

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 150147-EG

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
PHASED FINAL CLOSURE OF
RESIDENTIAL LOAD MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM, BY TAMPA ELECTRIC
COMPANY.

PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 11

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER LISA POLAK EDGAR
COMMISSIONER RONALD A. BRISÉ
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER JIMMY PATRONIS

DATE: Thursday, August 27, 2015

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Item No. 11.

3 **MR. ROME:** Good morning. Don Rome with
4 Commission staff.

5 Item 11 is a petition by Tampa Electric
6 Company for approval of the phased closure by
7 July 2016 of its residential load management
8 program, commonly known as Prime Time. The
9 Commission recognized Prime Time as not being
10 cost-effective in 2005, and the program has been
11 closed to new customers since that time.

12 Based on staff's review of the petition
13 and other support documentation provided in response
14 to staff's data request, staff believes that TECO's
15 request for the phased closure of the Prime Time
16 program is reasonable. The program continues to not
17 be cost-effective; therefore, nonparticipating
18 customers pay a subsidy to program participants.
19 There also are significant technical and logistical
20 impediments to continued operation of the program.

21 Staff recommends approval.

22 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Any questions of staff?
23 Commissioner Brown.

24 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** Yes. This was a
25 good program. It's sad to see it go, but it was

1 deemed not cost-effective back in 2005. How many
2 customers are still on it?

3 **MR. ROME:** At this time approximately
4 19,000.

5 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** How will they be
6 notified of -- of the closure?

7 **MR. ROME:** The program that the company
8 used and has been explained to us as to how the
9 customers will be notified will consist of a letter
10 to the customers, first of all, notifying them that
11 the program for them will be terminated and that
12 they will no longer receive the credits. Included
13 with that also will be information on potential
14 demand-side management programs that are available
15 to customers. And they also will be given direct
16 lines to energy management services staff so that
17 customers, if they have questions, can contact
18 people who are very well informed and able to
19 address customers' questions and their specific
20 needs.

21 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** Thank you, Don.
22 What would be a comparable DSM program in lieu of
23 this?

24 **MR. ROME:** The alternative that the
25 company is transitioning to and has had success

1 with is called the Energy Planner Program, and it
2 is a price responsive program where the peak rates
3 are only 13 percent of the time, and so 87 percent
4 of the time the offpeak rates are lower.

5 **COMMISSIONER BROWN:** Well, that's a great
6 program. I'm actually on that program and I think
7 it's great.

8 If there are no other questions, I would
9 move staff recommendation on all items.

10 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** It's been moved and
11 seconded, staff recommendation on Item No. 11. Any
12 further discussion? Seeing none, all in favor, say
13 aye.

14 (Vote taken.)

15 Any opposed? By your action, you've
16 approved the staff rec on this item.

17 (Agenda item concluded.)
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2 COUNTY OF LEON) : CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

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4 I, LINDA BOLES, CRR, RPR, Official Commission
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7 stated.

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9 stenographically reported the said proceedings; that the
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14 employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor
15 am I a relative or employee of any of the parties'
16 attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am I
17 financially interested in the action.

18 DATED THIS 3rd day of September, 2015.

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