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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO: 050152-EU

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 in Rule 25-6.049.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 366.05(1) FS

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

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

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., December 16, 2005

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center, Room 148, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida

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GCL _____ THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE
OPC _____ DEVELOPMENT IS: David Wheeler, Division of Economic Regulation, Florida Public Service
RCA _____ Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0862, 850-413-6670.

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SGA _____ THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

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25-6.049 Measuring Customer Service.

(1) – (4) No change.

(5)(a) Individual electric metering by the utility shall be required for each separate occupancy unit of new commercial establishments, residential buildings, condominiums, cooperatives, marinas, and trailer, mobile home and recreational vehicle parks. However, individual metering shall not be required for any such occupancy unit for which a construction permit was issued before, and which has received master-metered service continuously since, is commenced after January 1, 1981. In addition, individual electric meters shall not, however, be required:

(a) 1- No change.

(b) 2- No change.

(c) 3- For electricity used in specialized-use housing accommodations such as hospitals, nursing homes, living facilities located on the same premises as, and operated in conjunction with, a nursing home or other health care facility providing at least the same level and types of services as a nursing home, convalescent homes, facilities certificated under Chapter 651, Florida Statutes, college dormitories, convents, sorority houses, fraternity houses, ~~motels, hotels,~~ and similar facilities;

(d) For lodging establishments such as hotels, motels, and similar facilities which are rented, leased, or otherwise provided to guests by an operator providing overnight occupancy as defined in subparagraph (8)(b).

(e) 4- For separate, specially-designated areas for overnight occupancy, as defined in subparagraph (8)(b), at trailer, mobile home and recreational vehicle parks and marinas where permanent residency is not established.

(f) 5. For new and existing time-share plans, provided that all of the occupancy units which are served by the master meter or meters are committed to a time-share plan as defined in Section 721, Florida Statutes, and none of the occupancy units are used for permanent occupancy. ~~When a time share plan is converted from individual metering to master metering, the customer must reimburse the utility for the costs incurred by the utility for the conversion. These costs shall include, but not be limited to, the undepreciated cost of any existing distribution equipment which 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.~~

(g) For condominiums that meet the following criteria:

1. The declaration of condominium requires that at least 95 percent of the units are used solely for overnight occupancy as defined in subparagraph (8)(b) of this rule;
2. A registration desk, lobby and central telephone switchboard are maintained; and,
3. A record is kept for each unit showing each check-in and check-out date for the unit, and the name (s) of the individual(s) registered to occupy the unit between each check-in and check-out date.

(6) Master-metered condominiums

(a) Initial Qualifications - In addition to the criteria in subsection (5)(g), in order to initially qualify for master-metered service, the owner or developer of the condominium, the condominium association, or the customer must attest to the utility that the criteria in subsection (5)(g) and in this subsection have been met, and that any cost of future conversion to individual metering will be the responsibility of the customer, consistent with paragraph (7) of this rule.
Upon request and reasonable notice by the utility, the utility shall be allowed to inspect the condominium to collect evidence needed to determine whether the condominium is in

compliance with this rule. If the criteria in subsection (5)(g) and in this subsection are not met, then the utility shall not provide master-metered service to the condominium.

(b) Ongoing Compliance - The customer shall attest annually, in writing, to the utility that the condominium meets the criteria for master metering in subsection (5)(g). The utility shall establish the date that annual compliance materials are due based on its determination of the date that the criteria in subsections (5)(g) and (6)(a) were initially satisfied, and shall inform the customer of that date before the first annual notice is due. The customer shall notify the utility within 10 days if, at any time, the condominium ceases to meet the requirements in subsection (5)(g).

(c) Upon request and reasonable notice by the utility, the utility shall be allowed to inspect the condominium to collect evidence needed to determine whether the condominium is in compliance with this rule.

(d) Failure to comply - If a condominium is master metered under the exemption in this rule and subsequently fails to meet the criteria contained in subsection 5(g), or the customer fails to make the annual attestation required by subsection (6)(b), then the utility shall promptly notify the customer that the condominium is no longer eligible for master-metered service. If the customer does not respond with clear evidence to the contrary within 30 days of receiving the notice, the customer shall individually meter the condominium units within six months following the date on the notice. During this six month period, the utility shall not discontinue service based on failure to comply with this rule. Thereafter, the provisions of Rule 25-6.105 apply.

(7) When a structure or building is converted from individual metering to master metering, or from master metering to individual metering, the customer shall be responsible for the costs incurred by the utility for the conversion. These costs shall include, but not be limited to, any

remaining undepreciated cost of any existing distribution equipment which 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.

(8) ~~(b)~~ For purposes of this rule:

(a) ~~1.~~ "Occupancy unit" means that portion of any commercial establishment, single and multi-unit residential building, 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. The construction of a new commercial establishment, residential building, marina, or trailer, mobile home or recreational vehicle park shall be deemed to commence on the date when the building structure permit is issued.~~

(b) ~~3.~~ "Overnight Occupancy" means use of an occupancy unit for a short term such as per day or per week where permanent residency is not established.

~~4. The term "cost", as used herein means only those charges specifically authorized by the electric utility's tariff, including but not limited to the customer, energy, demand, fuel, and conservation charges made by the electric utility plus applicable taxes and fees to the customer of record responsible for the master meter payments. The term does not include late payment charges, returned check charges, the cost of the distribution system behind the master meter, the cost of billing, and other such costs.~~

~~(9)~~(6)(a) Where individual metering is not required under Subsection (5) and master metering is used in lieu thereof, reasonable apportionment methods, including sub-metering may be used by the customer of record or the owner of such facility solely for the purpose of allocating the cost of the electricity billed by the utility. The term "cost", as used herein means only those charges

specifically authorized by the electric utility's tariff, including but not limited to the customer, energy, demand, fuel, conservation, capacity and environmental charges made by the electric utility plus applicable taxes and fees to the customer of record responsible for the master meter payments. The term does not include late payment charges, returned check charges, the cost of the customer-owned distribution system behind the master meter, the customer of record's cost of billing the individual units, and other such costs.

(b) – (c) 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.

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