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Mr. Carroll Webb
Joint Administrative Procedures
Committee
120 Holland Building
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Re: Docket No. 971626-EU - Proposed Amendments to Rule 25-17.006, F.A.C., Electric Utility System Conservation End Use Data

Dear Mr. Webb:

The Commission has approved the amendment of Rule 25-17.006 without changes.

We plan to file the rule for adoption on February 25, 1998.

Sincerely,

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1 25-17.006 Electric Utility System Conservation End Use Data

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

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

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

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

15 (2) APPLICABILITY: This rule shall apply to all electric
16 utilities that fall under the definition of "utility" in Section
17 366.82(1), Florida Statutes.

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

25 (4) METHODOLOGY: For the purposes of obtaining the data

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1 described in subsection (3), each utility shall interview its
2 proportionate share of residential customers to yield a total of
3 1,350 usable, complete observations for the state.

4 (a) By November 1st prior to the survey year each utility
5 shall provide to the Director of the Division of Electric and Gas
6 its total number of residential customers of record as of June
7 30th prior to the survey year.

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

13 (5) By January 15th of the survey year, the Commission
14 shall prescribe the survey instrument each utility must use to
15 gather the information on appliance stocks, housing
16 characteristics, household demographic characteristics, and
17 twelve months of KWH billing history. Nothing in this paragraph
18 shall be construed to prohibit an electric utility from adding
19 additional questions to its own survey.

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

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

24 (b) Customers must have been continuously billed during
25 each month of the 12-month period starting July 1st of the year

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1 prior to the survey year.

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

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

14 (7) RESULTS: Each utility shall report the survey
15 information and billing history on each individual respondent to
16 the Commission on or before December 1st of the calendar year in
17 which the survey is conducted. This information shall be
18 reported such that no individual customer's identity can be
19 determined. The information reporting format shall be prescribed
20 by the Director of the Division of Electric and Gas prior to
21 April 1st of the survey year. The medium for reporting the
22 information shall be a three and one-half inch computer diskette
23 using an ASCII delimited database structure unless another medium
24 is approved in writing by the Director of the Division of
25 Electric and Gas.

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1 Specific Authority: 366.05(1), 350.127(2), F.S.
2 Law Implemented: 366.05(1), 366.82~~(2)~~, F.S.
3 History: New 6/14/82, formerly 25-17.06, Amended 2/21/85,
4 9/7/87, 5/10/93, 3/7/94, _____.
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