

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF STANDARD DOCKET NO. 080255-EI
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS FOR EXPEDITED
INTERCONNECTION OF CUSTOMER-OWNED
RENEWABLE GENERATION AND ASSOCIATED
NET METERING TARIFF, BY TAMPA ELECTRIC
COMPANY.

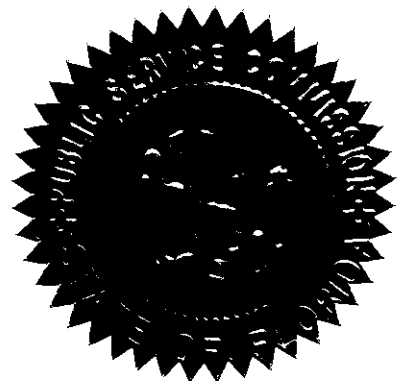
PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF NET METERING DOCKET NO. 080257-EI
TARIFF, NEW INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS,
AND MODIFICATION OF VARIOUS RELATED
TARIFF SHEETS, BY PROGRESS ENERGY
FLORIDA, INC.

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF STANDARD DOCKET NO. 080260-EI
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS FOR TIER 1
THROUGH TIER 3 CUSTOMER-OWNED RENEWABLE
GENERATION SYSTEMS AND REVISIONS TO
TARIFF SHEETS IV, 4.2, 4.16, AND 9.1,
BY GULF POWER COMPANY.

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF NET METERING DOCKET NO. 080265-EI
TARIFF AND STANDARD INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENTS, BY FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT
COMPANY.

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF STANDARD DOCKET NO. 080294-EI
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS FOR
CUSTOMER-OWNED RENEWABLE GENERATION
SYSTEMS, BY FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMPANY.

PROCEEDINGS: AGENDA CONFERENCE
ITEM 6



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BEFORE: CHAIRMAN MATTHEW M. CARTER, II
COMMISSIONER LISA POLAK EDGAR
COMMISSIONER KATRINA J. McMURRIAN
COMMISSIONER NANCY ARGENZIANO
COMMISSIONER NATHAN A. SKOP

DATE: Tuesday, July 1, 2008

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
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1 PARTICIPATING:

2 MARTHA CARTER BROWN, ESQUIRE, and MARK FUTRELL,
3 representing the Florida Public Service Commission Staff.

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CHAIRMAN CARTER: Staff, we are now on Item 6.

MR. FUTRELL: Commissioners, Item 6 is staff's recommendations on the tariff submitted by the investor-owned utilities in response to the Commission's recently approved net metering and interconnection rule for small customer-owned renewable generation.

Staff is recommending that the tariffs be suspended to gain further information on the filings.

CHAIRMAN CARTER: Commissioner Edgar, you're recognized.

COMMISSIONER EDGAR: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I did have some questions on the timing of this, so thank you very much.

Just thinking back over the past year or so, roughly, we had a number of workshops and proceedings in readiness, in preparation for addressing proposed rule amendments on interconnection and on net metering, and I recognize that this is another step in that administrative process. I think it was last December that this Commission approved proposed amendments, and then as is their right, there were parties that, I believe, asked for reconsideration of certain pieces of that proposed language, and this Commission addressed that. And then, of course, the administrative procedure moves on.

But just when I look back at the fact that we have

1 spent, you know, over a year probably on this and that
2 absolutely approval of the tariffs is a next and important
3 step, I guess my question is realizing where we are with the
4 proposed amendments that were approved by this Commission in
5 December and then reconsidered a few months later, and now with
6 the tariffs being suspended while we continue to get the
7 information that our staff needs, what is the status of the
8 adopted amendments, or putting it another way, for individuals
9 or businesses that would like to take advantage of the language
10 and the provisions that this Commission has approved? What
11 would be the process prior to the tariffs being approved?

12 **MR. FUTRELL:** Commissioners, we understand customers
13 may sign the existing tariff, which includes the existing
14 interconnection agreement based on the old rule, they may sign
15 that. And that as this new tariff -- when this new tariff is
16 approved, they can be transitioned to the new agreement and the
17 new provisions of the rule. They will be able to take advantage
18 of that. So that is what we have been discussing with the
19 utilities, and, also, as customers have called us, we have
20 advised them of that, that they can go ahead and sign the
21 existing interconnection agreement and then be transitioned to
22 the new agreement once those are approved.

23 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Okay. And just realizing that
24 it says here in the case background that one of the purposes of
25 the amendments to the rule was to encourage the development of

1 customer-owned renewable generation, again, for both
2 individuals and for businesses, and that the provisions that we
3 put in, some of the incentives that were approved in the
4 amendments, the different tiers and levels, I'm just eager for
5 those go into full effect.

6 And so I guess my next question would be, and I
7 realize that there has been a lot going on, absolutely, but can
8 you give me an idea of when, indeed, we may be able to have
9 those tariffs come back before us for review?

10 **MR. FUTRELL:** Well, I'm certainly hoping that we can
11 come back before you in August. We sent out a data request,
12 extensive data requests to the utilities, we are starting to
13 get responses back in. In fact, Progress Energy has filed
14 amended tariffs. And so we hope to go through all of that
15 information. One of the concerns that we have is to look at
16 consistency, so that the provisions of the rule are
17 consistently treated among the tariffs. So that's part of kind
18 of the time, to take some time to make sure everything is all
19 lined up and appropriate. And we hoped to bring back something
20 to you in August.

21 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Thank you.

22 And I certainly agree that consistency across the
23 entities to the extent that that can be the case would be a
24 good thing, as well, so I appreciate that factor in the staff
25 review.

1 Mr. Chairman, I would just say, again, we have had a
2 lot of discussion on this point, and I know I was very, very
3 pleased with many of the provisions that were approved by this
4 Commission, and I would like to get it in place and ready to go
5 for people to utilize it as soon as is reasonably possible.

6 Thank you.

7 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Thank you.

8 Commissioners, anything further?

9 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** If not, I would make a motion in
10 favor of the staff recommendation.

11 **COMMISSIONER SKOP:** Second.

12 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** It has been moved and properly
13 seconded that we accept staff recommendation.

14 Any debate, Commissioners?

15 Hearing none. All those in favor, let it be known by
16 the sign of aye.

17 (Unanimous affirmative vote.)

18 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** All those opposed, like sign.

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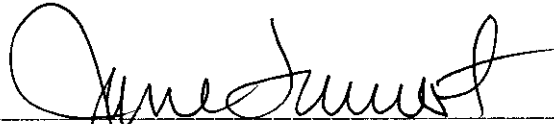
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