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# Public Service Commission

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Mr. Carroll Webb  
Joint Administrative Procedures  
Committee  
120 Holland Building  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Docket No. 960020-EU - Petition to initiate rulemaking  
to amend Rule 25-6.049, F.A.C., Measuring customer  
service by Vistana Management, Ltd.

Dear Mr. Webb:

The Commission has approved the amendment of Rule 25-6.049,  
F.A.C., without changes.

We plan to file the rule for adoption on March 3, 1997.

Sincerely,

*Richard C. Bellak*  
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cc: Division of Records & Reporting

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1 | 25-6.049 Measuring Customer Service.

2 |       (1) All energy sold to customers, ~~except that sold under flat~~  
3 | ~~rate schedule,~~ shall be measured by commercially acceptable  
4 | measuring devices owned and maintained by the utility, except where  
5 | it is impractical to meter loads, such as street lighting,  
6 | temporary or special installations, in which case the consumption  
7 | may be calculated, or billed on demand or connected load rate or as  
8 | provided in the utility's filed tariff.

9 |       (2) When there is more than one meter at a location the  
10 | metering equipment shall be so tagged or plainly marked as to  
11 | indicate the circuit metered. Where similar types of meters record  
12 | different quantities, (kilowatt-hours and reactive power, for  
13 | example), metering equipment shall be tagged or plainly marked to  
14 | indicate what the meters are recording.

15 |       (3) Meters which are not direct reading shall have the  
16 | multiplier plainly marked on the meter. All charts taken from  
17 | recording meters shall be marked with the date of the record, the  
18 | meter number, customer, and chart multiplier. The register ratio  
19 | shall be marked on all meter registers. The watt-hour constant for  
20 | the meter itself shall be placed on all watt-hour meters.

21 |       (4) Metering equipment shall not be set "fast" or "slow" to  
22 | compensate for supply transformer or line losses.

23 |       (5) (a) Individual electric metering by the utility shall be  
24 | required for each separate occupancy unit of new commercial  
25 | establishments, residential buildings, condominiums, cooperatives,

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1 marinas, and trailer, mobile home and recreational vehicle parks  
2 for which construction is commenced after January 1, 1981. ~~This~~  
3 ~~requirement shall apply whether or not the facility is engaged in~~  
4 ~~a time sharing plan.~~ Individual electric meters shall not,  
5 however, be required:

- 6 1. In those portions of a commercial establishment where the  
7 floor space dimensions or physical configuration of the units  
8 are subject to alteration, as evidenced by non-structural  
9 element partition walls, unless the utility determines that  
10 adequate provisions can be made to modify the metering to  
11 accurately reflect such alterations;
- 12 2. For electricity used in central heating, ventilating and  
13 air conditioning systems, or electric back up service to  
14 storage heating and cooling systems;
- 15 3. For electricity used in specialized-use housing  
16 accommodations such as hospitals, nursing homes, living  
17 facilities located on the same premises as, and operated in  
18 conjunction with, a nursing home or other health care facility  
19 providing at least the same level and types of services as a  
20 nursing home, convalescent homes, facilities certificated  
21 under Chapter 651, Florida Statutes, college dormitories,  
22 convents, sorority houses, fraternity houses, motels, hotels,  
23 and similar facilities;
- 24 4. For separate, specially-designated areas for overnight  
25 occupancy at trailer, mobile home and recreational vehicle

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1 parks and marinas where permanent residency is not  
2 established, ~~and for marinas where living aboard is prohibited~~  
3 ~~by ordinance, deed restriction, or other permanent means.~~

4 5. For new and existing time-share plans, provided that all  
5 of the occupancy units which are served by the master meter or  
6 meters are committed to a time-share plan as defined in  
7 Section 721, Florida Statutes, and none of the occupancy units  
8 are used for permanent occupancy. When a time-share plan is  
9 converted from individual metering to master metering, the  
10 customer must reimburse the utility for the costs incurred by  
11 the utility for the conversion. These costs shall include,  
12 but not be limited to, the undepreciated cost of any existing  
13 distribution equipment which is removed or transferred to the  
14 ownership of the customer, plus the cost of removal or  
15 relocation of any distribution equipment, less the salvage  
16 value of any removed equipment.

17 (b) For purposes of this rule:

18 1. "Occupancy unit" means that portion of any commercial  
19 establishment, single and multi-unit residential building, or  
20 trailer, mobile home or recreational vehicle park, or marina  
21 which is set apart from the rest of such facility by clearly  
22 determinable boundaries as described in the rental, lease, or  
23 ownership agreement for such unit.

24 ~~2. "Time sharing plan" means any arrangement, plan, scheme,~~  
25 ~~or similar device, whether by membership, agreement, tenancy~~

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1 ~~in common, sale, lease, deed, rental agreement, license, or~~  
2 ~~right to use agreement or by any other means, whereby a~~  
3 ~~purchaser, in exchange for a consideration, receives a right~~  
4 ~~to use accommodations or facilities, or both, for a specific~~  
5 ~~period of time less than a full year during any given year,~~  
6 ~~but not necessarily for consecutive years, and which extends~~  
7 ~~for a period of more than three years.~~

8 2.3- The construction of a new commercial establishment,  
9 residential building, marina, or trailer, mobile home or  
10 recreational vehicle park shall be deemed to commence on the  
11 date when the building structure permit is issued.

12 ~~4. The individual metering requirement is waived for any~~  
13 ~~time sharing facility for which construction was commenced~~  
14 ~~before December 23, 1982, in which separate occupancy units~~  
15 ~~were not metered in accordance with subsection (5)(a).~~

16 3.5- "Overnight Occupancy" means use of an occupancy unit for  
17 a short term such as per day or per week where permanent  
18 residency is not established.

19 4.6- The term "cost", as used herein means only those charges  
20 specifically authorized by the electric utility's tariff,  
21 including but not limited to the customer, energy, demand,  
22 fuel, and conservation charges made by the electric utility  
23 plus applicable taxes and fees to the customer of record  
24 responsible for the master meter payments. The term does not  
25 include late payment charges, returned check charges, the cost

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1 of the distribution system behind the master meter, the cost  
2 of billing, and other such costs.

3 (a) Where individual metering is not required under  
4 Subsection (5)(a) and master metering is used in lieu thereof,  
5 reasonable apportionment methods, including sub-metering may be  
6 used by the customer of record or the owner of such facility solely  
7 for the purpose of allocating the cost of the electricity billed by  
8 the utility.

9 (b) Any fees or charges collected by a customer of record for  
10 electricity billed to the customer's account by the utility,  
11 whether based on the use of sub-metering or any other allocation  
12 method, shall be determined in a manner which reimburses the  
13 customer of record for no more than the customer's actual cost of  
14 electricity.

15 5.7- Each utility shall develop a standard policy governing  
16 the provisions of sub-metering as provided for herein. Such policy  
17 shall be filed by each utility as part of its tariffs. The policy  
18 shall have uniform application and shall be nondiscriminatory.

19 Specific Authority 366.05(1) FS.

20 Law Implemented 366.05(3) FS.

21 History--Amended 7-29-69, 11-26-80, 12-23-82, 12-28-83, Formerly  
22 25-6.49, Amended 7-14-87, 10-5-88, \_\_\_\_\_.

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