BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In re: Request to opt-out of cost recovery for investor-owned electric utility energy efficiency programs by Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and Sam's East, Inc. and Florida Industrial Power Users Group. | DOCKET NO. 140226-EIDATED: June 22, 2015 |

COMMISSION STAFF’S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-15-0149-PCO-EI, filed April 1, 2015, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. All Known Witnesses

There are no known witnesses at this time.

2. All Known Exhibits

There are no known exhibits at this time.

3. Staff’s Statement of Basic Position

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. Staff’s Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1:

 Should the Commission require the utilities to separate their Energy Conservation Cost Recovery expenditures into two categories, one for Energy Efficiency programs and the other for Demand Side Management programs?

POSITION:

 No position at this time.

ISSUE 2:

Should the Commission allow pro-active non-residential customers who implement their own energy efficiency programs and meet certain other criteria to opt out of the utility’s Energy Efficiency programs and not be required to pay the cost recovery charges for the utility’s Energy Efficiency programs approved by the Commission pursuant to Section 366.82, Florida Statutes?

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 3:

If the Commission allows pro-active customers to opt out of participating in, and paying for, a utility’s Energy Efficiency’s programs, what criteria should the Commission apply in determining whether customers who wish to opt out are eligible to do so.

POSITION:

No position at this time.

5. Stipulated Issues

Staff has no stipulated issues at this time.

6. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

Staff has no objections at this time.

9. Compliance with Order No. PSC-15-0149-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of June, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with Office of Commission Clerk and one copy has been furnished to the following by electronic mail, on this 22nd day of June, 2015:

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