

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for new Master Metered Recreational Vehicle Park Rate Schedule by Ft. Pierce Utilities Authority. | DOCKET NO. 041337-EM  
ORDER NO. PSC-05-0115-TRF-EM  
ISSUED: January 27, 2005

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

BRAULIO L. BAEZ, Chairman  
J. TERRY DEASON  
RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY  
CHARLES M. DAVIDSON  
LISA POLAK EDGAR

ORDER APPROVING NEW MASTER METERED  
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK RATE SCHEDULE

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 18, 2004, Ft. Pierce Utilities Authority (Ft. Pierce), a municipal electric utility, filed a proposed new Master Metered Recreational Vehicle Park Rate Schedule. We have rate structure jurisdiction over municipal utilities pursuant to Section 366.04(2)(b), Florida Statutes. Municipal utilities are required to file tariffs with this Commission in accordance with Rule 25-9.053(1), Florida Administrative Code. We have delegated authority to our staff to administratively approve tariff filings by municipal utilities as long as: (1) there is no change in the rate structure previously approved for that utility; (2) the change results in the rate relationships moving closer to those approved for the investor-owned utilities; or (3) the proposal does not contain new pricing concepts. Because Ft. Pierce's filing involves a new rate class that is defined in a non-traditional way, our approval is required.

Master Metered Recreational Vehicle Park Rate Schedule

The proposed new Master Metered Recreational Vehicle Park rate schedule is designed for recreational vehicle (RV) parks where permanent residency is not established. In a master metered RV park a single master meter measures the electric usage for all of the RV's in the park because the RV's are not individually metered by the utility. The occupants of the RV park do not pay directly for the electricity used during their stay at the park. Instead, the cost of electricity is typically included in the rental charge paid to the park owner.

Currently, master metered RV parks are billed under a commercial rate. However, Ft. Pierce states that the usage characteristics of RV's are more residential than commercial in nature. Ft. Pierce used the cost allocation to the residential class from its recent cost of service

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study to develop the monthly non-fuel energy charge of \$0.08442 per kilowatt-hour. The monthly customer charge of \$30 is designed to recover the cost of meter reading, billing and maintenance of meters. The proposed customer charge is higher than the residential customer charge because RV parks require a larger meter than the standard residential meter.

We have reviewed the derivation of the proposed charges and believe that they are reasonable and accurately reflect Ft. Pierce's cost to serve master metered RV parks. Accordingly, we hereby approve Ft. Pierce's mastered metered rate.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Ft. Pierce Utilities Authority's request to establish a new master metered recreational vehicle park rate schedule is hereby approved. It is further

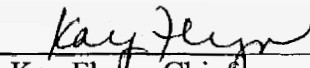
ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance of the Consummating Order, the tariff shall remain in effect pending resolution of the protest. It is further

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 27th day of January, 2005.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of the Commission Clerk  
and Administrative Services

By:



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.

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 the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on February 17, 2005.

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.