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FROM: DIVISION OF ECONOMIC REGULATION (BAXTER) *DPW BCS-198*
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL (Vining) *REV Nait JDT*

RE: DOCKET NO. 020177-EI - PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED LIGHTING TARIFFS BY TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY.

AGENDA: 04/23/02 - REGULAR AGENDA - TARIFF FILING - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE: 5/1/02

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\ECR\WP\020177.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

On March 1, 2002, Tampa Electric Company (TECO) filed a Petition for Approval of Revised Lighting Tariffs. The Commission has jurisdiction under Section 366.06(1), Florida Statutes.

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the commission approve TECO's proposed changes to its Premium Outdoor Lighting Service (OL-3), Street Lighting Service (SL-2), and General Outdoor Lighting Service (OL-1) rate schedules?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. (BAXTER)

STAFF ANALYSIS: TECO has proposed a number of revisions to its street and outdoor lighting rate schedules. The changes include the addition of a new pole under the Premium Outdoor Lighting Service, the changing of the descriptions of concrete poles on the General Outdoor Lighting Service from wattage size to span length, and revision of the lumen output (which is a measure of brightness) of several lights under the Street Lighting Service and the Premium Outdoor Lighting Service rate schedules.

OL-3 PREMIUM OUTDOOR LIGHTING

TECO is proposing the addition of a decorative 16-foot aluminum pole with a monthly fixture charge of \$21.58 and a maintenance charge of \$.22. Staff has reviewed the supporting cost data used to develop the fixture and pole charges, and recommends that they be approved because staff believes they are appropriate.

OL-1 GENERAL OUTDOOR LIGHTING

TECO is proposing to change the descriptions of the concrete poles from describing the wattage of the lamp mounted on the pole to describing the span length of the pole. The changes are as follows:

| Current Description | Proposed Description |
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| Standard, 35, DB Conc, for 70/100 watt light | Standard, 35, DB Conc, Up to 100 ft span length |
| Standard, 35, DB Conc, for 150 watt light | Standard, 35, DB Conc, 100ft - 150 ft span length |
| Standard, 35, DB Conc, for 250/400 watt light | Standard, 35, DB Conc, Above 150 ft span length |

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These changes are being made to clarify information available to customers who wish to change a lamp while retaining an existing pole. The change in descriptions will have no effect on the monthly charge. Staff believes that the proposed changes are appropriate and should be approved, since they clarify information available to customers on lighting fixtures.

MISCELLANEOUS REVISIONS

TECO has submitted data which reflect more accurate lumen ratings for some of its fixtures on the Premium Outdoor Lighting Service and Street Lighting Service rate schedules. Lumens are a measure of the light output of a fixture. These changes will not affect the monthly charge. Staff believes the proposed changes appropriately reflect more accurate data, and should be approved.

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

RECOMMENDATION: The appropriate effective date for the revised tariffs is April 23, 2002. (BAXTER)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If the Commission approves the proposed tariff revisions at the April 23, 2002, Agenda Conference, they should become effective on that date.

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ISSUE 3: Should this docket be closed?

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

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.