TECO's proposed revisions to the Street (SL-2) and Outdoor (OL-1 and OL-3) rate schedules, effective April 18, 2000.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Tampa Electric Company's proposed a Special Lighting Service Agreement with the City of Tampa, as described in the body of this order, is hereby approved. It is further

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ORDERED that Tampa Electric Company's proposed changes to its Street (SL-2) and Outdoor (OL-1 and OL-3) lighting rate schedules, as described in the body of this order, are hereby approved and effective as of April 18, 2000. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed within 21 days of issuance of the Order, the tariff shall remain in effect with any charges held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 8th day of May, 2000.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

By: Kay Flynn
Kay Flynn, Chief
Bureau of Records

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), 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.

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Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

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 proposed action files a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on May 29, 2000.

In the absence of such a petition, this Order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

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.