

P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Moving on to Item 11.

3 **MS. GUFFEY:** Good morning, Commissioners.
4 Sevini Guffey with the Commission staff.

5 Item 11 is Gulf Power Company's petition to
6 extend its experimental business incentive riders until
7 December 31st, 2017. The riders were introduced during
8 Gulf's 2013 rate case as a pilot program for a period of
9 three years beginning January 1st, 2014, until
10 December 31st, 2016. The riders, which require a
11 five-year service contract, provides reduced base rates
12 for new businesses that meet certain criteria such as
13 qualifying electric load, job creation, and verifying
14 that the availability of the riders were a significant
15 factor in moving or locating to the service area of the
16 company.

17 The intention of the riders is to promote
18 economic growth. The company currently has two
19 customers on the riders and has received commitments
20 from two new customers. And the two new customers have
21 started initial construction work, but will not be able
22 to take service before the rider expires on
23 December 31st of this year. Additionally, Gulf is also
24 negotiating with -- for potential customers; therefore,
25 the company is requesting an additional year, an

1 extension of an additional year.

2 Staff is not of aware of any customer
3 complaints or correspondence regarding this docket. And
4 staff recommends approval of this petition and is
5 available to answer questions and -- any questions, and
6 the company's representatives are also here to answer
7 questions.

8 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Thank you so much.

9 I think this is a great program. We just
10 approved a similar program in the -- in TECO -- for TECO
11 last month, and that was on a permanent basis. I'm
12 curious, this one seems even more promising and has
13 achieved more tangible customers and commitments. Do
14 you know why they opted to make it a pilot, continue the
15 pilot?

16 **MS. GUFFEY:** So it will give additional time
17 for the current customers who are under construction
18 currently, and then also they want to get additional
19 data to see if the program is successful and whether
20 they will continue as is or continue with revisions or
21 amendments later on or discontinue after December 31st
22 of next year.

23 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Great. Looking forward to
24 seeing it become permanent. Thank you.

25 **MS. GUFFEY:** Thank you. Yes.

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CHAIRMAN BROWN: Commissioners, any other questions?

COMMISSIONER PATRONIS: Move staff.

COMMISSIONER EDGAR: Second.

CHAIRMAN BROWN: All those in favor, say aye.

(Vote taken.)

Opposed? Thank you. It passes.

(Agenda item concluded.)

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