

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** So now we are moving on to
3 number 9, Gulf Power.

4 **MR. GRAVES:** Good afternoon, Commissioners.
5 Robert Graves with Commission staff.

6 Item 9 addresses a petition by Gulf Power
7 Company requesting a Commission order approving the
8 recovery of costs associated with three projects. Two
9 of the projects which involve transmission upgrades have
10 since been consolidated with the company's current rate
11 case. Therefore, staff's recommendation in this docket
12 only considers the company's request for an order
13 approving the addition of a bromine and activated carbon
14 injection project on Plant Daniel Units 1 and 2.

15 The proposed project, which is scheduled to be
16 placed in service prior to 2016, will allow the plant,
17 the plants to meet the requirements of the Mercury and
18 Air Toxics Standards rule. Staff recommends that the
19 project is required for compliance with governmentally
20 imposed environmental regulation, and the prudently
21 incurred costs should be eligible for recovery through
22 the environmental cost recovery clause. Staff, as well
23 as members of the company, are here for questions that
24 you may have.

25 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Thank you very much.

1 Mr. Stone.

2 **MR. STONE:** Chairman Brisé, we are here to --
3 we are here in support of the staff recommendation and
4 to answer any questions the Commission may have.

5 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. Thank you.

6 Commissioners, questions.

7 Commissioner Graham.

8 **COMMISSIONER GRAHAM:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
9 pulled this pretty much just for one reason. I just --
10 to get a better understanding, when you're injecting the
11 activated carbon into the flue gas, what is the
12 by-product of, of that reaction?

13 **MR. STONE:** There will be a minimal increase
14 in the amount of ash that is, that is collected from the
15 precipitator. And the ash that is collected from the
16 precipitator after ACI injection is of a slightly
17 different composition than fly ash without ACI. In
18 either case, at Plant Daniel the ash that's collected
19 through the precipitator is disposed of in an onsite
20 landfill. And in the injection of ACI, particularly in
21 the case where we have bromine injection as well, the
22 minimal amount of additional fly ash collection can be
23 disposed of through the existing landfill system.

24 **COMMISSIONER GRAHAM:** You say minimum. What's
25 your definition of minimum? What are we talking?

1 **MR. STONE:** Less than 1% additional.

2 **COMMISSIONER GRAHAM:** Okay. That's all I had.

3 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Commissioner Balbis.

4 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Thank you. I just
5 wanted to make a brief comment. And I don't know who to
6 thank for separating this out, but I think that it's
7 definitely appropriate that those transmission projects
8 be included in their rate case. So I think this makes
9 it easier for us and I'm in full support of staff's
10 recommendation.

11 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right.

12 Commissioner Brown.

13 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** I think that would be the
14 Prehearing Officer.

15 But I just have a question. I know that the
16 Plant Daniel scrubbers were approved for cost recovery
17 in 2010 and are expected to be completed in 2015. What,
18 what's the current status? I thought originally it was
19 2014.

20 **MR. STONE:** Commissioner, they are currently
21 on schedule for 2015. They've been -- the schedule has
22 moved around a little bit, and it was largely as a
23 measure of the other activities at the plant that had to
24 be taken care of. So I think, I think we're still on
25 schedule for 2015 in service for those scrubbers.

1 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** Okay. With that, I
2 support the motion.

3 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Commissioner Edgar.

4 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 I was just briefly going to comment that, and
6 point out that this item is merely for eligibility
7 through the ECRC, that we are not approving any costs
8 today, but that will be part of a future proceeding.
9 And from my perspective, these projects are right in
10 keeping with what I think the intent of the ECRC process
11 is and I move staff recommendation.

12 **COMMISSIONER GRAHAM:** Second.

13 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay. It's been moved and
14 seconded. Any further discussion?

15 Commissioner Balbis.

16 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Yes. Thank you. And
17 thank you, Commissioner Brown, for pointing out who I
18 need to thank, and I would like to thank Commissioner
19 Edgar as the Prehearing Officer for separating this out.

20 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** All right. It's been moved
21 and seconded. Any additional discussion? All right.
22 Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

23 (Vote taken.)

24 All right. Thank you very much.

25 (Agenda item concluded.)

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