

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN RE: ELECTRIC UTILITY SYSTEM CONSERVATION END USE DATA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

TO

ALL ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS UTILITIES
AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

ISSUED: October 23, 1997

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, that the Florida Public Service Commission staff has initiated the development of Rule 25-17.006, Florida Administrative Code, to amend provisions relating to periodic gathering and submission of conservation information.

The attached Notice of Proposed Rule Development will appear in the October 31, 1997, edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly. If timely requested and not deemed unnecessary by the Commission, a rule development workshop will be held at the following time and place:

Florida Public Service Commission
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 3, 1997
Gerald Gunter Building
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Room 309
Tallahassee, Florida

The request must be submitted in writing and received by Mary Anne Helton, Division of Appeals, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, no later than November 21, 1997.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this workshop because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

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By Direction of the Florida Public Service Commission, this
23rd day of October, 1997.

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RULE TITLE: ELECTRIC UTILITY SYSTEM CONSERVATION
RULE NO.: 25-17.006

END USE DATA

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the amendments shown below is to reduce the conservation information survey sample size from 5,400 to 1,350 residential customers for the entire state. The amendments also eliminate the portions of the rule addressed at gathering information to monitor the effectiveness of the Florida Model Energy Efficiency Code, contained in Section 553.900, et seq., Florida Statutes. In addition, the amendments acknowledge the reduction of the number of utilities that must comply with Section 366.82(1), Florida Statutes. Finally, the amendments clarify the requirements of the rule.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The periodic gathering and submission of conservation information.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: Section 366.051(1), 350.127(2), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Section 366.05(1), 366.82, F.S.

IF REQUESTED AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 3, 1997.

PLACE: Gunter Building, Room 309, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850.

THE WORKSHOP REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING WITHIN 21 DAYS OF

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THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO MARY ANNE HELTON IN THE COMMISSION'S DIVISION OF APPEALS, 2540 SHUMARD OAK BOULEVARD, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0850.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: Kenneth Dudley, Division of Electric and Gas, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0862.

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RULE 25-17.006 HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REORGANIZED AND REWRITTEN. THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

25-17.006 Electric Utility System Conservation End Use Data

(1) PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to provide for the periodic submission of certain conservation information and other related information to the Commission. Applications of this rule include:

(a) Gathering information to review and revise conservation goals pursuant to Rule 25-17.0021, F.A.C.;

(b) Gathering information to estimate the potential kilowatt hour (KWH) and kilowatt demand (KW) savings achievable through various conservation measures and conservation technologies; and

(c) Gathering information to enable the Commission to analyze conservation alternatives to mitigate the need to construct new power plants in Florida.

(2) APPLICABILITY: This rule shall apply to all electric utilities that fall under the definition of "utility" in Section 366.82(1), Florida Statutes.

(3) SURVEY YEAR: In order to accomplish the purpose of this rule, starting with calendar year 1998 and every four years thereafter, 1,350 residential customer accounts throughout Florida shall be surveyed to collect information on appliance stock, housing characteristics, household demographic characteristics, and twelve months of kilowatt hour billing history.

(4) METHODOLOGY: For the purposes of obtaining the data described in subsection (3), each utility shall interview its proportionate share of residential customers to yield a total of 1,350 usable, complete observations for the state.

(a) By November 1st prior to the survey year each utility shall provide to the Director of the Division of Electric and Gas its total number of residential customers of record as of June 30th prior to the survey year.

(b) By January 15 of the survey year the Director of the Division of Electric and Gas shall allocate the number of customer accounts for which each utility must conduct a field interview based on the information submitted pursuant to paragraph (4)(a).

(5) By January 15th of the survey year, the Commission shall prescribe the survey instrument each utility must use to gather the

information on appliance stocks, housing characteristics, household demographic characteristics, and twelve months of KWH billing history. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit an electric utility from adding additional questions to its own survey.

(6) Each utility shall draw a random sample of residential customers who meet the following requirements:

(a) Customers must be customers of record as of July 1st of the survey year.

(b) Customers must have been continuously billed during each month of the 12-month period starting July 1st of the year prior to the survey year.

(c) Seasonal customers billed in accordance with paragraph (6)(b) may be counted toward the required number of sample customers.

(d) Each utility shall make at least four attempts to arrange a survey interview with each customer drawn from its random sample of customer accounts. Each utility must make attempts to arrange survey interviews during evenings and weekends. Evening and weekend field interviews shall be conducted for those customers normally not available during weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Only after four attempts to arrange an interview have been made shall another customer be drawn at random from the utility's list of customers.

(7) RESULTS: Each utility shall report the survey information and billing history on each individual respondent to

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the Commission on or before December 1st of the calendar year in which the survey is conducted. This information shall be reported such that no individual customer's identity can be determined. The information reporting format shall be prescribed by the Director of the Division of Electric and Gas prior to April 1st of the survey year. The medium for reporting the information shall be a three and one-half inch computer diskette using an ASCII delimited database structure unless another medium is approved in writing by the Director of the Division of Electric and Gas.

Specific Authority: 366.05(1), 350.127(2), F.S.

Law Implemented: 366.05(1), 366.82~~(2)~~, F.S.

History: New 6/14/82, formerly 25-17.06, Amended 2/21/85, 9/7/87, 5/10/93, 3/7/94, _____.