

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition of Florida ) DOCKET NO. 930228-EI  
Power Corporation to ) ORDER NO. PSC-93-0599-FOF-EI  
Differentiate Certain Customer ) ISSUED: April 19, 1993  
Charges by Metering Voltage )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman  
THOMAS M. BEARD  
SUSAN F. CLARK  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
LUIS J. LAUREDO

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Florida Power Corporation (FPC) has asked that we approve certain revisions to its general service and standby service rate schedules to differentiate customer charges based on metering voltage rather than delivery voltage. FPC's current general service and standby service rate schedules have three customer charges, one for each of the three delivery voltage levels; secondary, primary and transmission. The main reason for differentiating customer charges by voltage level is the cost of metering, which increases as voltage increases.

Because the cost of metering is greater for higher voltages, FPC meters at the lowest practical voltage. The delivery voltage and metering voltage are the same for most customers. Some of the company's customers, however, take service at a voltage higher than secondary, providing their own transformation for which metering can be located on the low side of the transformer. The company incurs less metering cost when it meters the customer at a voltage lower than the delivery voltage, and if the customer charge is based on metering voltage rather than delivery voltage, the customer will benefit from that lower cost.

Florida Power Corporation has also asked for our approval of an additional change to the customer charges in its standby service rate schedules. The change recognizes customer contributions toward the costs of metering equipment that are included in cogeneration agreements.

Standby service customers that have executed cogeneration agreements with the company have paid for all metering equipment through a contribution-in-aid-of-construction for interconnection

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facilities. Under the terms of those agreements, the customers also pay a monthly fee for maintenance of the equipment. Therefore, the customer charge for standby service customers should not include the costs of metering equipment. The company has proposed a customer charge that does not include meter equipment costs in its standby rate schedules.


We approve the changes FPC has proposed. We find that they are fair and reasonable, and beneficial to FPC's customers. The tariff that incorporates the proposed revisions will become effective on April 29, 1993. If a timely protest is filed, the tariff will remain in effect pending resolution of the protest. It is therefore

ORDERED that Florida Power Corporation's request to revise its general service and standby service rate schedules is approved, effective April 29, 1993. It is further

ORDERED that if a timely protest is filed, the new tariff will remain in effect pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall become final and this docket closed unless an appropriate petition for formal proceeding is received by the Division of Records and Reporting, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on the date indicated in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 19th day of April, 1993.

  
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STEVE TRIBBLE, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

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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 Mary 10, 1993.

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.