

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 11

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 150248-EG – Petition for approval of community solar pilot program, by Gulf Power Company.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve the proposed community solar five-year pilot program and associated tariffs?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff believes that the proposed solar program provides an opportunity for customers to participate in a community solar project and also provides solar energy for Gulf’s general body of ratepayers. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed community solar five-year pilot program and associated tariffs, effective March 1, 2016.

Staff also recommends that Gulf file an initial annual report on the commercial operation date of the initial solar facility and subsequently on each anniversary date, to include participation levels, the level of participation by type of participant (e.g., one-year and five-year), how many subscriptions each participant purchases, subscription fee revenue, facility performance, program costs, the annual dollar amount of bill credits paid to participants, and the amount of annual avoided energy costs retained by Gulf.


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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should the Commission approve the termination of the optional PV Rider tariff?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff believes that the termination of the optional PV Rider is reasonable and recommends that the Commission approve its termination effective March 1, 2016. If the Commission approves staff's recommendation, current participants should be notified of the termination of the PV Rider within 30 days of the effective date.

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Issue 3: What is the appropriate depreciation rate for Gulf's proposed solar facilities?

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Commission approve a whole life depreciation rate of 2.9 percent, which is based on a 35-year average service life and zero percent net salvage for Gulf's proposed solar facilities.

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Issue 4: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If Issues 1, 2, and 3 are approved and if a protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance of the order, the tariff should remain in effect pending resolution of the protest. There will not be any dollar amount subject to refund because Gulf will not begin pre-enrollment until a final order is issued. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.

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