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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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RULE TITLE: RULE NO.:

Measuring Customer Service 25-6.049

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The amendment would allow master metering for electric service for condominiums that operate like hotels.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Exemption from the requirement for individual metering for electric service.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 366.05(1), FS

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.05(1), 366.05(3), 366.80, 366.81, and 366.82, FS

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., April 13, 2004

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center, Room 152, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida

THE WORKSHOP REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO Marlene K. Stern, Office of the General Counsel, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850.

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 hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired

should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at: 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

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IS: David Wheeler, Division of Economic Regulation, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0862.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

25-6.049 Measuring Customer Service.

(1) – (5)(a)5. No change.

6. For condominiums that meet the following criteria:

a. The declaration of condominium requires that at least 95% of the units are used solely for overnight occupancy as defined in sub-paragraph (5)(c)3 of this rule;

b. A registration desk, lobby and central telephone switchboard are maintained; and,

c. A guest register is maintained, signed by guests who occupy the units, showing, in chronological order, the dates on which the units were occupied by such guests.

When a condominium meeting the above criteria is converted from individual metering to master metering, the utility shall be reimbursed by the customer for the costs it incurred for the conversion. These costs shall include, but not be limited to, the undepreciated cost of any existing distribution equipment that is removed or transferred to the ownership of the customer, plus the cost of removal or relocation of any distribution equipment, less the salvage value of any removed equipment.

(b) It is the utility's responsibility to ensure, before installing the master meter, that the criteria for at least one of the six subparagraphs in 6.049(5)(a)1.-6. are satisfied or will be satisfied upon completion of construction, and that the criteria remain satisfied for as long as the master meter remains in place. If a structure later fails to meet at least one of the six sets of criteria for master metering, the utility shall promptly notify the Commission.

(b c) For purposes of this rule:

1. "Occupancy unit" means that portion of any commercial establishment, single and multi-unit residential building, condominium, or trailer, mobile home or recreational vehicle park, or marina which is set apart from the rest of such facility by clearly determinable boundaries as described in the rental, lease, or ownership agreement for such unit.

2. – 4. No change.

(6)(a) – (7) No change.

Specific Authority 366.05(1) FS.

Law Implemented 366.05(1), 366.05(3), 366.80, 366.81, and 366.82, FS.

History--Amended 7-29-69, 11-26-80, 12-23-82, 12-28-83, Formerly 25-6.49, Amended 7-14-87, 10-5-88, 3-23-97.