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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF THE COMMISSION CLERK & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (BAYÓ)
FROM: DIVISION OF ECONOMIC REGULATION (HUDSON) *DW SH ECRT*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (ECHTERNACHT) *WE RUE*
RE: DOCKET NO. 011162-EI - PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO SPECIAL CONTRACT FOR CITY OF OLDSMAR PREMIUM LIGHTING SERVICE AND REVISED LIGHTING TARIFF BY TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY.
AGENDA: 10/16/01 - REGULAR AGENDA - TARIFF FILING - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE
CRITICAL DATES: 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2001
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE
FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\ECR\WP\011162.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-98-0042-FOF-EI, issued January 6, 1998, in Docket No. 971463-EI, the Commission approved a request by Tampa Electric Company (TECO) for a special lighting contract to provide premium outdoor lighting service to the City of Oldsmar for 29 Victorian concrete poles and 29 classic fixtures. At the time of the request for the special lighting contract, TECO had a standard agreement for premium outdoor lighting service. The special lighting contract contained modifications to three provisions in the standard agreement. The first modification reduced the initial term of the contract from seven years to five years. The second modification provided for the optional purchase of the facilities by the customer. The third modification allowed the customer to hang banners from the lighting facilities.

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The City of Oldsmar has requested that TECO provide premium lighting service for 34 additional decorative fixtures and poles under the terms and conditions of the previously approved special lighting contract. On August 28, 2001, TECO filed a petition requesting that the special lighting contract be supplemented with the provision for the additional lighting facilities contained in the proposed Addendum. All other portions of the special lighting contract will remain in force and unchanged.

In addition, in response to requests by customers for a less expensive concrete pole, TECO has filed a revised Premium Lighting Service tariff sheet to incorporate a new pole offering.

Jurisdiction in this matter is vested in the Commission by Chapter 366, Florida Statutes, including Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission approve Tampa Electric Company's petition for approval of an Addendum to the Special Premium Outdoor Lighting Agreement with the City of Oldsmar and revised Premium Lighting Tariff?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should approve Tampa Electric Company's petition for an Addendum to the Special Premium Outdoor Lighting Agreement with the City of Oldsmar and the revised Premium Lighting Tariff. (HUDSON)

STAFF ANALYSIS: TECO has filed a petition for approval of an Addendum to the Special Premium Outdoor Lighting Agreement with the City of Oldsmar, and for a revision to its Premium Lighting Tariff. The Addendum provides for an additional 34 decorative fixtures and poles under similar terms and conditions as provided for in the existing special lighting contract. The additional lights and poles are to be provided at TECO's existing tariffed rates. Staff believes that the proposed addendum is appropriate, and should be approved.

In response to customer requests for a less expensive concrete pole suitable for pedestrian lighting and certain residential street lighting applications, TECO has filed a revised tariff sheet to incorporate a new lighting service rate offering for a standard 16-foot concrete pole. The proposed monthly charge for the pole is \$14.63.

Staff has reviewed the cost justification for the development of the rate for the standard 16-foot concrete pole and believes that it appropriately recovers the costs associated with the service. Therefore, staff recommends that the revised Premium Lighting Tariff be approved.

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

RECOMMENDATION: The appropriate effective date for the revised tariff should be October 16, 2001. (HUDSON)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If the Commission approves the proposed tariff revision at the October 16, 2001, Agenda Conference, it should become effective on that date.

ISSUE 3: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, if no protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance of the order. (ECHTERNACHT)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If a protest is filed within 21 days of the Commission order approving this tariff, the tariff should remain in effect pending resolution of the protest, with any charges held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no protest is filed, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.