

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Determination of regulated earnings of Tampa Electric Company pursuant to stipulations for calendar years 1995 through 1999.

DOCKET NO. 950379-EI

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STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-0169-PCO-EI, issued January 24, 2000, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

Staff has no witnesses at this time.

b. All Known Exhibits

Staff has no exhibits at this time.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: What is the appropriate regulatory treatment of the Florida Municipal Power Agency ("FMPA") and Lakeland wholesale contracts in 1997 and 1998?

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OTH _____

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time, pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 2: Should Tampa Electric Company's (TECO's) rate base of 1997 and/or 1998 be adjusted to recognize the effects of allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC) accrued on construction work in progress (CWIP) balances below the level included in rate base in TECO's last rate case?

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POSITION: Staff has no position at this time, pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 3: Is the amount which TECO has included in rate base for the Polk Power Station project appropriate under the Stipulation for calculating TECO's earnings in 1997 and 1998?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time, pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 4: What is the appropriate rate base for 1997 and 1998?

POSITION: This is a fall out issue based on the resolution of the preceding issues. Staff has no position at this time, pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 5: What is the appropriate equity ratio for purposes of measuring earnings for 1997 and 1998?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time, pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 6: What is the appropriate capital structure for purposes of measuring earnings for 1997 and 1998?

POSITION: This is a fall out issue based on the resolution of other issues. Staff has no position at this time, pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 7: Are TECO customers providing revenue to TECO for income taxes it does not have to pay?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time, pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 8: What is the appropriate net operating income for 1997 and 1998?

POSITION: This is a fall out issue based on the resolution of the preceding issues. Staff has no position at this time, pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 9: What is the maximum amount of deferred revenues that can be reversed in 1997 and 1998's earnings?

POSITION: This is a fall out issue based on the resolution of the preceding issues. Staff has no position at this time, pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 10: What amount must TECO refund to its customers?

POSITION: This is a fall out issue based on the resolution of the preceding issues. Staff has no position at this time, pending evidence adduced at hearing.

e. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions at this time.

f. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

TECO's Request for Confidential Classification of Document No. 03796-00, which contains its response to Staff's Request for Production of Documents, No. 17, is pending.

g. Compliance with Order No. PSC-00-0169-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of June, 2000.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of Staff's Prehearing Statement has been furnished by U. S. Mail to the following, this 26th day of June, 2000:

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