

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by Tampa
Electric Company for approval of
modification to Pilot Green
Energy Rate Rider (GE rate
rider) and Program.

DOCKET NO. 010423-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-01-1238-TRF-EI
ISSUED: June 4, 2001

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of
this matter:

E. LEON JACOBS, JR., Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
LILA A. JABER
BRAULIO L. BAEZ
MICHAEL A. PALECKI

ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION

BY THE COMMISSION:

On June 8, 2000, Tampa Electric Company (TECO) filed a petition for a "customer optional" three-year pilot green energy rate rider and program. The petition was filed pursuant to a stipulation entered into by TECO and the Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation, Inc. (LEAF) as part of the Demand Side Management (DSM) goal-setting docket (Docket No. 971007-EG, Order No. PSC-99-1585-S-EG). The program is designed to provide TECO's residential, commercial and industrial customers an opportunity to purchase 50-kilowatt hour (kWh) blocks of renewable, "green" energy from photovoltaic and biomass sources. The program was approved at the September 5, 2001, Agenda Conference (Docket No.000697-EI, Order No. PSC-00-1741-TRF-EI).

On April 9, 2001, TECO filed a petition for approval of modification to the Pilot Green Energy Rate Rider (GE rate rider) and program. The petition seeks to remove the maximum purchase limit of five green energy blocks per customer. We have jurisdiction under the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act, Sections 366.80-366.85, Florida Statutes, and Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes.

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TECO's green energy program and rate rider is a three-year pilot program that permits customers to buy renewable energy produced from an 18 kW photovoltaic (PV) array and from steam generators that burn biomass fuel. Customers buy this energy in the form of blocks, each of which represents 50 kWh. Customers are charged \$5.00 per month for each block, and must take service for an initial term of 12 months. Presently, customers may buy up to a maximum of five blocks. TECO limited the number of energy blocks per customer in order to ensure the widest customer participation in the program.

TECO seeks to remove the five block maximum for all program participants. To date, participation in the program has been less than anticipated. Currently, 113 residential customers have subscribed to a total of 179 blocks. There are currently no commercial participants. Recently, TECO has identified commercial customers seeking to buy more than the five blocks currently allowed. TECO believes that increased participation by businesses will improve public awareness of green energy. However, TECO is still committed to providing education and marketing to its residential customers. Based on TECO's representations, we believe the removal of the five block limit will not adversely affect the program and its participants and may encourage commercial participation in the program. Therefore, we approve the proposed modification.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the petition by Tampa Electric Company, for approval of modification to its Pilot Green Energy Rate Rider and Program, is granted. It is further

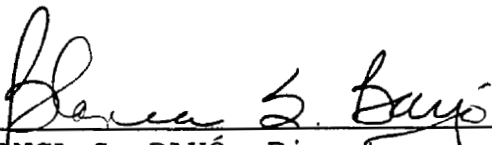
ORDERED that the effective date of the proposed tariff sheets is May 15, 2001. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed within 21 days of issuance of the Order, the tariff shall remain in effect with any charges held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

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ORDERED that if no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 4th day of June, 2001.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed action files a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the

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Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on June 25, 2001.

In the absence of such a petition, this Order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.