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Auditor's Report

Tampa Electric Company
Hedging Activities

Twelve Months Ended July 31, 2014

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Purpose

To: Florida Public Service Commission

We performed the procedures described later in this report to meet the agreed-upon objectives set forth by the Division of Accounting and Finance in its audit service request dated March 20, 2014. We applied these procedures to the schedules prepared by Tampa Electric Company in support of its filing for hedging activities in Docket No. 140001-EI for the twelve months ended July 31, 2014.

This audit was performed following General Standards and Fieldwork Standards found in the AICPA Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements. Our report is based on agreed-upon procedures. The report is intended only for internal Commission use.

Objectives and Procedures

General

Definition

TECO or Utility refers to the Tampa Electric Company.

Accounting Treatment

Objective: The objective was to determine whether the accounting treatment for futures, options, and swap contracts between TECO and its counterparties is consistent with Commission Order No. PSC-02-1484-FOF-EI, issued October 30, 2002, in Docket No. 011605-EI, and as clarified by Order No. PSC-08-0316-PAA-EI, issued May 14, 2008, and Order No. PSC-08-0667-PAA-EI, issued October 8, 2008, in Docket No. 080001-EI.

Procedures: We obtained TECO's supporting detail of the hedging settlements for the twelve months ended July 31, 2014. The support documentation was traced to the general ledger transaction detail. We verified that the hedging settlements were in compliance with the Risk Management Plan and verified that the accounting treatment for hedging transactions and transactions costs are consistent with Commission orders relating to hedging activities. No exceptions were noted.

Gains and Losses

Objective: The objective was to determine whether the gains and losses associated with each financial hedging instrument that TECO implemented are in compliance with Commission Order Numbers PSC-02-1484-FOF-EI, PSC-08-0316-PAA-EI, and PSC-08-0667-PAA-EI, relating to hedging activities.

Procedures: We traced the monthly balances of hedging transactions from TECO's Hedging Information Report to its Mark to Market Position Report for the period August 1, 2013, to July 31, 2014. We selected all gas hedging transactions from October and November 2013 and traced them from the Mark to Market Position Report to the third-party confirmation notices and contracts. We traced a sample of the purchase prices to the Gas Daily – NYMEX Henry Hub gas futures contract rates. We traced the related settlements prices to the Gas Daily – NYMEX Henry Hub gas futures contract rate. We recalculated the gains and losses and traced them to the Utility's journal entries for realized gains and losses. We reviewed existing tolling agreements whereby the Utility's natural gas is provided to generators under purchased power agreements. No exceptions were noted.

Hedged Volume and Limits

Objective: The objective was to determine whether the quantities of natural gas, residual fuel oil, and purchased power are hedged within the limits (percentage range) as listed in the Utility's Risk Management Plan.

Procedures: We reviewed the quantity limits and authorizations. We also obtained TECO's analysis of the monthly percent of fuel hedged in relation to fuel burned for the twelve months ended July 31, 2014, and compared them with the Utility's Risk Management Plan. There were variances for 4 of the 12 months between the percentages of actual and projected natural gas burned that were hedged. All variances were a result of inaccurate forecasting.

Separation of Duties

Objectives: The objectives were to review TECO's procedures for separating duties related to hedging activities for Front Office, Middle Office, and Back Office and internal and external auditor's work papers.

Procedures: We reviewed the Utility's procedures for separating duties related to hedging activities. There were no internal or external audits specifically related to hedging activities. No exceptions were noted.

Audit Findings

None