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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF ELECTRIC & GAS (GINGER) *9/12/98*  
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (CRUZ-BUSTILLO) *RUE RLT*  
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RE: DOCKET NO. 980249-EI - TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY - PETITION  
FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED STANDARD FORMS BY TAMPA ELECTRIC  
COMPANY

AGENDA: 04/07/98 - REGULAR AGENDA - TARIFF FILING - INTERESTED  
PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE: 05/02/98

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: S:\PSC\EAG\WP\980249EI.RCM

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission approve Tampa Electric Company's (TECO) petition for approval of revised standard forms.

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should approve TECO's petition for approval of revised standard forms.

STAFF ANALYSIS: TECO is petitioning for approval of the revision of the entire contract forms tariff section. TECO periodically reviews its contract forms section to assure that the language is up to date, understandable and applicable to the purpose.

The only substantial change being requested to the forms is specifically related to the forms for lighting services. The biggest change to the lighting forms will be to combine four of the lighting forms into one. The consolidation of the the lighting tariffs into one form will provide uniformity to the lighting tariffs and ease of understanding to the customers. The forms that will be combined include the following: (1) Street Light Contract (Sheet Nos. 7.200-7.202), (2) Outdoor Lighting Agreement - Overhead (Sheet Nos. 7.300-7.301), (3) Outdoor Lighting Agreement Underground (Sheet Nos. 7.400-7.402), and (4) Premium Outdoor Lighting Agreement (7.450 -7.453). It should be noted that there

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are no changes to the tariffed rates charged for lighting service, only to the contract forms themselves. Other changes include the repagination of the forms for the entire forms section and changing of the font because of new software being used. Another change requires non-utility parties who wish to attach banners to the utility's poles to obtain written consent to do so.

These changes should make the tariffs more easily understandable, particularly the lighting tariff. Based on the minor changes to the tariffs and the resulting simplification of the contract forms section, Staff believes the tariff changes should be approved.

ISSUE 2: What is the appropriate effective date for the revised standard forms?

RECOMMENDATION: The revised standard forms should take effect the date of the Commission vote.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The revised standard forms should take effect the date of the Commission vote so TECO and their customers can begin to take advantage of the improved contract forms.

ISSUE 3: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed.

STAFF ANALYSIS: If a protest is filed within 21 days from the issuance date of the order, the tariff should remain in effect pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, the docket should be closed.