BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for approval of optional nonstandard meter rider, by Florida Power & Light Company.

DOCKET NO. 130223-EI DATED: August 15, 2014

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order Nos. PSC-14-0104-PCO-EI, filed February 18, 2014, and PSC-14-0270-PCO-EI, issued on May 29, 2014, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. <u>All Known Witnesses</u>

There are no known witnesses at this time.

2. <u>All Known Exhibits</u>

There are no known exhibits at this time.

3. <u>Staff's Statement of Basic Position</u>

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

- 4. <u>Staff's Position on the Issues</u>
- **ISSUE 1**: Is it appropriate for customers who receive service through a non-standard meter to bear the cost of that service?
- **POSITION**: No position at this time.
- **ISSUE 2:** What are the appropriate staffing levels for the customer care employees and the meter reading lead position functions to enroll and serve customers on the NSMR tariff?
- **POSITION:** No position at this time.
- **ISSUE 3**: Are the various cost components and their amounts FPL included in developing the charges for the NSMR tariff appropriate? If not, what cost components and their associated amounts, if any, should be excluded from the calculations?

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- **POSITION:** No position at this time.
- **ISSUE 4:** Is the requirement for a manual monthly meter reading by FPL reasonable and justified or should customers be offered alternatives (e.g., self-read or estimated billing options) to ensure fair and reasonable rates are established and cots to FPL are minimized?
- **POSITION:** No position at this time.
- **ISSUE 5:** Should customers with several non-standard meters at the same property location pay multiple enrollment fees? If not, what is appropriate enrollment fee?
- **POSITION:** No position at this time.
- **ISSUE 6:** Are there any cost savings associated with the NSMR program that have not been used in accounting for the NMSR charges? If so, what are the sources of such savings, and what and how should the amounts be reflected in the NSMR calculations?
- **POSITION:** No position at this time.
- **ISSUE 7:** What is the appropriate projection of the number of FPL customers who may subscribe to the NSMR tariff for purposes of deriving the NSMR charges?
- **POSITION:** No position at this time.
- **ISSUE 8:** How should the NSMR charges, if any, be designed?
- **POSITION:** No position at this time.
- **ISSUE 9:** What additional information, if any, should FPL be required to file in its annual smart meter progress reports?
- **POSITION:** No position at this time.
- **ISSUE 10:** Are FPL's proposed terms and conditions of the NSMR tariff appropriate? If not, what changes should be made?
- **POSITION:** No position at this time.

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- **ISSUE 11:** Based on the resolution of the previous issues, what are the appropriate NSMR charges?
- **POSITION:** No position at this time.
- **ISSUE 12:** Should this docket be closed?
- **POSITION:** No position at this time.
- 5. <u>Stipulated Issues</u>

Staff has none.

6. <u>Pending Motions</u>

Staff has none.

7. <u>Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests</u>

Staff has none.

8. <u>Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert</u>

Staff has none.

9. Compliance with Order Nos. PSC-14-0104-PCO-EI and PSC-14-0270-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the above procedural orders entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of August, 2014.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has

been filed with Office of Commission Clerk and one copy has been furnished to the following by

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