

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP

TO

ALL INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES

AND INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: UNDOCKETED

WORKSHOP ON INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL INTERRUPTIBLE
AND CURTAILABLE SERVICE

ISSUED: May 17, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission will conduct a workshop, in the above-referenced matter, to which all persons are invited, at the following time and place:

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 18, 2002
Room 154, Gerald L. Gunter Building
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the applicability of Interruptible or Curtailable Service offerings to customers of investor-owned electric utilities regulated by the Florida Public Service Commission. The workshop will explore the need for future statutory or rulemaking changes to effect regulatory policy. Commissioners may be in attendance at this workshop.

Investor-owned electric utilities offering Industrial or Commercial Interruptible or Curtailable Service, please respond to the Information Request attached as Attachment A to this Notice of Staff Workshop by June 21, 2002. Industry participation at this workshop is critical.

All interested persons may submit comments for consideration in the workshop. Persons who wish to comment but cannot attend the workshop are encouraged to submit comments to Connie Kummer,

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Division of Economic Regulation, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, on or before June 21, 2002, specifically referencing "Undocketed Workshop on Interruptible Rates."

A copy of the agenda for this workshop may be obtained by writing to the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, after July 1, 2002. All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to comment following the workshop.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this workshop because of a physical impairment should call the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the workshop. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction is vested in this Commission pursuant to Chapter 366, Florida Statutes. The workshop will be governed by the provisions of that Chapter and Chapters 25-6, 25-9, 25-17, 25-22 and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 17th day of May, 2002.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services

By: Kay Flynn
Kay Flynn, Chief
Bureau of Records and Hearing
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In order to assist Florida Public Service Commission staff in formulating an agenda for the July 18, 2002 workshop, the investor-owned electric utilities offering Industrial or Commercial Interruptible or Curtailable Service are requested to respond to the following questions. Responses and comments should be submitted no later than **June 21, 2002** to:

Connie Kummer
Division of Economic Regulation
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32301-0899

Information Request

For the purposes of the following questions, the term "interruptible rate" is defined as any rate schedule which allows the utility to interrupt all service behind a meter, in order to supply capacity to either its own or to another regulated utility's firm load. It does not include load management programs with specified limits on the duration or frequency of interruptions, or programs which interrupt only certain appliances behind a meter such as residential load management programs.

1. How many of the following types of customers are currently served under interruptible rates which allow the utility to interrupt for an indeterminate time period and frequency:
 - A. K-12 Schools
 - B. Post secondary schools (universities, community colleges, trade schools)
 - C. Public functions (prisons, police stations, fire stations)
 - D. Public health facilities (hospitals, clinics, laboratories)

2. How does the utility determine which customers are interrupted during a given capacity shortage? Are outages cycled or rotated on a specific basis if not all interruptible load is needed to meet a given shortage?

3. How many times during the last five years were the types of customers described in Question 1 interrupted for more than 10 minutes during a single interruption?
4. Was any advanced warning provided to the customers described in Question 1 prior to interruption? Is such information routinely available to any customer served under an interruptible rate?
5. What language changes could be made to the existing tariffs to preclude new customers from taking service under the rate for whom interruption would create a public policy issue?
6. What steps could be taken to move existing customers described in Question 5 off of interruptible rate schedules, without undue financial hardship to such customers?