

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for approval of a late)	DOCKET NO. 900836-EI
payment charge and a field collection)	
charge by Florida Power & Light Company)	ORDER NO. 23895
)	
)	ISSUED: 12-18-90

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman
 THOMAS M. BEARD
 BETTY EASLEY
 GERALD L. GUNTER
 FRANK S. MESSERSMITH

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFFS

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 16, 1990, Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") filed a petition requesting approval of a late payment charge and a field collection charge. The utility proposed a late payment charge of 1.5% (1% for state agencies) of delinquent balances. The proposed field collection charge would apply when a utility representative was dispatched to disconnect electric service for non-payment, but received payment, or proof thereof, from the customer at the customer's location prior to disconnect. The utility attached to its petition its proposed Eleventh Revised Tariff Sheet No. 4.020, which it later modified at Staff's request to more clearly describe the circumstances under which a field collection charge would be applied. The proposed Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 4.020 is attached hereto.

In support of its petition, FPL cited Commission Order No. 17915, issued July 27, 1987 in Docket No. 870456-TL (Review of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's Late Payment Charge), in which we approved a late payment charge for Southern Bell. However, the application of the late payment charge proposed by FPL differs from that approved for Southern Bell. In Docket No. 870456-TL we approved an exemption for county and municipal governmental entities from payment of such charges based on the understanding that these bodies could enact ordinances altering their liability for the late payment charge. Our Staff should thoroughly explore the authorities for, and implications of, such exemptions as applied to tariffed charges. Therefore, since both tariffs proposed by FPL deal with delinquent accounts, we will suspend FPL's Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 4.020 pending further analysis.

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It is therefore

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Florida Power & Light Company's proposed Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 4.020 is hereby suspended. It is further

ORDERED that this docket remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 18th
day of DECEMBER, 1990.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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by: Kay Ferguson
Chief, Bureau of Records

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ATTACHMENT 1
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FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY Attachment 1

Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 4039
 Cancels Tenth Revised Sheet No. 4039

SERVICE CHARGES

- A \$16.00 service charge will be made for an initial connection.
- A \$19.00 service charge will be made for the reconnection of service after disconnection for nonpayment or violation of a rule or regulation.
- A \$16.00 service charge will be made for the connection of an existing account.
- A service charge of \$15 or 5% of the amount of the check, whichever is greater, shall be added to the customer's bill for electric service for each check dishonored by the bank upon which it is drawn. Termination of service shall not be made for failure to pay the returned check charge.
- Charges for services due and rendered which are unpaid as of the past due date are subject to a Late Payment Charge. The Late Payment Charge will be 1.5% of the unpaid balance still showing as past due at the time of the next billing cycle for all accounts except the accounts of State or Florida agencies. In accordance with Florida Statutes, a Late Payment Charge of 1% of the unpaid balance showing as past due for two or more billing cycles shall apply for State or Florida agencies.
- A \$5.50 Field Collection Charge will be added to a customer's bill for electric service when a field visit is made and payment is collected on a delinquent account. If service is disconnected, or a current receipt of payment is shown at the time of the field visit, this charge will not be applied.

CONSERVATION INSPECTIONS AND SERVICES

- Residential Dwelling Units:**
 - A charge of \$15.00 will be made for energy audit inspections.
- Commercial/Industrial (Less than 21 KW Demand):**
 - A charge of \$15.00 will be made for Customers whose demand is less than 21 kw for the performance of a conservation audit as described on Tariff Sheet No. 9.45A.
- Commercial/Industrial (21 KW Demand or Greater):**
 - A charge of \$2.00 per kw of average demand (based upon the Customer's recorded demand for the previous twelve months but not to exceed \$4000.00) will be made for Customers whose average demand is at least 21 kw for the performance of an energy survey as described on Tariff Sheet 9.46A. A refund of the charge is provided to the extent the customer demonstrates, within twenty-four months of the date of the Energy Survey Agreement, that capital improvements recommended have been implemented. The amount of the refund will be the cost of the capital improvements installed by the customer not to exceed the original charge less \$15.00.

Attachment II
FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

Teale Electric Revised Sheet No. 4.010
Cancels Teale Smith Revised Sheet No. 4.010

SERVICE CHARGES

- A \$10.00 service charge will be made for an initial connection.
- A \$19.00 service charge will be made for the reconnection of service after disconnection for nonpayment or violation of a rule of regulation.
- A \$16.00 service charge will be made for the connection of an existing account.
- A service charge of \$15 or 5% of the amount of the check, whichever is greater, shall be added to the customer's bill for electric service for each check dishonored by the bank upon which it is drawn. Termination of service shall not be made for failure to pay the returned check charge.

Charges for services due and rendered which are unpaid as of the past due date are subject to a Late Payment Charge. The Late Payment Charge will be 1.5% of the unpaid balance still shown as past due at the time of the next billing cycle for all accounts except the accounts of State of Florida agencies. In accordance with Florida Statutes, a Late Payment Charge of 1% of the unpaid balance remains as past due for two or more billing cycles shall apply for State of Florida agencies.

A \$1.50 Field Collection Charge will be added to a customer's bill for electric service when a field visit is made and payment is collected on a delinquent account. If service is disconnected, or a current receipt of payment is shown at the time of the field visit, this charge will not be applied.

CONSERVATION INSPECTIONS AND SERVICES

Residential Dwelling Units:

A charge of \$115.00 will be made for energy audit inspections.

Commercial/Industrial (less than 21 KW Demand):

A charge of \$115.00 will be made for Customers whose demand is less than 21 kw for the performance of a conservation audit as described on Tariff Sheet No. 9.450.

Commercial/Industrial (21 KW Demand or Greater):

A charge of \$2.00 per kw of average demand (based upon the Customer's recorded demand for the previous twelve months but not to exceed \$4000.00) will be made for Customers whose average demand is at least 21 kw for the performance of an energy survey as described on Tariff Sheet 9.460. A refund of the charge is provided to the extent the customer demonstrates, within twenty-four months of the date of the Energy Survey Agreement, that capital improvements recommended have been implemented. The amount of the refund will be the cost of the capital improvements retained by the customer not to exceed the original charge less \$15.00.